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Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010

"We live in a global society, and RIMPAC is the pinnacle of cooperation between our international partners. The multinational cooperation demonstrated at RIMPAC is what we should aspire to on all fronts."

– Vice Adm. Richard Hunt, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet

Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2010 is the world's largest multinational maritime exercise. Hosted biennially by the U.S. Pacific Fleet in the Hawaiian Operating Area, [RIMPAC 10](#) will be held June 23 - Aug. 1. Participants include: Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and the United States. Brazil, India, and New Zealand are scheduled to send observers.

Operational readiness promotes stability in the Pacific.

- Maritime forces must be prepared to rapidly respond across the spectrum of operations. [RIMPAC](#) offers an opportunity for forces to hone their skills and expand capabilities – from disaster response to anti-piracy operations – in a complex and challenging, multinational environment.
- Maritime partners will execute missions across the full range of military operations. [RIMPAC](#) helps train and improve leadership at all levels, increases personnel proficiency, and hones participants' ability to adapt to changing environments while improving command and control.
- Maritime security relies upon cooperative relationships with international partners. Maritime forces must be efficient and effective in their ability to deter disruptions to global supply chains and threats to lines of communication and commerce.

Interoperability is essential to fostering and sustaining cooperative relationships with our international partners.

- In today's world, properly trained, combat-ready forces are essential to countering terrorism, violent extremism and piracy. Multinational exercises, such as [RIMPAC](#), enhance cooperation between partnering nations and improve combined abilities to plan, communicate, and execute maritime operations.
- Interoperability of all partner nations is a key element of regional security. RIMPAC tests participating nations and strengthens their ability to communicate and operate in simulated maritime scenarios.
- The maritime environment is too large and complex for any one nation to protect. RIMPAC provides an intense training environment to strengthen regional partnerships and improve multinational interoperability.

Building relationships with our global partners ensures maritime freedom for all.

- Expanded cooperative relationships with partner nations contribute to the security and stability of the maritime domain for the benefit of all. Closer military-to-military bonds help establish clear lines of communication and focus collective efforts on today's regional and global challenges.
- Trust and confidence make up the keel upon which an international force is built; they promote peace and enable rapid response to crises. RIMPAC builds true partnerships based on mutual understanding and respect. Cooperation and collaboration, either bilaterally or multilaterally, enhance security, stability, and prosperity.

Key Messages

- No one can do it alone. Maritime security relies on cooperative relationships with international partners.
- Engagements like RIMPAC build trust... Trust enables partnerships... and strong partnerships improve maritime security.
- Interoperability of all partner nations is a key element of regional stability.

Facts & Figures

- 2010 marks the 22nd in a series of RIMPAC exercises conducted since 1971.
- RIMPAC will include 14 nations, 34 ships, five [submarines](#), 150+ aircraft, and 20,000+ personnel.
- Colombia, France, Malaysia, and Thailand are participating in RIMPAC for the first time.
- Visit www.c3f.navy.mil/RIMPAC_2010.html