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## China starts special enforcement campaign in the South China Sea

The South China Sea branch of China Maritime Police has recently issued the “Notification of Maritime Enforcement Campaign in the South China Sea”. This campaign is aimed at combating unlawful acts at sea, regulating maritime activities and accelerating the build-up of a unified maritime enforcement mechanism.

Under the leadership of the preparatory group of the South China Sea Branch of China Maritime Police, jointly organized by the South China Sea Brigade of China Maritime Surveillance and the three preparatory groups of the Maritime Police of the three provinces bordering the South China Sea, the special enforcement will be carried out in three domains: the anti-dumping campaign in the waters out of the mouth of Pearl River, to be enforced jointly by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Brigades of Maritime Surveillance, the preparatory group of Maritime Police of Guangdong Province and the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade under its administration as well as the Anti-Smuggling Bureau of Shenzhen Customs and Gongbei Customs; the campaign against unauthorized sand mining on the shoals in the Southwest of Qiongzhou Strait, jointly implemented by the 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade of Maritime Surveillance, the preparatory group of Maritime Police of Hainan Province, the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade under its administration.

Surveillance Mission of Uses of Islands along the coast of Guangxi Province, jointly carried by the 9<sup>th</sup> Brigade of Maritime Surveillance, the preparatory group of Maritime Police of Guangxi Province and the brigades under its administration.

For more details, please see:

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/legal/2014-10/03/c\\_1112708711.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/legal/2014-10/03/c_1112708711.htm)

## EVENTS

**Business Forum on Ocean Policy and Planning** held from 28 to 30 September 2014 in New York City, the United States.

[http://www.oceancouncil.org/site/business\\_forum/](http://www.oceancouncil.org/site/business_forum/)

**Kuen-Chen Fu (Dean of the South China Sea Institute, Xiamen University, China)** interviewed by the *People's Daily (Overseas Edition)* on 9 October 2014.

<http://scsi.xmu.edu.cn/show.asp?id=2015>

**The 22nd International Maritime Lecturers Association Conference** held from 10 to 13 October 2014 in Xiamen, China.

<http://www.imla2014.com/>

**World Conference on Marine Biodiversity 2014** held from October 12 to 16 2014 in Qingdao, Shandong, China.

<http://wcmb2014.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/1>

**The International Conference on Oceans and Rivers** held from 14 to 17 October 2014 in Namaka, Fiji.

<http://www.allconferences.com/c/international-conference-on-oceans-and-rivers-namaka-2014-october-14>

**The 2014 Symposium on Cross-Strait Cooperation Regarding Fishing in the South China Sea** held on 16 October 2014 in Taiwan, China.

<http://scsi.xmu.edu.cn/show.asp?id=2020>

**BIT's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual World Congress of Ocean - 2014** held from 16 to 18 October 2014 in Dalian, China.

<http://www.bitcongress.com/wco2014/wcohome.asp>

**The 11<sup>th</sup> International Shipbuilding, Marine Equipment and Offshore Engineering Exhibition for China** held from 21 to 24 October 2014 in Dalian, China.

[http://www.shiptec.com.cn/cn/2014/0722/article\\_406.html](http://www.shiptec.com.cn/cn/2014/0722/article_406.html)

**Fourth JCOMM Marine Instrument Workshop for the Asia-Pacific Region** held from 21 to 23 October 2014 in Shandong, China.

[http://ioc-unesco.org/index.php?option=com\\_oe&task=viewEventRecord&eventID=1506](http://ioc-unesco.org/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewEventRecord&eventID=1506)

**The 15<sup>th</sup> IAMU Annual General Assembly** held from 27 to 31 October 2014 in Tasmania, Australia.

<http://iamuaga15.com/>

## Upcoming Events

**The International Workshop on Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage: Building up the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road** to be held from 8 to 9 November 2014 in Xiamen, China.

<http://scsi.xmu.edu.cn/show.asp?id=2016>

**Pan Ocean Remote Sensing Conference (PORSEC) the 12th Biennial Conference** to be held from 4 to 7 November 2014 in Bali, Indonesia.

<http://porsec2014.unud.ac.id/>

**Asia Navigation Conference 2014** to be held from 6 to 8 November 2014 in Xiamen, China.

<http://www.anc2014.biz/>

**The International Seagrass Biology Workshop (ISBW)** to be held from 7 to 10 November 2014 in Hainan, China.  
<http://www.31huiyi.com/event/146860/>

**The 15th Annual Ship Finance Forum** to be held on 12 November 2014 in New York City, the U.S..  
<http://www.marinemoney.com/forums/NYC14/index>

**The 5th International Conference on Underwater System Technology: Theory and Applications (USYS'14)** to be held from 3 to 4 December 2014 in Melaka, Malaysia.  
<http://www.utem.edu.my/usys14/>

**The Subsea Vessels Summit** to be held from 3 to 4 December 2014 in Aberdeen, U.K..  
<http://www.wplgroup.com/aci/conferences/eu-msv1.asp>

**Ocean's Carbon and Heat Uptake: Uncertainties and Metrics** to be held from 12 to 14 December 2014 in San Francisco, the U.S..  
<https://usclivar.org/meetings/2014-ocean-carbon-workshop>

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Xiamen Symposium on Marine Environment Sciences** to be held from 7 to 9 January 2015 in Xiamen, China.  
<http://mel.xmu.edu.cn/conference/2XMAS/>

**The Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans Meeting** to be held from 27 to 29 January 2015 in Tenerife, Spain.  
<http://ocean-partners.org/meetings-and-workshops/pogo-meetings/pogo-16>

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### **Premier: Ties with Hanoi are improving**

*China Daily, 17 October 2014*

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### **China and Viet Nam Hold the Third Round of Working Group Consultation on Joint Maritime Development**

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs of PRC, 10 October 2014*

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### **China criticizes U.S. decision on Vietnam arms**

*UPI, 10 October 2014*

[http://www.upi.com/Business\\_News/Security-Industry/2014/10/10/China-criticizes-US-decision-on-Vietnam-arms/2421412960121/?spt=sec&or=bn](http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Security-Industry/2014/10/10/China-criticizes-US-decision-on-Vietnam-arms/2421412960121/?spt=sec&or=bn)

### **East China Navy Fleet conducts drill in S China Sea**

*Global times, 27 September 2014*

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/883680.shtml>

### **China builds military airstrip on disputed island**

*Bangkok Post, 8 October 2014*

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/asia/436529/china-builds-military-airstrip-on-disputed-island-xinhua>

### **Chinese coastguard vessels patrol disputed waters**

*Reuters, 18 October 2014*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/19/us-china-japan-idUSKCN0I801720141019>

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*Global times, 11 October 2014*

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**Mainland refutes Japanese version of Taiwan Relations Act**

*China Daily, 24 September 2014*

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<http://www.inquirer.net/west-philippine-sea/articles?nav=113397&chan=9>

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