



## THE COASTAL DEFENCE STUDY

### Executive Description

The NATO Centre of Excellence for Operations in Confined and Shallow Waters (COE CSW) has been actively involved in different types of practical exercises and theoretical work related to various aspects of protection of vital points and infrastructures in coastal areas. During this process, it became evident that there is no consolidated document addressing the specific aspects and challenges of protecting coastal areas in current times. In this context it has been decided to carry out a study on the specific aspects and challenges of protecting coastal areas. The final product of this study is a study paper examining the principles of modern coastal defense.

### Purpose

The initial focus of the Coastal Defense Study is on the operational environment in the Baltic Region, as well as on the principles of Coastal Defense including command relationships, responsibilities and required capabilities.

### Project Status

Starting in March 2021, COE CSW has conducted a feasibility study and fact finding phase, confirming the need and feasibility of the generic study dealing with the coastal defence topic and aspects. In December 2021, a kick-off meeting took place with participants from DNK, EST, LTU, LVA and POL. A small core writing team was established and the study's outline and limitations were agreed upon. In March 2022, the initial draft of the study was released and delivered for revision. In April 2022, the project was introduced to the MAROPS WG.

### Main Activities

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| • 2021 MAR-OCT | Feasibility study and fact finding |
| • 2021 DEC     | Kick –off                          |
| • 2022 MAR     | Initial draft                      |
| • 2022 JUN-OCT | Workshops and study drafting       |
| • 2022 DEC     | Final draft                        |

### BASIC INFORMATION

#### Requestor/Customer:



Lithuanian Navy

#### Lead Entity:



#### Dates:

Request for Support:  
2020 Lithuanian Navy

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2022 December

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