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“Developing Capabilities Against Emerging Security Threats”

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Strategic Context

Scenarios for the Indo-Pacific Region

Contested Sea Control over the South China Sea

- CCP heightens influence operations in coastal states adjacent to SCS
- QUAD(+) challenges PROC “sea control“ through joint FONOPS and USCG deployment
- EU states expand naval presence in SCS

Tension from the Center and Periphery

- PROC-India border dispute escalates tension
- PROC expands maritime interest towards Indian Ocean
- Internal dissent triggers challenges to Xi Jin Ping’s leadership of the Party

Southeast Asia

- ASEAN leverages RCEP as mechanism for cooperation vs. competition
- PROC efforts to bring ASEAN under its diplomatic or economic “orbit”
- US will increase diplomatic presence under a Biden presidency

Indo-Pacific Quadrilateral Partnership

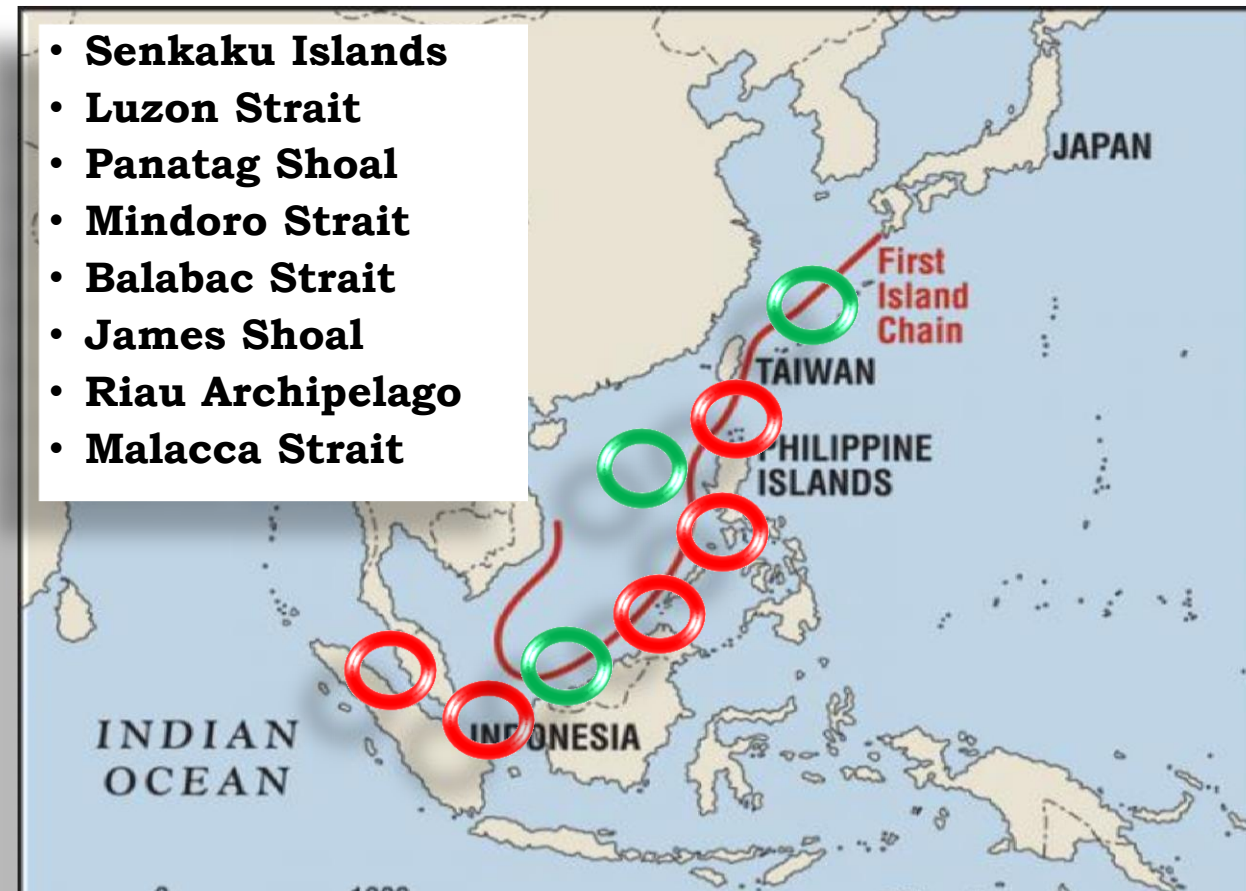
- US, Japan, India, Australia successfully organizes as a countervailing force to balance PROC
- Japan pursues complementary track as security guarantor in Southeast Asia

Strategic Context

Chinese Geo-Political Objective



- **Sea Control of South China Sea**
- **Influence over ROC and PH**



- **Sea Control of Key Sea Lines of Communication (SLOCs)**
- **Naval Presence in Key Features**

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Scenarios Challenging PH National Security

Instruments	Probable Chinese Interest
Diplomatic/ Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weaken PH-US Alliance• Support and promote a “pro-China” government
Informational	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sow discord in domestic politics• Shape public opinion towards a “pro-China” stance
Military/ Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PLA-N naval presence over West Philippine Sea• PLA-N assertion patrol through PH archipelagic straits• PROC-led exercises for propaganda purposes• Introduce illiberal practices contrary to a democratic state
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquire strategic “real estate” to support military interests• Unimpeded access to PH natural resources

Notional Defense Posture



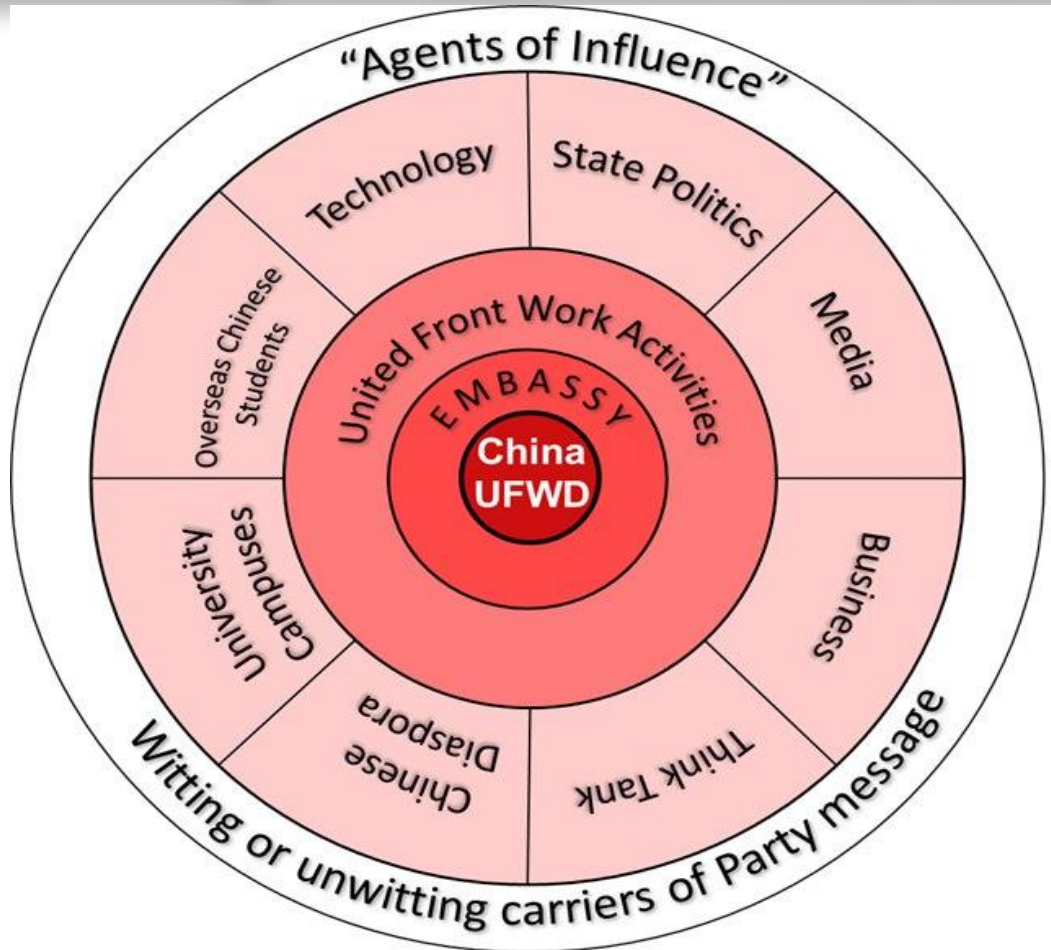
- **Diplomacy**
 - PH-US Alliance
 - Regional Engagement
 - Strategic Partnerships
- **Informational**
 - Counter Disinformation
 - Security of Cyberspace
- **Military**
 - Whole of Government Approach
 - Island Defense/Seizure
 - Sea Control of SLOCs
 - Sea Denial at WPS
 - Maritime Security at EEZ
 - Strategic Deterrence
- **Economic**
 - Protection of vulnerable real estate
 - Protection of strategic industries

Domains of Warfare

- **Political**
- **Space**
- **Aerospace**
- **Cyber**
- **Public Opinion**
- **High Seas**
- **Undersea**
- **Littorals**
- **Terrestrial**

Notional Defense Posture

**Whole of Government Approach:
Protecting the Government & Business**



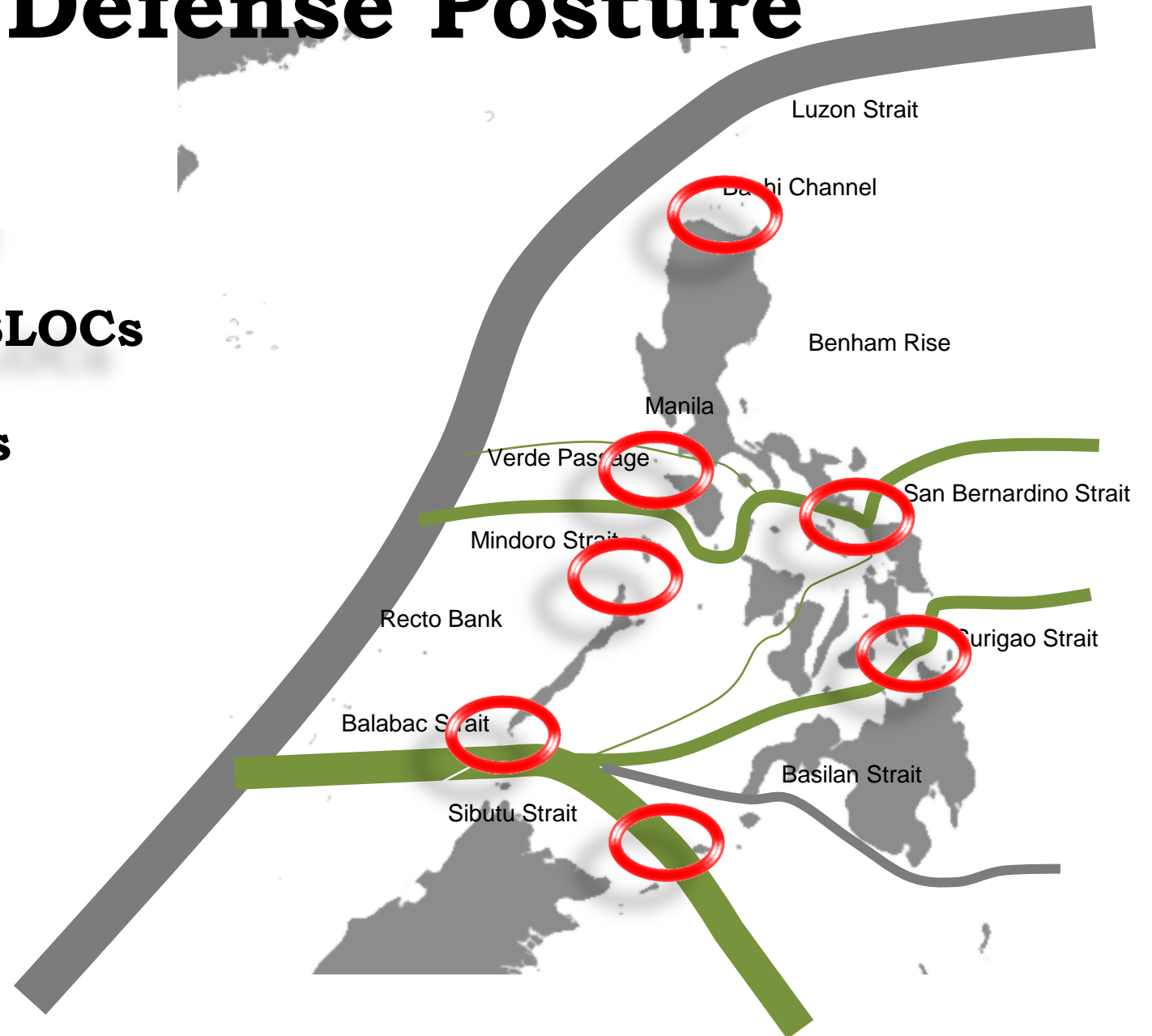
- **Counter influence operations**
- **Counter disinformation**
- **Protect our cyberspace**
- **Protect the electoral process**



Notional Defense Posture

Sea Control: Sea Lines of Communication

- **Sea control over seven (7) SLOCs**
- **Maritime domain awareness**
- **Interdiction Capability**

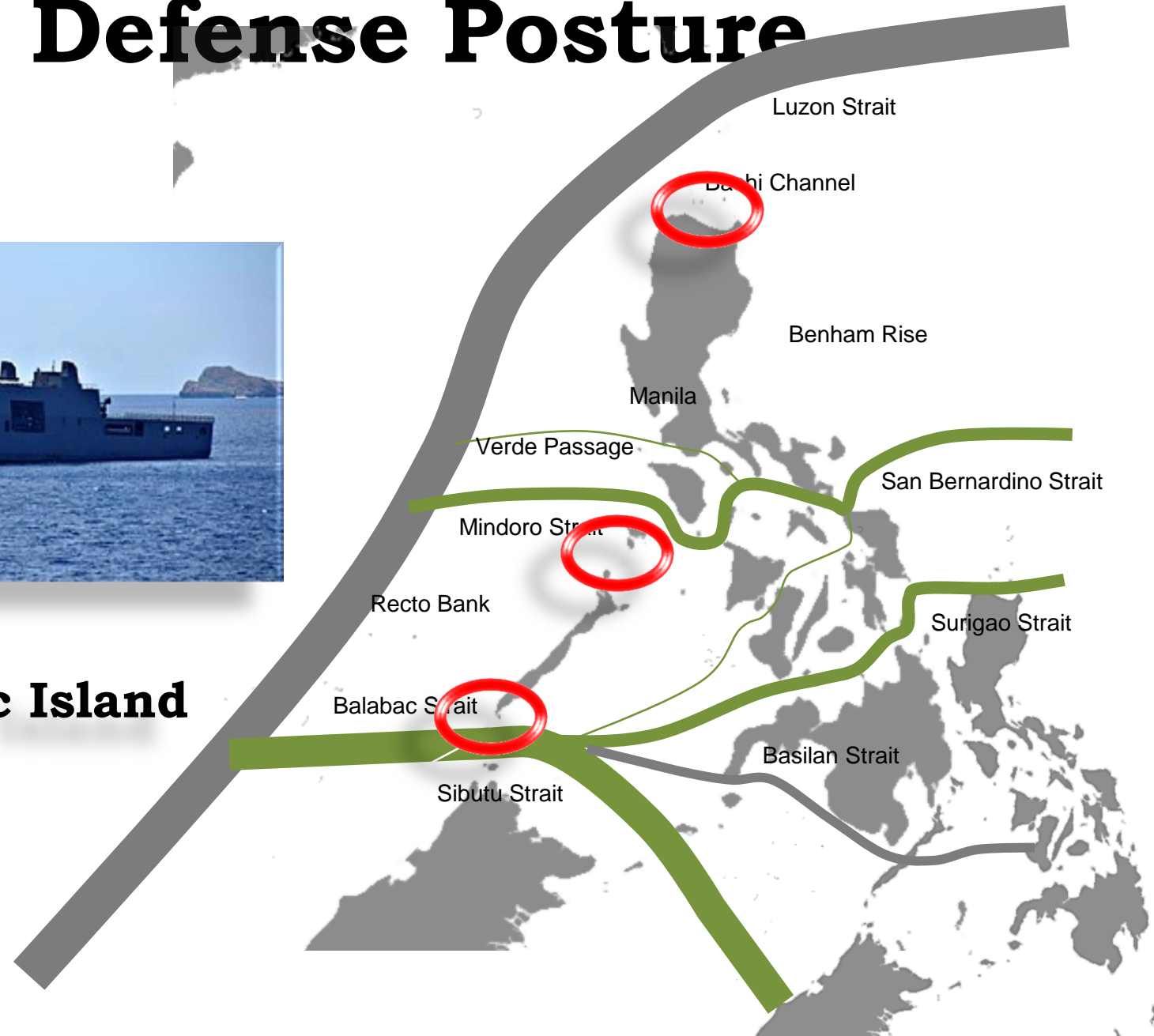


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Island Defense and Seizure



- **Batanes, Busuanga & Balabac Island Groups**
- **Amphibious Ready Group**
- **Reserve Force**

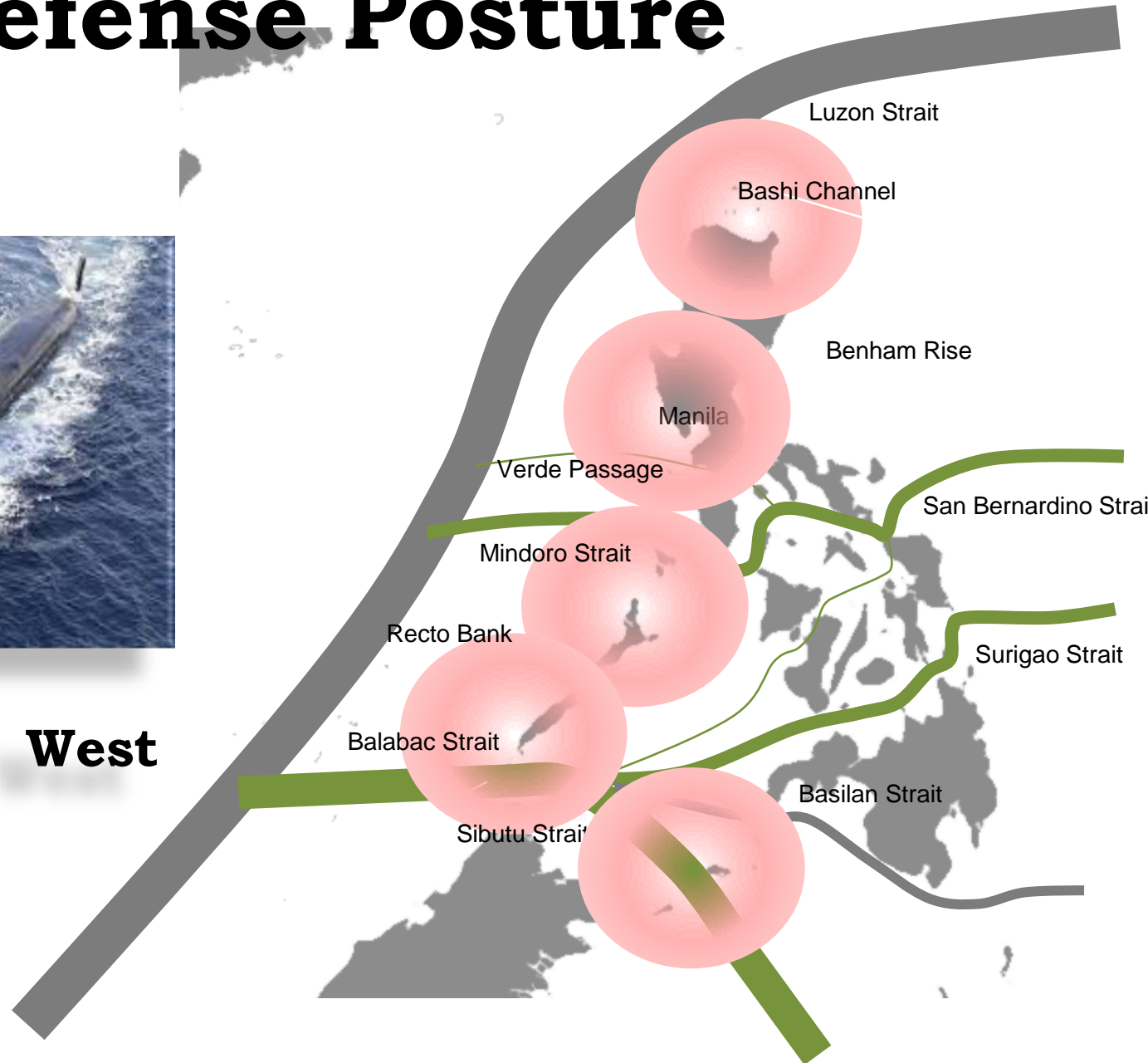


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Sea Denial : West Philippine Sea



- **Establish a “buffer” along West Philippines**
- **Provide a deterrent effect**

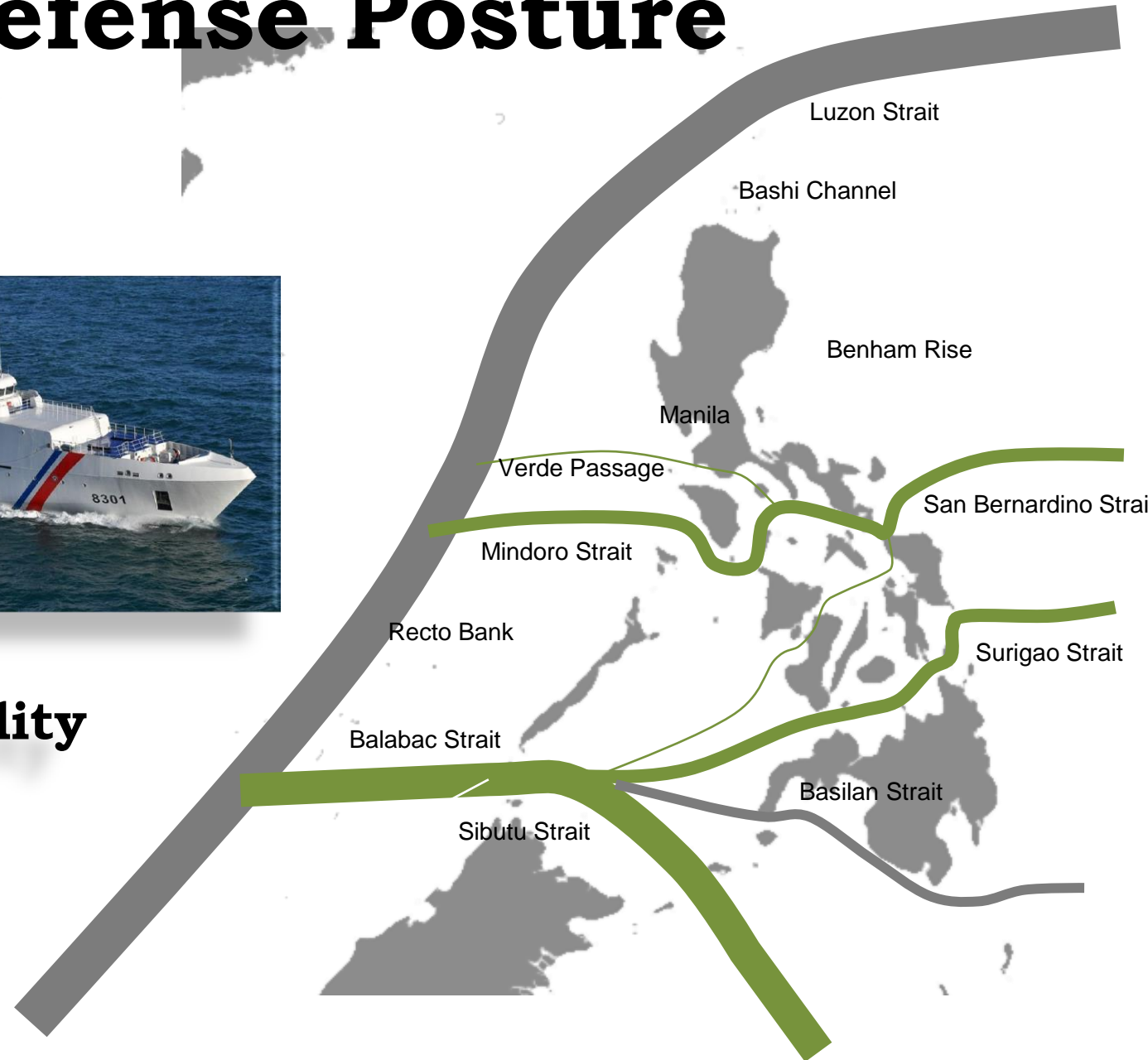


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Maritime Security: Exclusive Economic Zone



- **Naval-Coast Guard interoperability**
- **Sustained presence at sea**
- **Coordinated patrols**



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Strategic Deterrence:

Naval Coalition - ASEAN Mini-laterals



- **ADMM**
- **KOMODO**
- **PN-VPN**
- **INDOMALPHI TCA**
- **CORPATPHILINDO**
- **MALPHI-LAUT**
- **SEAGULL**

- **ASEAN Maritime Task Force**
- **Networked Maritime Domain Awareness**

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**Strategic Deterrence:
Naval Coalition - Allies/Partners**



- RIMPAC
- KAKADU
- KOMODO
- BALIKATAN
- KAMANDAG
- SAMA-SAMA
- LUMBAS

Take aways

- **PROC / CCP influence operations is a more compelling threat to the country.**
- **PROC's tri-fleet (naval, coast guard, militia) is the enabler of its "sea control" strategy both for ECS and SCS.**
- **US under Biden may bring in a more coherent multilateral approach to SCS issues.**

Take aways

- **Zero capability and no buy-in to address influence operations and disinformation.**
- **Given PH current capabilities, most viable option is to work with allies/partner-states to attain “strategic deterrence” – systems and logistics interoperability.**
- **PH should leverage its geo-strategic strengths and mitigate its weaknesses, in developing new capabilities.**
- **Consider new technologies – AI, robotics, etc. –given that current systems may no longer be able to address emergent threat.**

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