

## Light Up the Gray Zone

Leveraging Publicly Available Data to Deter Intrusions into Philippine Waters

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# The gray zone challenge

 Bad actors benefit when gray zones stay gray (out of the public view)

#### but

 We are experiencing an open-source data explosion

#### SO

 We just need to analyze & act on it to deter them and build our resilience

















# The Sealight concept:

Build a community of open-source collectors & analysts to:

LIGHT UP
THE GRAY ZONE!



Technology & Research centers data providers & journalists Involved public & Government advocacy groups agencies

### Example 1:

Resupply of BRP Sierra Madre

at

Ayungin Shoal (Second Thomas)

June 2022



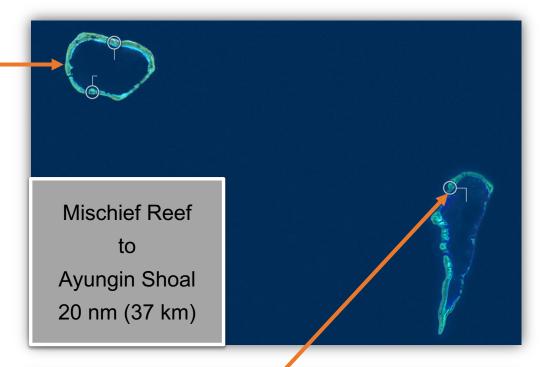
China Coast Guard recently deployed 2 ships around Ayungin (Second Thomas) Shoal, warning PH supply boats against carrying construction materials to repair the Philippine Navy's BRP Sierra Madre.

We recently joined a resupply mission there. globalnation.inquirer.net/204769/eyewitn...



#### Mischief Reef (PRC Military Base)



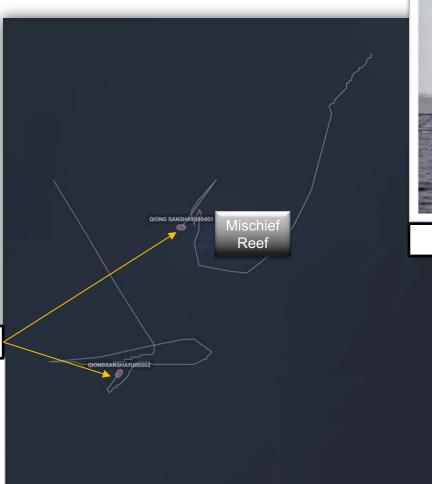




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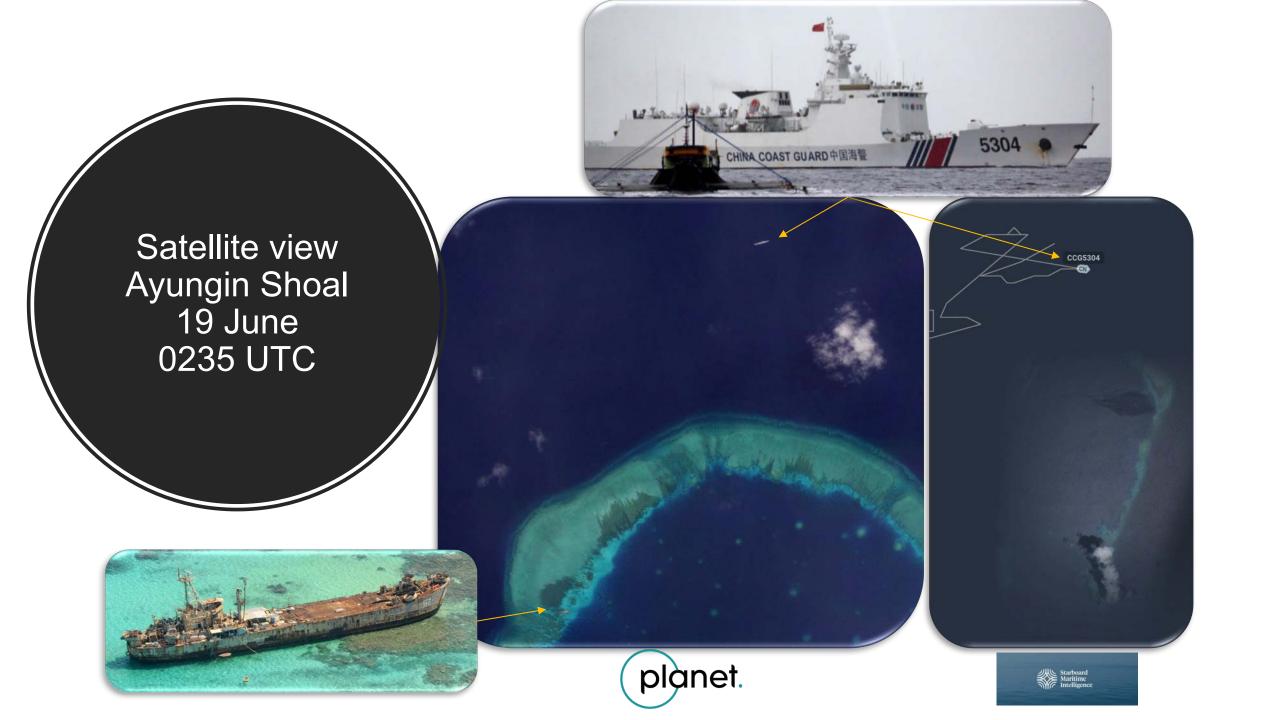


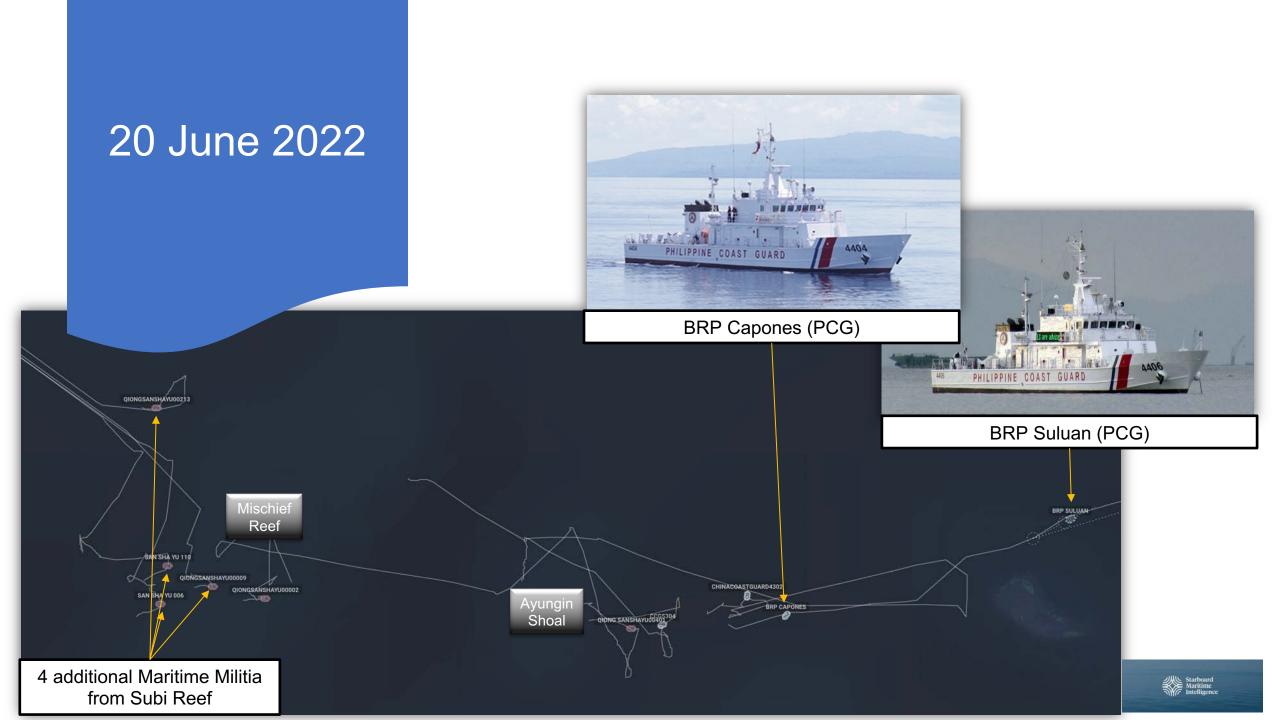
China Coast Guard 5304















China Coast Guard 3303

BRP Andres Bonifacio

### Example 2: Confrontation at Panatag (Scarborough) Shoal 8 December 2022

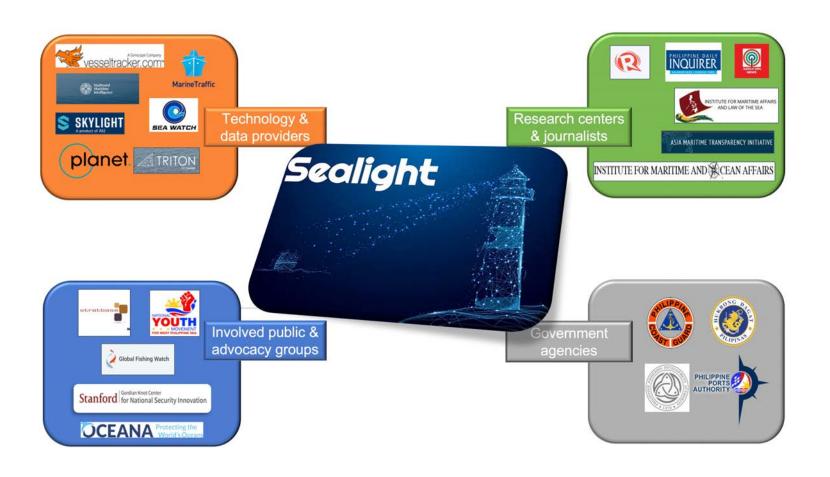
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# Takeaways

- An engaged public is key to deterring China and building national resilience
- The quantity and quality of information is going up, while costs are coming down
- We can know a lot more, right now about what is happening in Philippine waters
- Need to know:
  - Where to look
  - How to interpret
  - How to tell the story
- That's the Sealight concept!



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