

Pakistan Coast Guards (PCG)

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Introduction

- Established under the Pakistan Coast Guards Act – 1973
- HQ: Karachi



Pakistan Coast Guards is a paramilitary force which functions under the Ministry of Interior during peacetime. Control can be transferred to Ministry of Defence during war. Officers are deputed from the armed forces, primarily the Pakistan Army (PA), while ranks are recruited directly. Officers and JCOs have police powers.

Tasks:

- Prevention of smuggling
- Prevention of illegal immigration to and migration from the country.
- Stopping enemy agents or saboteurs from infiltrating into the country along the coastal areas.
- Supplementing defence of Coastline in war

PCG is not to be confused with the Maritime Security Agency (MSA); the latter is the primary law enforcement agency at sea in Pakistan. While MSA is equivalent to India's Coast Guard in scope and powers, PCG is similar to State marine police. Staffing pattern is a key differentiator i.e. Army vs Navy.

Area of responsibility (AOR):

- Coast line with Arabian Sea: 960 Km up to 12 Nm (22.22 Km)
- International Border between Pakistan and Iran: 160 Km
- International Border between Pakistan and India: 45 Km
- Inland depth varies from 40 to 200 Km.

Structure

HQ (Brigadier, Director General)

- 4 x Battalions (Lt Col, Commandant)
Location: Uthal, Korangi, Gwadar, Pasni
- 1 x Marine Company
- Field Intelligence Unit
- Logistic Support Elements
- Training Wing
- Anti-Narcotic Cell



Further Reading:

Pakistan Maritime Security Agency:

<http://orbat.com/site/cimh/cpmh/Pakistan%20Martime%20Security%20Agency.pdf>

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