



# UPDATE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BORDER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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# PURPOSE OF THE PRESENTATION



***The purpose of this presentation is to upraise participants in the Sovereign Security Programme on the establishment, roll-out and stabilization of the BMA as a schedule 3(A) public entity (1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2023)***



# OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- **CONTEXTUAL BACKGROUND ON THE *ESTABLISHMENT OF BMA,***
- **REFLECTION ON THE *TRANSITION & CURRENT BMA STAFF COMPLIMENT,***
- **BMA'S *NEW OPERATIONAL MODEL IN RELATION TO MOTHER DEPARTMENTS,***
- **AREAS OF *POSSIBLE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WITHIN BMA***
- **RECOMMENDED *WAY-FORWARD,***





## CONTEXTUAL BACKGROUND ON THE *ESTABLISHMENT OF BMA*



## CONTEXTUAL BACKGROUND ON BMA ESTABLISHMENT

- Since 1994, South Africa deployed a multi-agency approach consisting of 7 organs of state across 72 Ports of Entry & borderline,
  - (1) South African National Defence Force, (2) South African Police Services, (3) South African Revenue Authority, (4) DHA- Port Immigration, (5) DALLRD- Agriculture, (6) DFFE - Environment, & (7) NDH – Port Health,
  - For example: OR Tambo International Airport (6 Port **Managers**),
  - Six different **uniforms**, six operating procedures,
  - Officials attached to huge departments with other **national priorities** outside the border environment,

- **Given multi-agency approach, 5 iterations of coordination were tried:**
  - i. *Border Affairs Coordinating Committee (BACC - 1996)*
  - ii. *National Inter-Departmental Structure on Border Control (NIDS – 1997)*
  - iii. *Border Control Operational Coordinating Committee (BCOCC - 2001)*
  - iv. *Inter-Agency Clearing Forum (IACF - 2010)*
  - v. *National Border Management Coordinating Committee (NBMCC - 2013)*
  
- After 29 years of implementing a **multi-agency approach** with informal **coordination**, various challenges emerged:
  - *Fragmentation, Silos, Corruption,*
  
- Now, we are moving away from multi-agency approach to an *integrated border management approach* with a **single command and control**,



# **REFLECTION ON *TRANSITION & CURRENT BMA STAFF COMPLIMENT,***



## LEGISLATIVE SHIFT TO AN INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT,

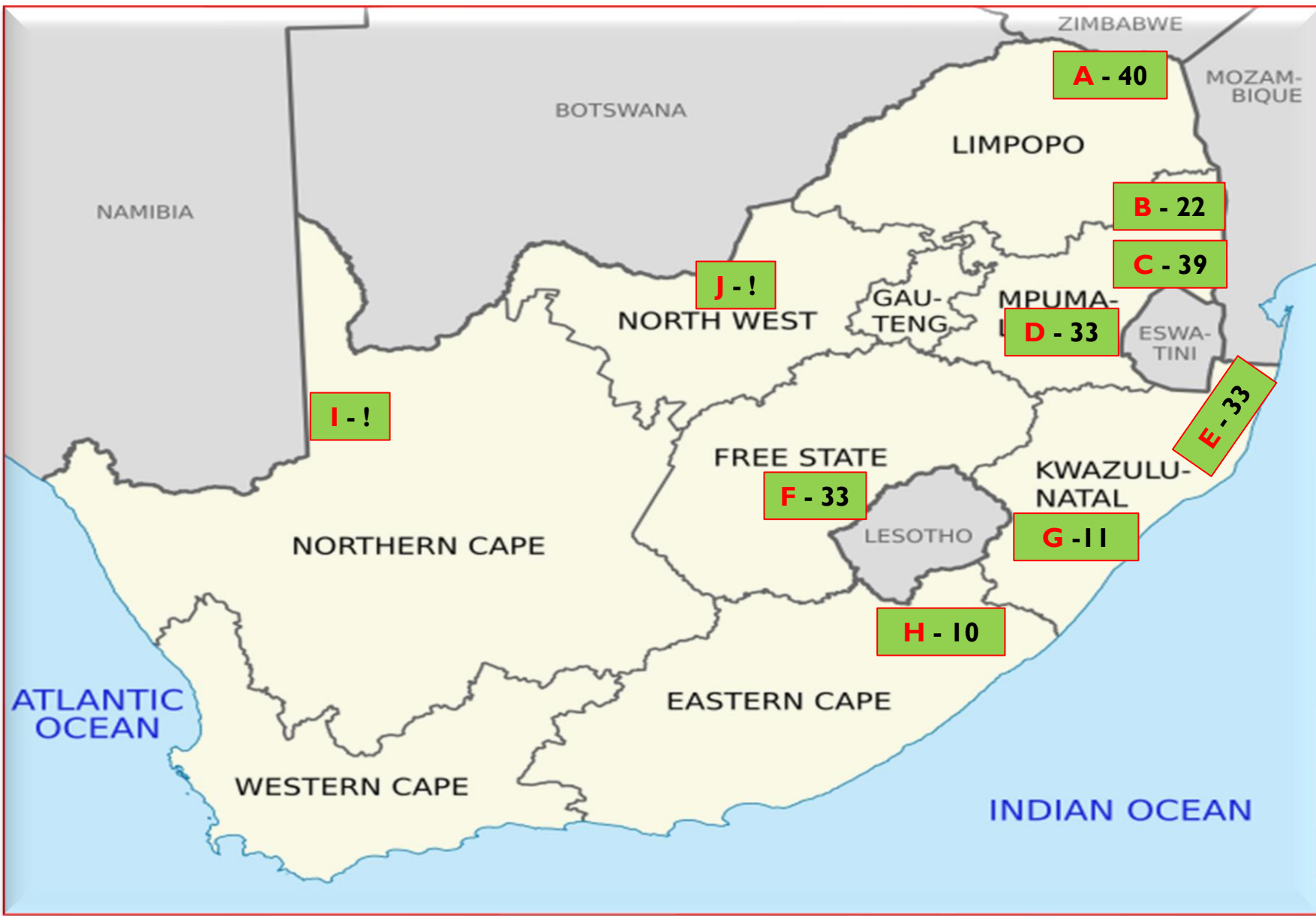
- **After 15 years of discussions, SA passed the Border Management Authority Act in 2020, of which Section 5 empowers the Authority to:**
  - (a) *Facilitate and manage the legitimate movement of persons (**Immigration, Health**) within the border law enforcement area and at ports of entry;*
  - (b) *Facilitate and manage the legitimate movement of goods (**Agriculture, Environmental**) within the border law enforcement area and at ports of entry;*
  - (c) *Co-operate and co-ordinate its border law enforcement functions with **SAPS, SARS & SANDF**, border communities or any other persons.*
- Section 4 (2) emphasizes that *border law enforcement* functions shall be **exclusively** performed by the officers of the BMA,
- BMA is a frontline law enforcement authority, while the Principal Organs of State retain their **policy and legislation** making mandates,

# TOTAL NUMBER OF BMA STAFF COMPLIMENT:

BROAD AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION	NUMBER OF STAFF MEMBERS
<i>Port immigration team</i>	<i>1186 (present in 68 ports)</i>
<i>Port health team</i>	<i>298 (present in 37 ports)</i>
<i>Biosecurity/Environment team</i>	<i>21 (present in 1 port)</i>
<i>Agriculture/Plants team</i>	<i>374 (present in some ports)</i>
<i>Border access control team</i>	<i>221 (present in 8 segments: ports)</i>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF BMA STAFF</b>	<b>2100</b>



**DEPLOYMENT OF BORDER GUARDS**







**BMA'S NEW OPERATIONAL MODEL IN RELATION TO MOTHER  
DEPARTMENTS,**

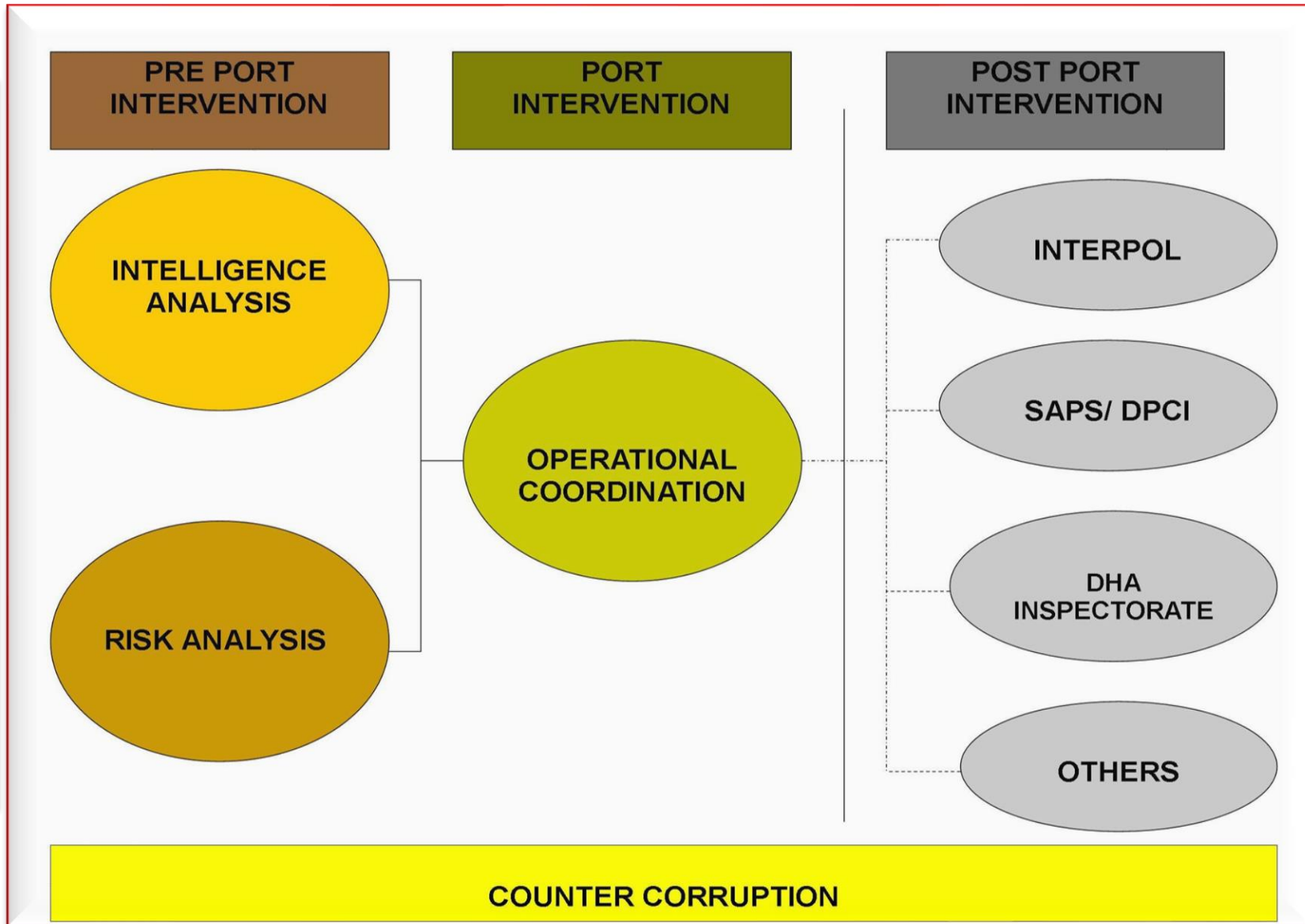


## COORDINATION MECHANISM WITH VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS,

- **Service Level Agreement:** (*Home Affairs, Environment, Health & Agriculture*),
- **Implementation Protocols:** (*Defense Force, Police Services & Revenue Services*),
- **Memorandum of Understanding:** (*All other formal stakeholders such as SAHPRA, CBRTA*),
- **Establishment of Community Crossing Point** within border communities,

# DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLIGENCE-LED BORDER MANAGEMENT PLATFORM:

- a) National Targeting Centre (NTC) - 1
- b) Regional Targeting Centre (RTC) - 4
- c) Port Targeting Centre (PTC) - 72





## ***AREAS OF POSSIBLE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WITHIN BMA***



**Considering the current fiscus constraints, the BMA is considering PPP approaches in various areas:**

- **Port infrastructure development-** Request for Proposal is currently out to market to redesign and redevelop of top 6 commercial ports,
- **Staff quarters development-** Request for Proposal would be issued in future for the development of the staff quarters,
- **Technology-** development of the National, Regional, & Port Targeting Centres,
- **Other critical tools of trade-** deployment of drones, off-road vehicles, boats,



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**Based on the afore-presented slides, participants in the 2023 Sovereign Security Programme are urged to note:**

- *the progress made in the **establishment, the roll-out and stabilization** of the BMA as a schedule 3 (a) public entity,*
- *the opportunities for the **Public-Private Partnership** within the BMA,*
- *and understand the BMA concept and its intended **operating model** in partnership with key Organs of State (SANDF, SAPS & SARS).*





**THANK YOU,**

