selective naval confidence-building measures in the Middle East has the likelihood of success. Overall, it would appear that the willingness of two or more states to work together towards a simple "Incidents at Sea" agreement would pay dividends and serve as a catalyst to a series of naval staff talks that could lead to greater cooperation at sea, particularly in such areas as search and rescue and pollution control. A key to success would thus seem to be to get the senior officers of the various navies to accept ocean management tasks for their forces in addition to traditional security functions.