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## **MARITIME DOCTRINE FOR THE SA NAVY**

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## FOREWORD

This is the first time that the SA Navy has produced a Maritime Doctrine. Much of the information contained in the Doctrine may not be new to members of the SA Navy, but it is the first publication that consolidates all the relevant maritime information in one publication.

The book was written under the auspices of the Director Naval Policy and Doctrine at Navy Office, R Adm (JG) B.R. Donkin. I also express my appreciation to the leader of the project, who was the co-ordinator of activities and the main editor and author, Capt N.F. Snyman. My thanks also go to the authors of the various chapters and to those persons and organisations, both uniformed and civilian, who provided inputs during the drafting of the document.

As the SA Navy's roots originate from the Royal Navy, the basis of the Doctrine was derived from their Maritime Doctrine, BR 1806. The Indian Maritime Doctrine, INBR 8, and the Australian Maritime Doctrine were also consulted extensively.

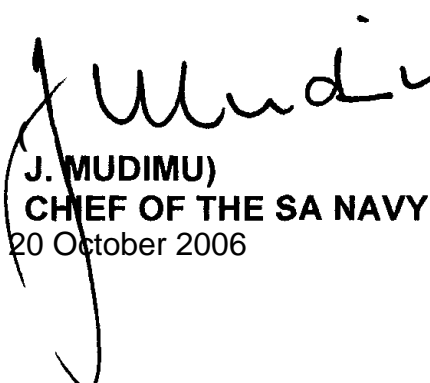
The doctrine has been written to give the reader an understanding of why navies exist and to explain what their general roles are. With that as background, the SA Maritime Doctrine explains how those roles and responsibilities are applied within the South African context, considering the maritime environment and Government imperatives. The Doctrine, therefore, explains what the SA Navy does to support Government initiatives and imperatives and why it is done.

All members of the public reading the Doctrine will have a common understanding of what the SA Navy does and will also have a better understanding of how the SA Navy serves them as citizens of South Africa. Military personnel reading it, will have a better insight into what the SA Navy does.

The Doctrine should be used as a good reference book for officer and recruit training. It should give the learners an excellent idea of what their Navy is doing, why it is doing it and what their role in the SA Navy should be. All members of the SA Navy are encouraged to read it. It is a means of maintaining the professionalism and understanding of the Navy at a high level.

It may be argued that parts of the book are not doctrine. It may be so, but it is felt that the chapters be included to complete the picture on how logistic and human resource support is provided to the ships of the SA Navy to ensure that they can conduct the functions that they are mandated to do.

I hope you have great pleasure in reading the first Maritime Doctrine for the SA Navy.



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