

# Stiletto “SeaFence” A Solution to Stop Maritime Smuggling Operations at the Border



There is a new wave of crime on our high seas as criminal organizations in Mexico are frustrated by Customs & Border Protection’s (CBP) increasing success securing our land border. The drug runners and immigrant smugglers are exploiting this weak link in our border defense by invading our coastal communities as documented in recent San Diego news reports referenced below.

The CBP and United States Coast Guard (USCG) need to bolster their maritime assets to defend against this growing security problem with more ships using new technology to create a permanent and cost-effective maritime defense.

The Stiletto “SeaFence” is one solution to increase maritime border security by creating a long-duration, mobile platform that can serve as an offshore base for a network of smaller surveillance assets like unmanned systems, sensors and smaller USCG/CBP boats.

The Stiletto has already demonstrated its effectiveness stopping smuggling operations in Florida, Columbia and throughout the Caribbean basin and is currently available for new operational assignment. The unique benefits of the SeaFence include:

- High speed, shallow draft capabilities to stop illicit activities even in shallow waters.
- Stable, wide platform to support, refuel and direct smaller craft even in rough water.
- Store, launch and retrieve an 11mRIB, unmanned sensors, planes and helicopters.
- Small operating crew with long-duration stationkeeping capability
- Low observability and high speed for clandestine patrols.
- Advanced radar tracking systems and telescoping FLIRs for creating a wide dragnet.

The current CBP boats are too small and too unstable for long duration missions and the USCG vessels have large crews, high operating costs and already tasked with other important missions.

The Stiletto “SeaFence” is a low-cost, highly effective, available solution to extend the successful land border security fence along our maritime borders.



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