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CENTRE FOR MARITIME RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION



Media Advisory

Proud Manta 2013 Media Day

22 February 2013, Augusta Naval Base (Sicily, Italy), 9 AM

As part of PROUD MANTA (POMA) 2013, the world's largest annual Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) live exercise hosted by NATO, off southeast coast of Sicily, the Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE, ex NURC) will present to media an overview of the scientific programme of tests that will be conducted during the Exercise, and in particular the Wave Glider, a new wave-power operated unmanned surface vehicle debuting here for the first time in a POMA exercise.

The Media Day will be held at the Augusta Naval Base Officers Club from 9 AM to 11.30 AM.

If you are interested in participating, or for more information about CMRE, please contact the CMRE Public Affairs Office at +39 0187 527 369 or at pao@cmre.nato.int. Accreditations requests are due by 19 February 2013.

For more information regarding the NATO Exercise PROUD MANTA 2013 in general, please contact the Allied Maritime Command Northwood (UK) Public Affairs Office at +44 1923 956763 or +44 7747008508, or at j.worthington@mc.nato.int.

About CMRE. The STO-CMRE (Science and Technology Organization – Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation) is located in La Spezia, Italy. Formerly NATO Undersea Research Centre (NURC), the Centre focuses on research, innovation and technology in areas such as defence of maritime forces and installations against terrorism and piracy, secure networks, development of the common operational picture, the maritime component of expeditionary operations, mine countermeasures systems, non-lethal protection for ports and harbours, anti-submarine warfare and marine mammal risk mitigation. CMRE operates two ships, NATO Research Vessel *Alliance*, a 93-meter 3,180-ton open-ocean research vessel, and Coastal Research Vessel *Leonardo*, a smaller ship designed for coastal operations. In addition to its laboratories the Centre is equipped with a fleet of autonomous underwater and surface vehicles and a world-class inventory of seagoing sensors.

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