



# MEDIA ADVISORY

**Allied Maritime  
Command Headquarters  
Naples**



3 February 2012

**NATO's Anti-Submarine Warfare  
Exercise Proud Manta 2012 (POMA 12)  
Ionian Sea southeast of Sicily  
14-26 February 2012**

**Naples:** Media representatives are invited to attend NATO Exercise Proud Manta media day. The event will take place at Italian Navy Officers (Via delle Capitanerei nr 1, 96011 Augusta) and Italian Naval Base in Augusta (Sicily – Italy) on Monday **13 February January 2012** between 09.00 – 13.00 according the following programme:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>
08:40-08:55	Media arrive at Augusta Italian Navy Officer Club
09:00-09:30	Background briefing on NATO's exercise Proud Manta by Cdr Marcello De Bonis, Staff Officer Plans COMSUBSOUTH
09:30-09:40	Transit to Augusta Naval Base
09:40-09:55	Stand up Media event with Vice Admiral Rinaldo Veri, ITA Navy, Commander Allied Maritime Command Naples; Rear Admiral James G. Foggo, III, USA N, Commander Submarines, Allied Naval Forces South; Rear Admiral Anthony E., Gaiani, USA N, Commander, Maritime Air Naples and with Commodore Ben Bekkering RNLN, Commander Standing NATO Maritime Group 1.
09:55-10:20	Transfer by barge on NATO Research Vessel (NRS) Alliance ( <b>limited to 20 persons</b> )
10:20-11:20	Visit NRV Alliance and briefing/discussion concerning POMA 12 experimentation led by NATO Underwater Research Center (NURC)
11:20-11:35	Transfer by barge on Toti Pier, Augusta Naval base
11:35-12:55	Submarine visit present at Augusta Naval base
13:00	Media Event Ends

Interviews will be granted on an opportunity basis. Video and photo opportunity are allowed during the entire programme

Events not indicated in the press program are not open to press.

Media representatives wishing to participate to the media day must request accreditation, via email, enclosing a copy of id card or passport to :

- Public Affairs Office – Maritime Command Naples tel. 081 7216521/22 Fax 0817216446, email: [mcnaplespao@manp.nato.int](mailto:mcnaplespao@manp.nato.int) – website [www.manp.nato.int](http://www.manp.nato.int)

- Press Office – Marisicilia: Tel./Fax 0931 424734, email: msicilia.uffstampa@marina.difesa.it

no later than 1200, Friday 10 February 2012. Early bids to attend are recommended. Participation on NRV Alliance is limited by transportation space (max 20 persons). Access to the Naval Base is for registered press only.

Official photo identification (i.e. passport or identity card) should be carried at all times in case of security checks. Security checks of bags and any camera equipment will also be carried out.

### **TEXT ENDS**

NOTE FOR THE EDITORS: General questions concerning the exercise, media facilities, and broadcast facilities and so on should be addressed to:

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