

France's

Le Groupe de Combat en Milieu Clos (GCMC)

The GCMC (Close Quarters Combat Group) is an elite unit of the French Navy. Answering to COFUSCO (*Commandement des Fusiliers Marins Commandos, the French Navy's special operations force command*), the unit is tasked with conducting maritime counter-terrorism (CT) missions.

Formed in 1994, this highly trained unit of naval commandos specializes in conducting maritime assaults. Currently GCMC is composed of 17 men divided into two teams of 8 and a unit commander. Unit members are extensively trained in selective shooting, combat medicine, small boat handling, and CQB techniques. GCMC routinely conducts exercises with the Commando Hubert combat-diver unit's CT team and other allied CT teams.

Unit members are armed with a variety of weapons including HK-MP5 series weapons, 12 gauge shotguns, 9mm auto loading pistols, and .357 cal revolvers.

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-GCMC troops during a ship boarding exercise.-