



# DISA Task Critical Asset Nomination Process

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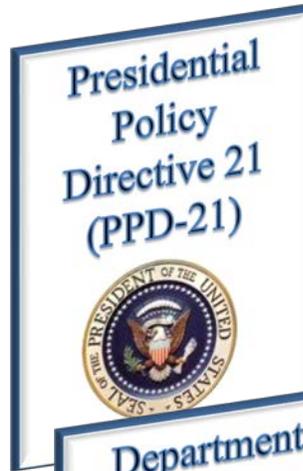


# DoDIN/DISA Mission Assurance (MA) Branch Organizational Chart

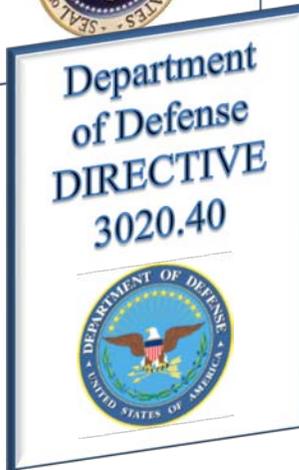




# DoDIN CIP Authority



- **Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21):** identifies responsibilities for Federal Departments and Agencies.



- **Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 3020.40** establishes policy and assigns DoD CIO as PSA for DoDIN Sector, Mission Assurance and Critical Infrastructure Protection.

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## Ancient Critical Infrastructure Protection

- Romans began developing critical infrastructure such as roads, food stores, and aqueducts (some Roman aqueducts still in use to this day).
- Realizing their importance, Trajanus Hadrianus Augustus enacted laws to specifically protect the aqueduct system.
- Built first aqueduct entirely underground in order to **conceal and protect it from enemies**, and to **protect from erosion and deterioration**.
- Initially the Romans were very aware of the threats they faced and built infrastructure with security as the prime element.
- Over time the Romans became complacent and focused more on aesthetics vice security.
- **There are similar parallels today...**





## Mission Assurance

### What is Critical?

### Mission Analysis

- What must we be able to do?
- What are the T1 support plans?
- What phase of operation are we in?
- What assets are required?
  - How many tanks, ships, planes
    - What type of C2 is required?
    - What's the bandwidth required
    - What's the next requirement?
- What do those assets rely on?
  - Who are the vendors?
  - What does their infrastructure look like?
  - What are their interdependencies?

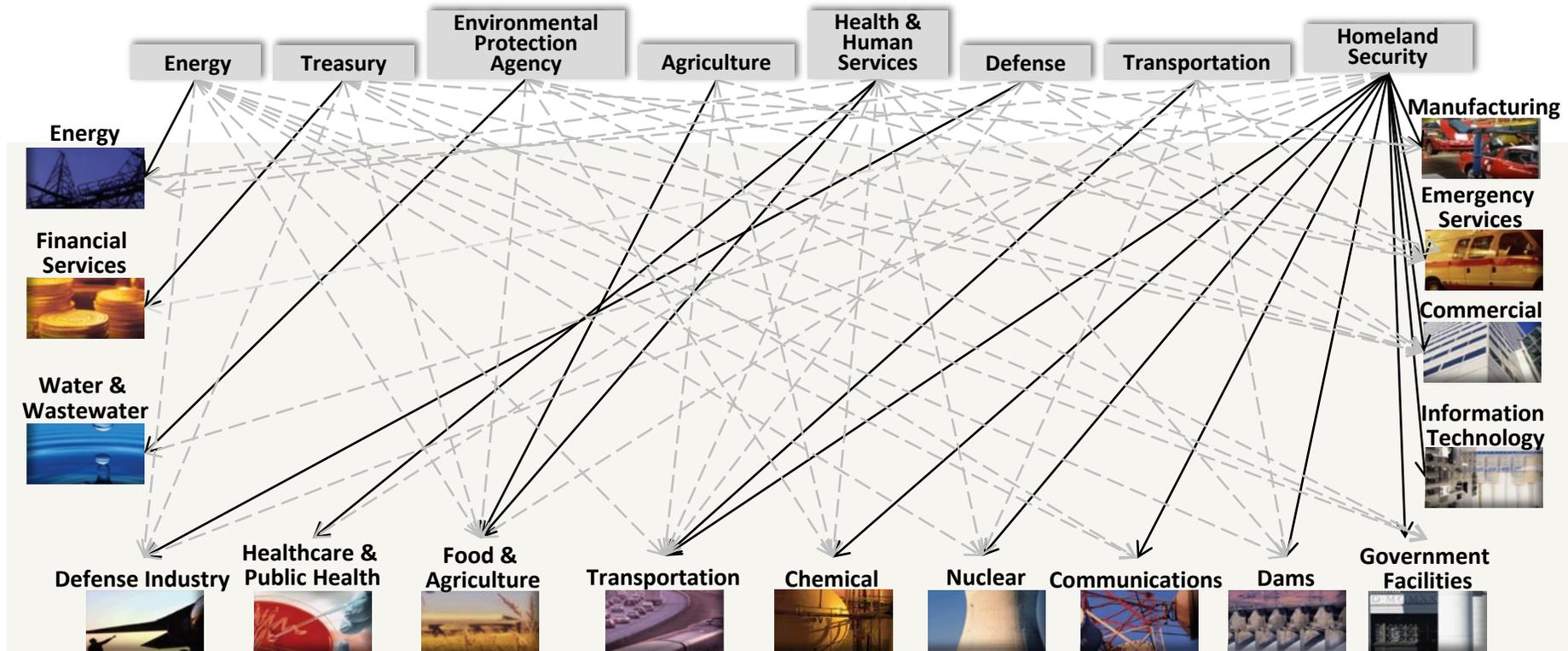


“*If you try to hold everything, you hold nothing.*

*- Frederick the Great*



# “Whole of Government” Responsibility



Infrastructure sectors are connected at multiple points through a wide variety of mechanisms, such that a bi-directional relationship exists between the functional states of any given pair of infrastructures.



# Why it matters...

## Size of the Active Force

1.4 Million

## Partner Nations

- 60(+) Allies
- 180(+) Partnerships

## Deployed Operations

- 130K(+) Troops
- 150(+) countries

## Warfighting Domains

- Air
- Land
- Maritime
- Cyber

~15,000 Applications





# Task Critical Asset (TCA) Nomination

The Department of Defense (DOD) relies on a global network of defense critical infrastructure so essential that the incapacitation, exploitation, or destruction of an asset within this network could severely affect DOD's ability to deploy, support, and sustain its forces and operations worldwide and to implement its core missions. Because of its importance to DOD operations, this defense critical infrastructure could be vulnerable to attacks by adversaries, and vulnerable to natural disasters and hazards, such as hurricanes and earthquakes.

## What are TCAs?

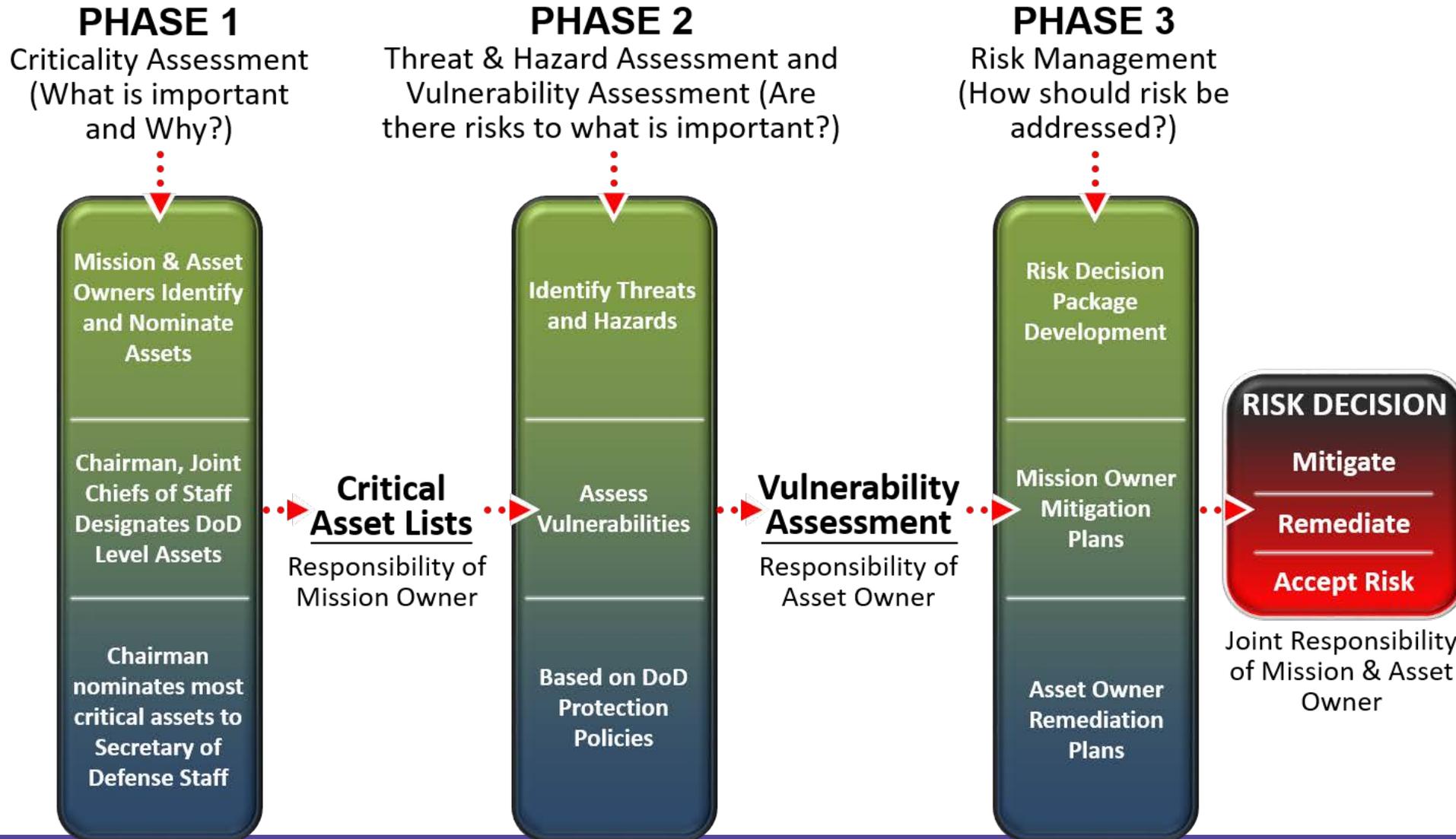
- **Tier 1 Task Critical Assets** are assets of such extraordinary importance that their incapacitation or destruction would have a serious, debilitating effect on the ability of one or more military services, combatant commands, or DCIP Defense Infrastructure Sector Lead Agents to execute the mission essential tasks they support.
- **Tier 2 Task Critical Assets** are defined as causing severe mission (or function) degradation if the asset is lost, incapacitated, or disrupted.
- **Defense Critical Assets** are the assets most critical for fulfilling overall DOD missions and are identified from the universe of Task Critical Assets.

**Mission Essential Tasks (METLs) => Task Critical Assets (TCAs) => Defense Critical Assets (DCAs)**



# DoD's Mission Assurance Process

DoDD 3020.40





# Phase I – What is important and Why?

- **Input:**
  - Mission analysis and plan decomposition
  - Asset analysis
    - Mission Essential Tasks (MET)
    - Asset interaction
    - Asset dependencies
- **Decisions:**
  - Commanders determine asset criticality
- **Output:**
  - Critical Asset Lists (TCA, DCA, etc.)





## Phase 2 – Are there risks to what is important?

- **Input:**

- Critical Asset Lists
- Threat Intelligence
- Vulnerability Identification/Reports



- **Decisions:**

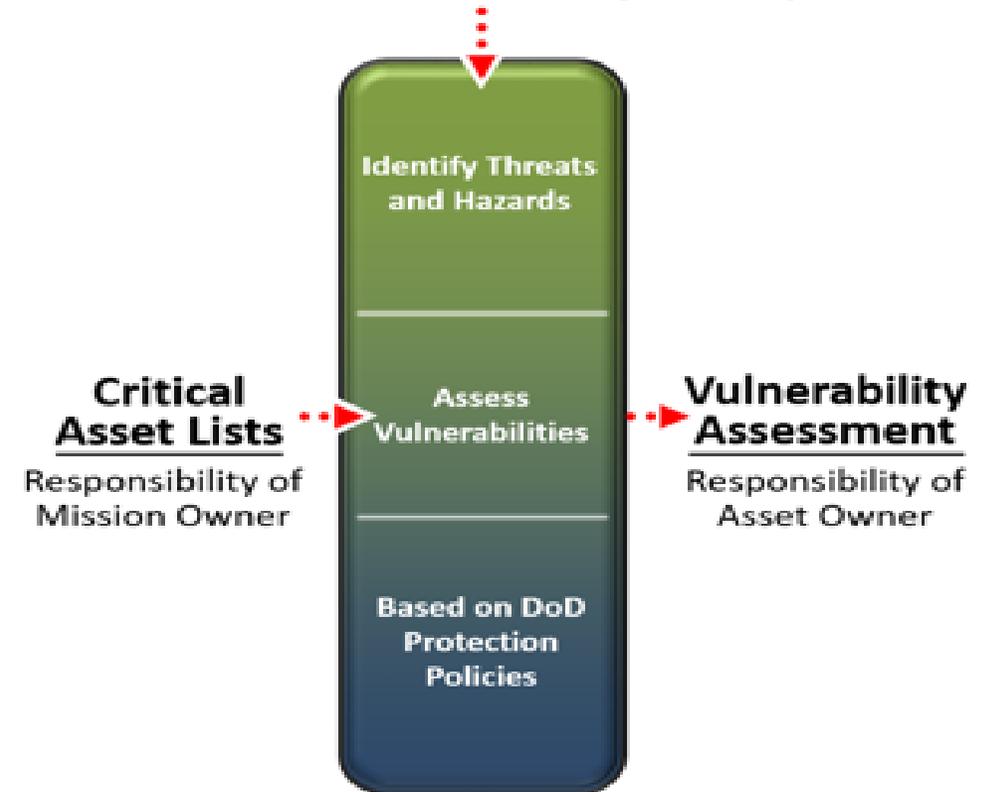
- Vulnerability and Risk Determination

- **Output:**

- Vulnerability Assessment



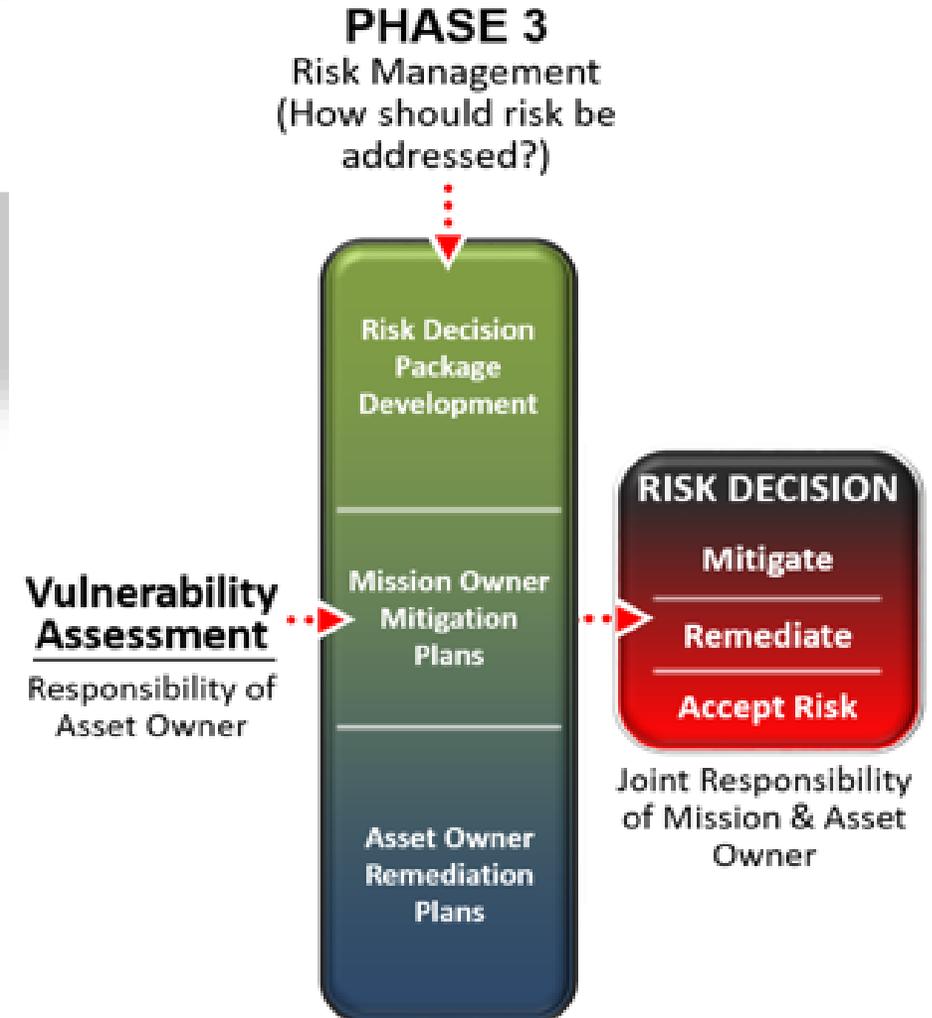
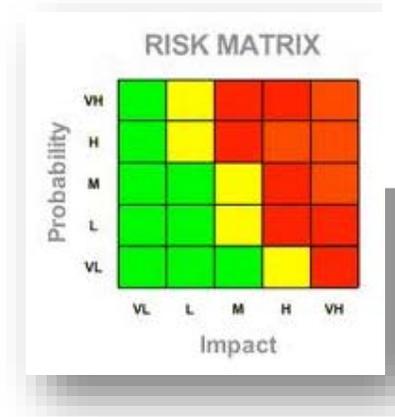
**PHASE 2**  
Threat & Hazard Assessment and  
Vulnerability Assessment (Are  
there risks to what is important?)





## Phase 3 – How should risk be addressed?

- **Input:**
  - Vulnerability Assessments
  - Resource Availability
- **Decisions:**
  - Risk Prioritization
  - Resource Obligation
- **Output:**
  - Risk Decision Package
  - Risk Mitigation Plan



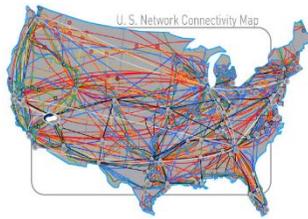
$$\text{Risk} = \frac{((\text{Means} + \text{Motive}) \times \text{Opportunity}) \times \text{Impact}}{\text{Controls}}$$



# Internet Visualization



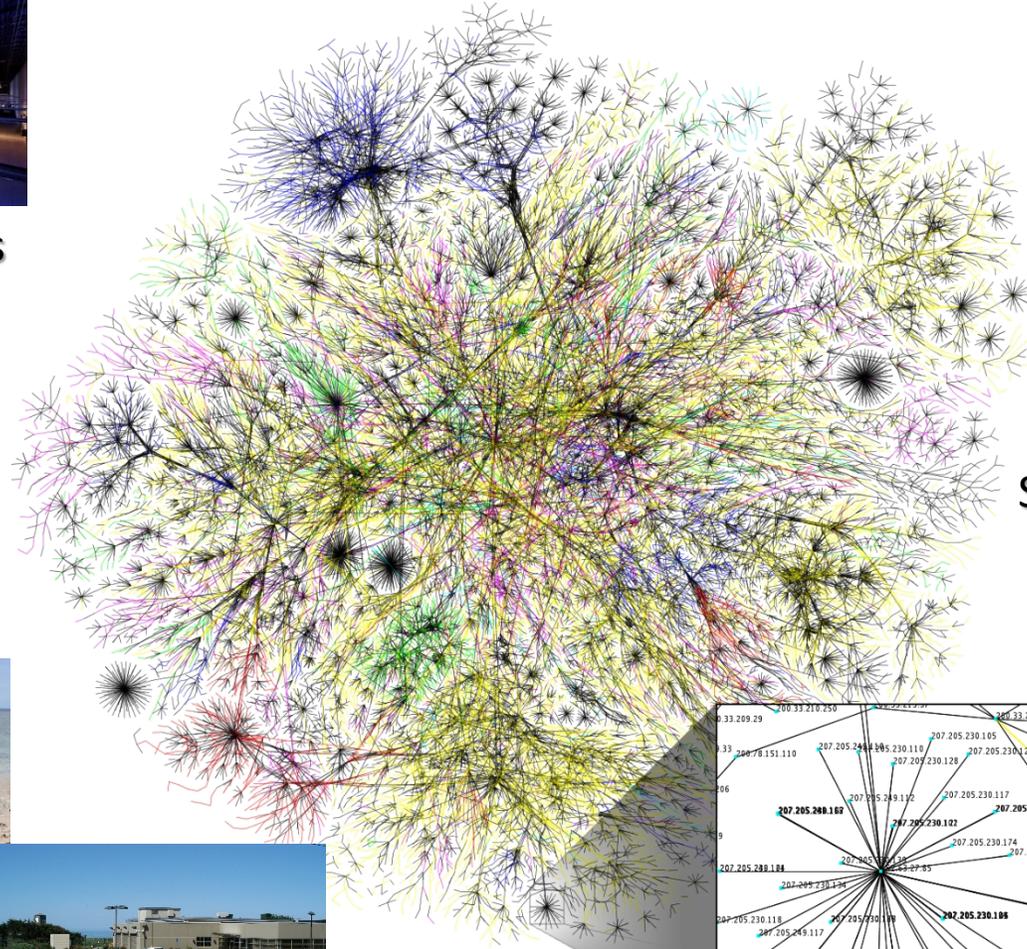
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Overland Cable Systems



Undersea Cable Systems



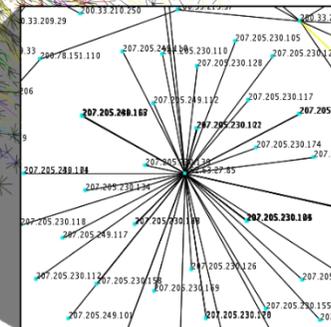
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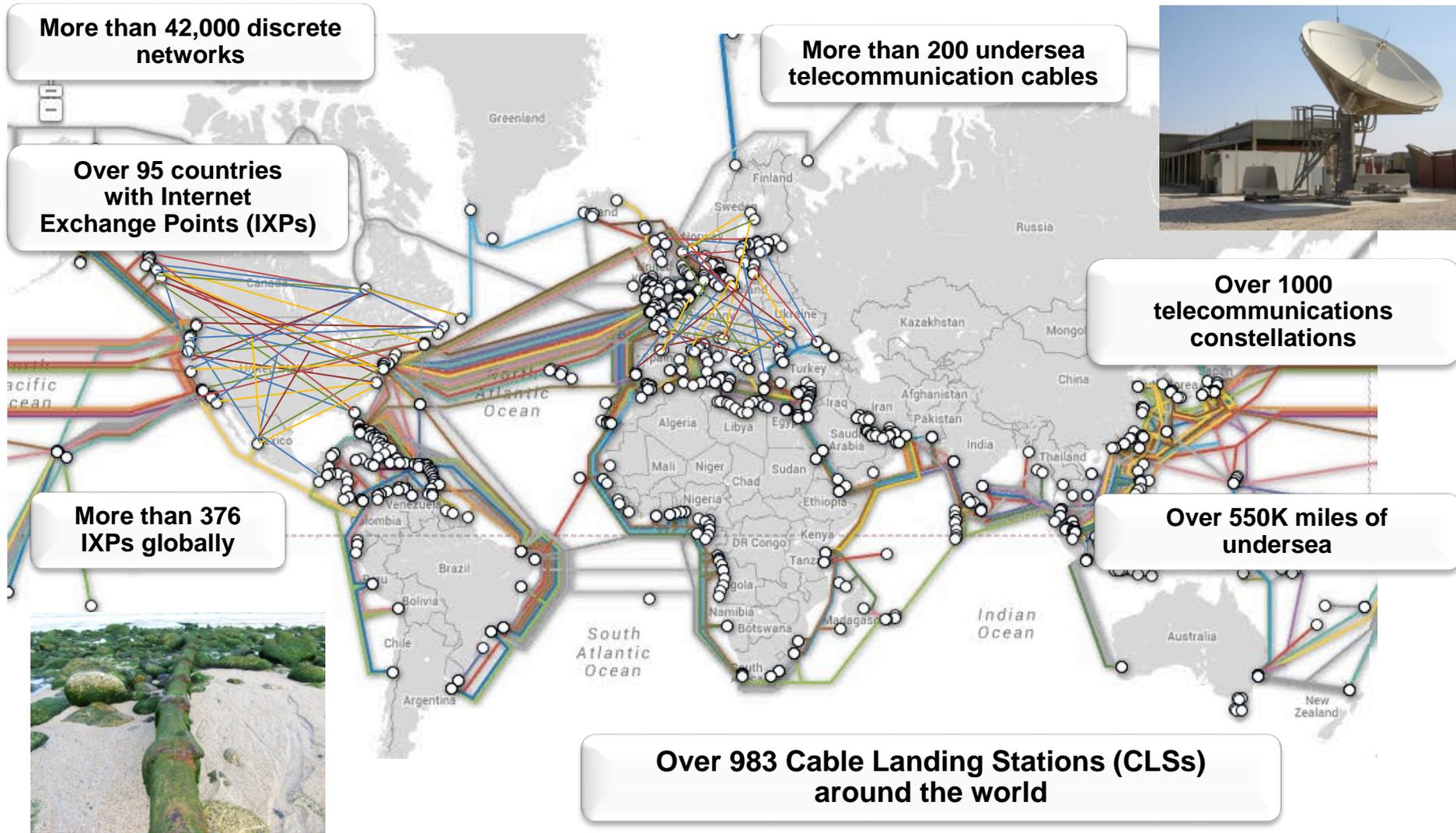
Internet Exchanges



Discrete Networks



# Commercial Telecommunications and the Real Internet





# Undersea Communications Cables

Carrying 97% of all global communication traffic in 2015, undersea cables are critical to international trade and commerce. The United States supports measures which ensure secure and uninterrupted service along undersea cables

- More than 1 million km of undersea cable installed globally
- Last year only 3% of global communications were carried via satellite
- Widespread disruption to undersea cables would cost the U.S. and its allies billions of dollars
- Despite protection measures undersea cables are susceptible to breaking through fishing, anchoring, deliberate attack, component failure, and natural disasters (i.e., earthquakes, typhoon, etc.)
  - State actors may be looking for vulnerabilities in U.S. and allied undersea cables
  - Landing station and cable locations are publically available
  - Vast majority of breaks occur in shallow water, less than 1000m
  - There are less than two faults a year in deep water, greater than 1000m
  - Law enforcement might not know the threat or the criticality of these systems



# Facts Policy Makers Need to Know Regarding Undersea Cables

- Each Undersea Cable Systems is generally owned by consortia of 4-30 private companies or occasionally a single company
  - 99% of undersea cable systems are non-government owned
- Undersea Cable Systems are not “flagged” to any one Nation State
- The Undersea Cable industry has established Mutual Maintenance Zones and Private Maintenance Agreements around the world, each equipped with dedicated vessels to enable rapid repair.
- Cable repair is organized regionally by private contract - not by government mandate. Contracts require repair ships to sail within 24 hours
- Cable repairs are urgent not only to restore service, but because each cable acts as the backup for other cables



# Facts Policy Makers Need to Know Regarding Undersea Cables

- According to the International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC), **there are 56 registered cable ships in the world.** Some are dedicated to cable laying, others are multi-purpose – laying, repair, marine power, oil and gas field work, etc.
- Cable ships are expensive, custom built, require specialized crews, and fly diverse flags (UK, France, Marshall Islands, Singapore, Japan, China, Korea, UAE, Indonesia)
- About half of the ships are on stand-by and half laying new cables or other tasks like training and maintenance

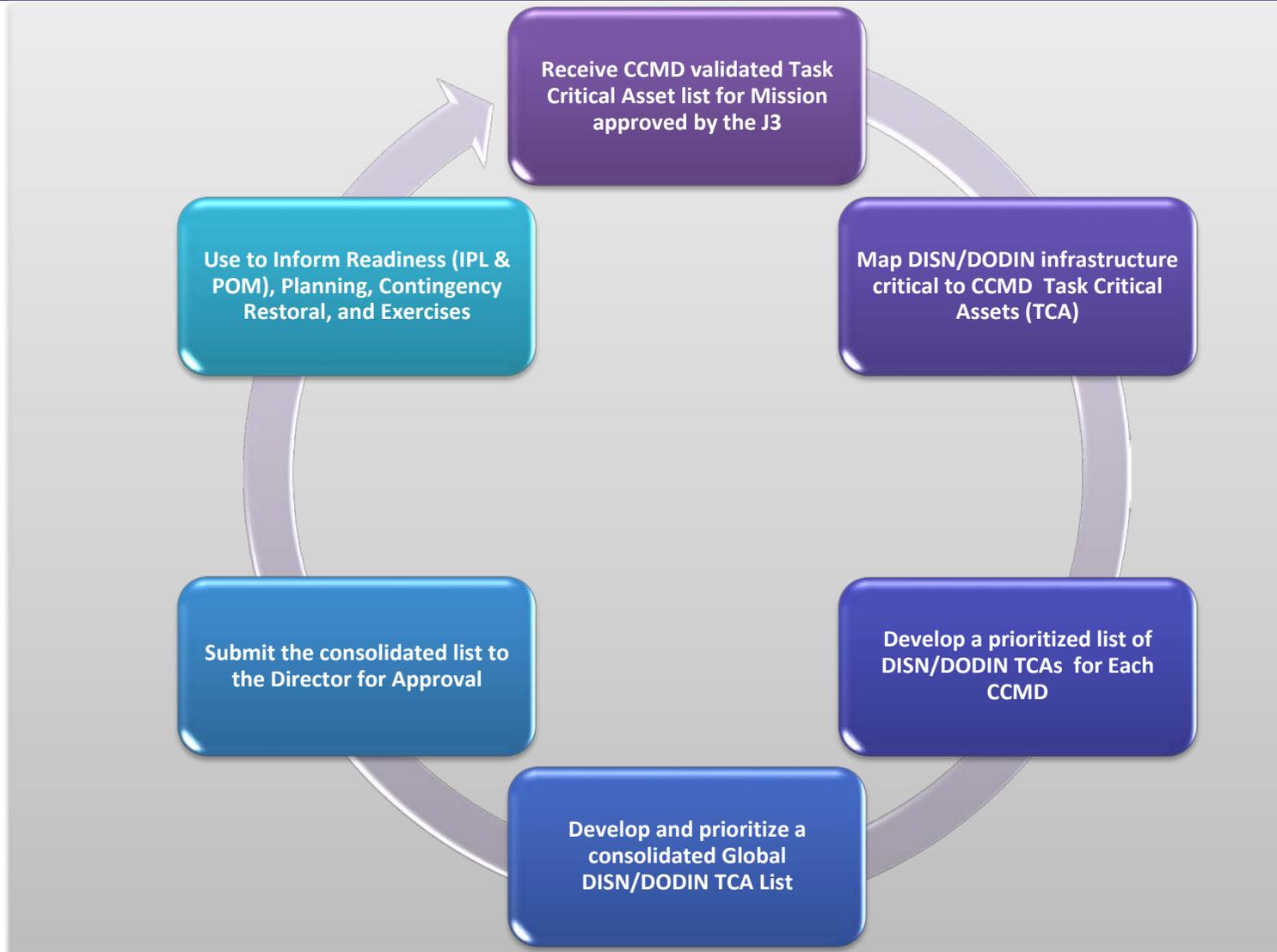


# DoDIN/DISA Mission Assurance (MA) Branch Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Program Assessments





# DISA TCA Validation Process





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