



Royal Thai Navy
Submarine Squadron

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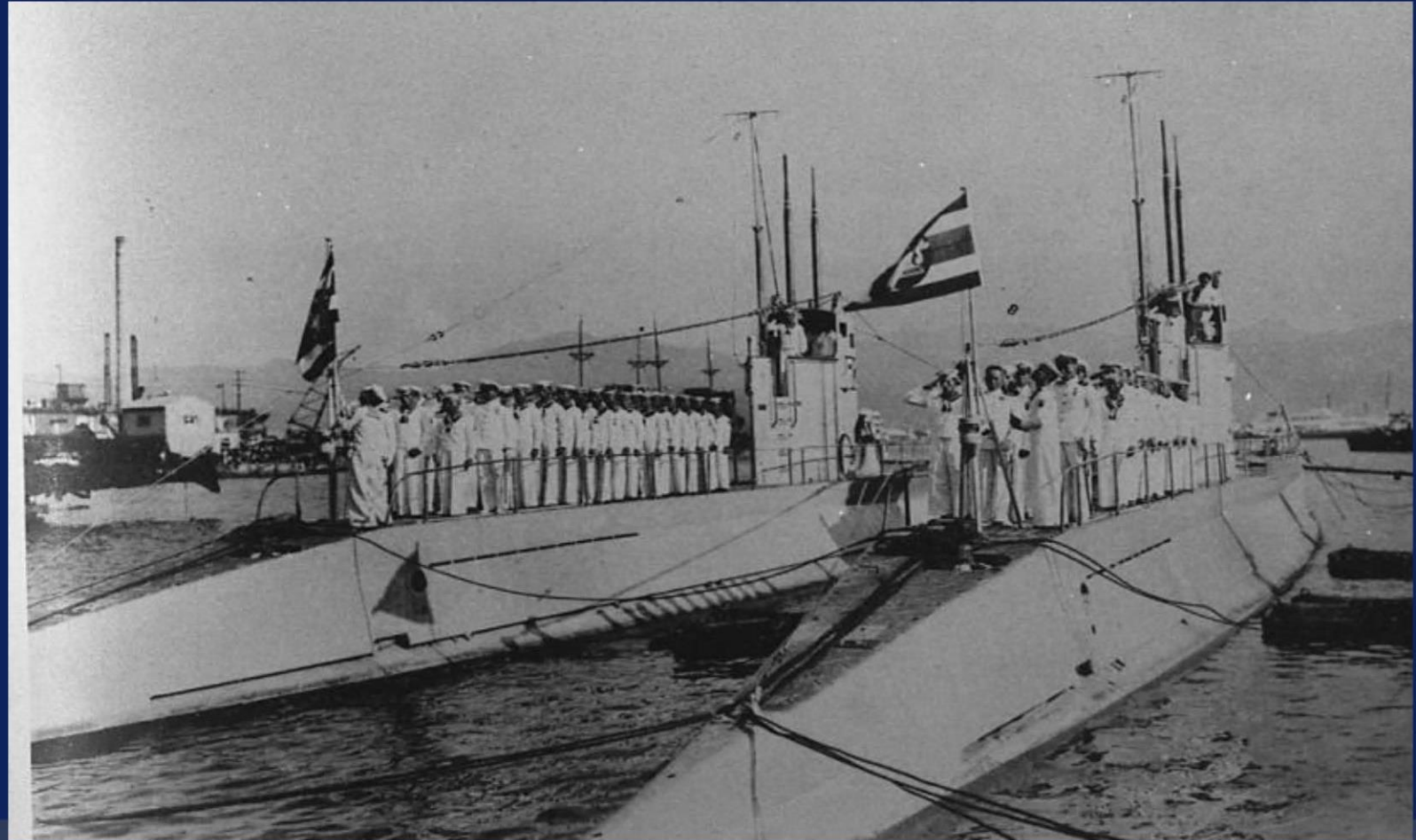
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Royal Thai Navy Submarine History: The Matchanu Class: Thailand's First Submarines (1938-1951)

Builder: Mitsubishi Kobe 1936 – 1937



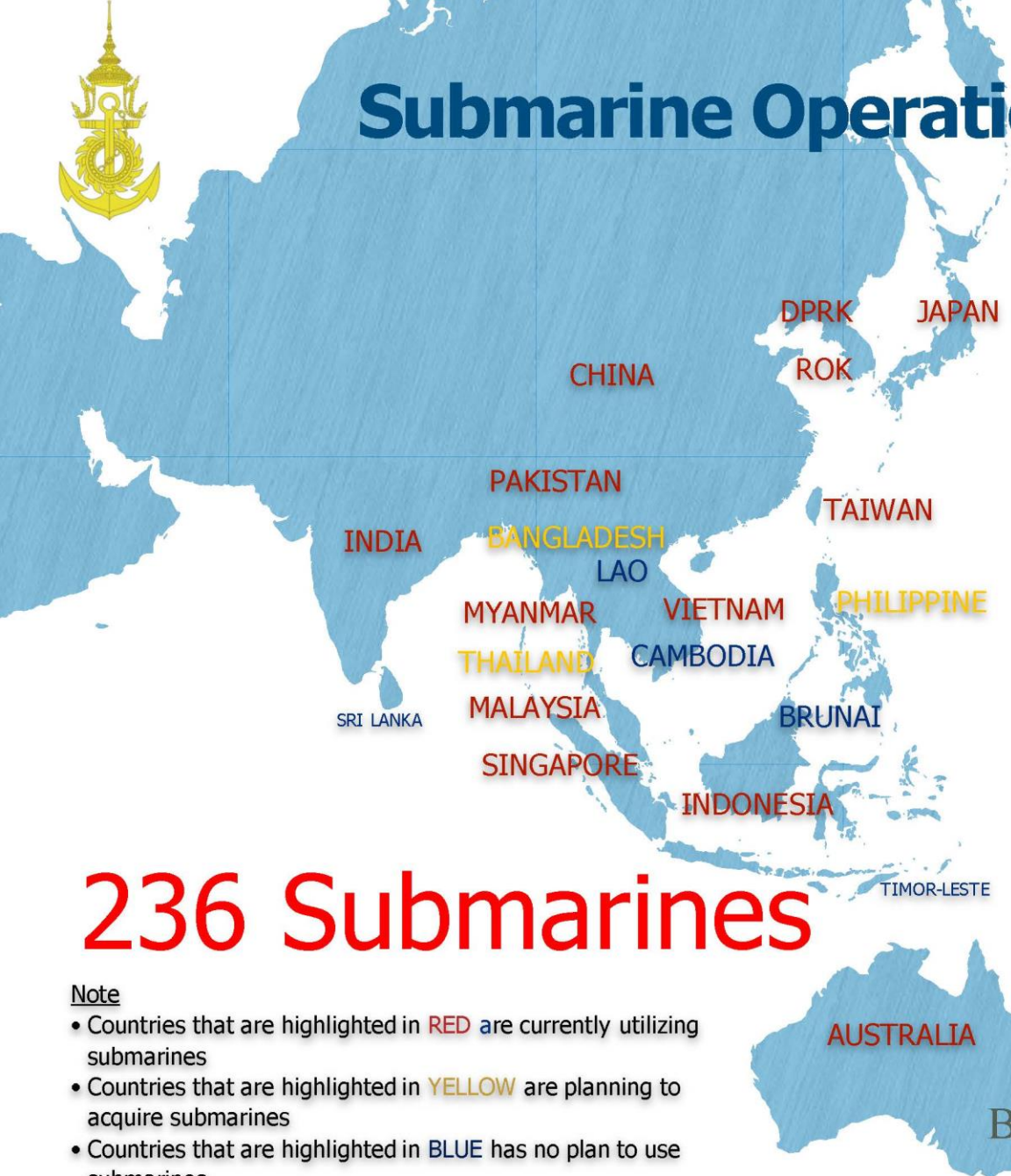


The S26T Submarine Project: From Acquisition Plans and Initial Deal to Challenges and Delays





Submarine Operations in Asia-Pacific Region

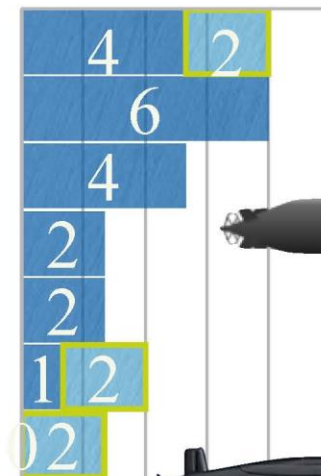


236 Submarines

Note

- Countries that are highlighted in RED are currently utilizing submarines
- Countries that are highlighted in YELLOW are planning to acquire submarines
- Countries that are highlighted in BLUE has no plan to use submarines

INDONESIA
VIETNAM
SINGAPORE
MALAYSIA
MYANMAR
THAILAND
PHILIPPINE



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CHINA
DPRK
JAPAN
ROK
INDIA
PAKISTAN
AUSTRALIA
TAIWAN
BANGLADESH



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Royal Thai Naval's Strategy 2017 - 2037

Pacific Ocean

Enhance Maritime Security
Awareness

1

Deterrence

3

Two Oceans and Three Areas
(OOAAA - Double O Triple A)

2

Enhance Maritime Security
Cooperation

4

Defense

Indian Ocean



Submarine Ambitions: A Long-Term perspective

- Submarine crew qualification
- Docking facilities





Submarine search and rescue exercise





Cooperates with submarine community





Budgetary Considerations: Future Funding Allocations for Underwater Warfare

RTN's White Paper 2023

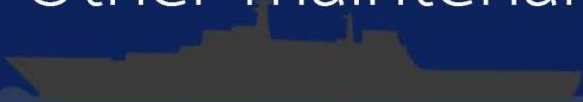


- 6 Flagship Projects 2024–2037
- Underwater Warfare Capability Development Project
- Submarine, UUV, infrastructure, etc.
- Budget 46.741 billion THB
- Long-term self-reliance in the defense industry
- Midget Submarine research and development project



Submarine Develop Requirement

- SUBOPAETH decision support and management systems
- Pier and dockyard support system
- Submarine training simulator
- Submarine escape training tower
- Search and rescue support equipment
- Other maintenance and support equipment





Question?

