

## Sea Dragon 22 Exercise

## Why in News

Recently, the US Sea Dragon 22 exercise began along with the navies of India, Australia, Canada, Japan and South Korea in the Pacific Ocean.

India, Japan, Australia and the US are also part of the <u>Quadrilateral Security Dialogue</u> (<u>Quad</u>), and also participate in the <u>Malabar exercise</u>.

## **Key Points**

- About:
  - Sea Dragon is a US-led multi-national exercise designed to practice and discuss Antisubmarine warfare tactics to operate together in response to traditional and nontraditional maritime security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.
  - It is an annual exercise.
- Significance:
  - The exercise assumes significance in the face of strained relations that some countries have with China and the growing forays of the PLA-Navy into the <u>Indian ocean</u> region.
  - The Indian Navy has recently inducted two more <u>Poseidon 81 maritime reconnaissance</u> and anti-submarine warfare aircraft, which would further boost its ability to keep an eye over the Chinese ships and submarines in the region.

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