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Countersea operations can be used in various ways to support the joint force commander's campaign. Conducted independently, or in conjunction with other military operations, countersea operations may be used for the following purposes:

- ★ At the initial phase of a campaign or major operation where the objective is to establish a military lodgment to support subsequent phases.
- ★ Serve as a supporting operation during a campaign in order to deny use of an area or facilities to the enemy, or to fix enemy forces' attention in support of other combat operations.
- ★ Support stability operations in order to deter war, resolve conflict, promote peace and stability, or support civil authorities in response to crises that require controlling the surrounding maritime domain.
- ★ Support military operations for homeland defense, by controlling use of the maritime domain along US coastal waters to prevent enemies from attacking civilian population centers, disrupting sea lines of communication, or committing terrorism on US sovereign soil.
- ★ As an independent operation without other Service forces present, to achieve operational or strategic objectives in the maritime domain.