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| **Table 11-1: Tasking Cycle of a MASS PHASE 1 MISSION APPRAISAL** | |
| **Task** | **Description** |
| Operation Planning | Can be conducted ahead of actual operation and includes:  n Determine operational area;  n Notification and permissions from port/sea authorities, joint force, other organisations;  n Notice to Mariners;  n Environmental assessment;  n RF licences;  n Route planning;  n Infrastructure;  n Description of incident handling processes and procedures. |
| **Activities** | **Considerations** |
| Has a launch site visit and familiarisation been conducted YES/NO. | If no, has this been briefed to all those involved in the operation? |
| Are there any restrictions?  Is a support vessel required? | Establish restrictions and provide support vessel if required. |
| Personnel planning | Determine number of personnel required for the operation (consider country of operation requirements for qualifications). |
| Is the RCC mobile / is the RCC location fixed? | RCC set up and tested? |
| Vessel/s transit to launch site | Transit Duration? ETA?  How – Air/sea/road? Parties involved?  Can the vessel and support team conduct necessary procedures or maintenance shoreside? |
| Visas/permits - Overseas travel or permits to work needed? | Conduct necessary liaison with relevant authorities, obtain relevant permissions. |
| Inoculations for any overseas tasks. | Medical advice should be sought |
| Country Liaison | Determine level of regulation in planned launch country. Seek permission for operations.  Determine required level of qualification required for operators.  If vessel will operate between nations, ensure both authorities are aware. Seek acceptance for control centre location.  Determine best location for support team. |
| Country brief | Local Maritime regs/Personnel conduct/Cultural sensitivities/Laws/ Driving/Weather/security etc. |
| Weather check and report for all phases where possible. | How will this be monitored and what is the plan for inclement weather? Consider vessel construction and weather suitability. |
| Sea states | As above. |
| Nearest facilities: Medical, Fuel etc. | If operating abroad, what standards are they? Are the necessary medical insurances in place? |
| Security: People/ Equipment/ Data | Is a secure location available?  If not do the team need to protect data? (24/7 presence) |
| Real-life support | Food, water, washing facilities. |
| Are the team all Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons, (SQEP) for the task? | Check and record |

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