

# Phishing Protection for Cisco Email Security

Deployment and Configuration Guide

# **Cloudflare Area 1 Overview**

Phishing is the root cause of upwards of 90% of security breaches that lead to financial loss and brand damage. Cloudflare Area 1 is a cloud-native service that stops phishing attacks, the #1 cybersecurity threat, across all traffic vectors - email, web and network.

With globally distributed sensors and comprehensive attack analytics, Area 1 email security proactively identifies phishing campaigns, attacker infrastructure, and attack delivery mechanisms during the earliest stages of a phishing attack cycle. Using flexible enforcement platforms, Area 1 allows customers to take preemptive action against these targeted phishing attacks across all vectors - email, web and network; either at the edge or in the cloud.

## **Email Flow**



### **Configuration Steps**

- Step 1: Add a new Sender Group to include Area 1's egress IPs
- Step 2: Add a new SMTP Route for Area 1 Email Protection Service
- Step 3: Add Incoming message filters
  - Redirect all messages to Area 1
  - Detect returning messages from Area 1 and deliver to Email Provider
- Step 4: Apply Incoming message filters to Incoming policies

### **Step 1: Add a Sender Group for Area 1 Email Protection IPs**

To add a new Sender Group:

- Go to "Mail Policies → HAT Overview"
- Click on the "Add Sender Group" button
- Configure the new Sender Group as follows:
  - Name: "Area1"
  - Order: [order above the existing WHITELIST Sender Group]
  - Comment: "Area 1 Email Protection egress IP Addresses"
  - Policy: TRUSTED (by default, spam detection is disabled for this mail flow policy)
  - SBRS: [leave blank]
  - DNS Lists: [leave blank]
  - Connecting Host DNS Verification: [leave all options unchecked]

 Click the "Submit and Add Senders >>" button to add the following IP addresses: Egress IP's list can be found here: <u>https://developers.cloudflare.com/email-security/deployment/inline/reference/egress-ips/</u>

Mode — Cluster: Hosted_Cluster		Ch	ange Mode	\$
Centralized Management Options				
Sender Group Settings				
Name:	Area1			
Order:	2			
Comment:	Area 1 Email Protecti	on egress IP Addresses		
Policy:	Policy: TRUSTED			
SBRS (Optional): Not in use				
DNS Lists (Optional):	: None			
Connecting Host DNS Verification:	None Included			
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54.173.50.115		Area 1 Email Protection egress IP ad	dress	)
52.0.67.109		Area 1 Email Protection egress IP ad	dress C	)
52.89.255.11		Area 1 Email Protection egress IP ad	dress C	)
52.11.209.211		Area 1 Email Protection egress IP ad	dress	)
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#### Sender Group: Area1 - IronDemo

### Step 2: Add SMTP Route for the Area 1 Email Protection Hosts

To add a new SMTP Route:

- Go to "Network → SMTP Routes"
- Click on the "Add Route..." button
- Configure the new SMTP Route as follows:
  - Receiving Domain: a1s.mailstream
  - Destination Hosts
    - Click the "Add Row" button
    - In the first row:
      - Priority: 0
        - Destination: mailstream-west.mxrecord.io
        - Port: 25
    - In the second row:
      - Priority: 0
      - Destination: mailstream-east.mxrecord.io
      - Port: 25
    - In the third row:
      - Priority:10
      - Destination: mailstream-central.mxrecord.io
      - Port: 25

#### **Edit SMTP Route**

Mode —Cluster: Hosted_Cluster > Centralized Management Options			Change Mode.		\$
SMTP Route Settings					
Receiving Domain: ⑦	a1s.mailstream				
Destination Hosts:	Priority ?	Destination 🕐		Port	Add Row
	0	mailstream-west.mxre		25	Ē
	0	mailstream-east.mxree		25	Ŵ
	10	mailstream-central.m		25	Ť
		(Hostname, IPv4 or IPv6 address	s.)		
Outgoing SMTP Authentication:	No outgoing SM1	P authentication profiles are config	ured. See <mark>Netwo</mark> n	k > SMTP Auther	ntication

Submit

Cancel

### **Step 3: Create Incoming Content Filters**

To manage the mail flow between Area 1 and Cisco ESA, 2 filters will be needed:

- A filter to direct all incoming messages to Area 1
- A filter to recognize messages coming back from Area 1 to route for normal delivery

### Incoming Content Filter - To Area 1

To create a new Content Filter:

- Go to "Mail Policies → Incoming Content Filters"
- Click the "Add Filter..." button to create a new filter
- Configure the new Incoming Content Filter as follows:
  - Name: ESA\_to\_A1S
  - Description: Redirect messages to Area 1 for anti-phishing inspection
  - Order: [this will depend on your other filters but do note the order you select]
  - Condition: [no conditions]
  - Actions:
    - Action: Send to Alternate Destination Host
    - Mail Host: a1s.mailstream (SMTP Route configured in step 2)

#### Add Incoming Content Filter

Mode — Cluster: Hosted_Cluster <ul> <li>Centralized Management Options</li> </ul>	Change Mode
Content Filter Settings	
Name:	ESA_to_A1S
Currently Used by Policies:	No policies currently use this rule.
Editable by (Roles):	Cloud Operator
Description: Redirect messages to Area 1 for anti-phishing inspection	
Order:	19 (of 19)
Conditions	

Add Condition					
	There are no conditions, so actions will always apply.				
Actions					
Add Action					
C	Drder	Action	Rule	Delete	
		Send to Alternate Destination Host	alt-mailhost ("a1s.mailstream")	面	

Cancel

Incoming Content Filter - From Area 1

To create a new Content Filter:

- Go to "Mail Policies → Incoming Content Filters"
- Click the "Add Filter..." button to create a new filter
- Configure the new Incoming Content Filter as follows:
  - Name: A1S\_to\_ESA
  - Description: Area 1 inspected messages for final delivery
  - Order: [this filter MUST be before the previously created filter]
  - Add 7 conditions of type "Remote IP/Hostname" with the following IPs: Egress IP's list can be found here: <u>https://developers.cloudflare.com/email-security/deployment/inline/referenc</u> <u>e/egress-ips/</u>

- Ensure that the "Apply rule:" dropdown is set to "If one or more conditions match"
- Actions:
  - Action: Skip Remaining Content Filters (Final Action)

#### **Add Incoming Content Filter**

Mode —Cluster: Hosted_Cluster	Change Mode				
Content Filter Settings					
Name:	A1S_to_ESA				
Currently Used by Policies:	No policies currently use this rule.				
Editable by (Roles):	Cloud Operator				
Description:	Area 1 inspected messages for final delivery				
Order:	18 (of 19)				

Conditions						
Add Condition Apply rule: If one or more conditions mat						
Order	Condition	Rule	Delete			
1	Remote IP/Hostname	remote-ip == "52.11.209.211"	Ŵ			
2 🔺	Remote IP/Hostname	remote-ip == "52.89.255.11"	Ŵ			
3 🔺	Remote IP/Hostname	remote-ip == "52.0.67.109"	Ŵ			
4 🔺	Remote IP/Hostname	remote-ip == "54.173.50.115"	Ŵ			

Actions			
Add Action			
Order	Action	Rule	Delete
1	Skip Remaining Content Filters (Final Action)	skip-filters()	Ŵ

Cancel

Submit

# **Step 4: Add the Incoming Content Filter to the Inbound Policy Table**

Assign the Incoming Content Filters created in Step 3 to your primary mail policy in the Incoming Mail Policy table.

Commit your changes to activate the email redirection.