The Treadstone 71 Adversary Index

Executive Summary for Security Leadership

A new standard for measuring the adversaries that target your organization

What the Treadstone 71 Adversary Index supplies

The TAI delivers quarterly composite adversary scoring across 42 named threat-actor profiles, including the four sovereign-state adversaries that dominate the 2026 threat picture: the People's Republic of China at TAI 89, the Russian Federation at 85, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at 79, and the Islamic Republic of Iran at 76.

Every TAI score arrives with three companion outputs. The T-Score reports evidence quality on a 0-100 scale. The D-Score reports adversary deception likelihood operating against the analytic question. The F-Score reports forecast confidence on the adversary's most-likely achieved endgame. The tri-score architecture closes an analytic gap that single-dimension scoring systems leave open: a high-quality artifact set shaped by a coordinated adversary deception plan produces high evidence confidence and dangerous false comfort under the old standards. The tri-score separates the two judgments.

Why it matters to your CISO function

Three operational pain points motivate the methodology.

Your team consumes intelligence from multiple vendors today — Mandiant, Recorded Future, CrowdStrike, sector ISACs, internal collection. The outputs run inconsistent confidence language, skip adversary endgame forecasting, and treat deception detection as analyst tradecraft rather than scoring discipline. TAI supplies the unified composite that all sources collapse into, with explicit confidence bands the customer reads consistently.

Your board asks what the threat from China looks like this quarter and whether it improves or worsens. The current vendor field produces lengthy reports without a number the board reads. TAI supplies the number — China at 89, Russia at 85, DPRK at 79, Iran at 76. Quarterly changes drive the conversation about resource allocation, defensive investment, and acceptable risk.

Your detection teams chase APT indicators without a framework for adversary deception. When the adversary feeds your collection bad material as part of a coordinated influence operation, your team detects the artifact but cannot rate the deception probability. The TAI D-Score puts a number on the likelihood. The July 15, 2026, inaugural release published a Russia D-Score in the Mature band — deception highly likely — meaning customer organizations should treat published Russian artifacts with a high deception caveat and counter-forecast against the cover story.

What no other vendor supplies

The Treadstone 71 Cognitive Forensics Suite extends scoring across 15 novel detection methods the commercial platforms do not address. Doctrinal drift detection identifies operational changes 6 to 18 months before they surface in operations. Counterfactual inference from negative space flags protected operational information through what the adversary suppresses. Decision-cycle topology mapping detects adversary organizational changes that precede strategy changes by months. Cross-persona entropy scoring detects small-team sock-puppet operations.

Two methods sit exclusive to the Executive Desk tier because they require offensive operational integration no commercial vendor maintains. The capability produces analytic output — for example, a finding that an adversary's actual command authority sits two layers deeper in the network than the public narrative places it — that defensive-only intelligence shops cannot generate.

Subscription tiers

Tier	Annual price	Scope
Tier 0 — Free	$0	Big Four composite scores, the methodology framework, and band assignments across the 42-actor catalog
Tier 1 — Analyst	$25,000	The seven Tier 1 actors at full eight-sub-index depth — 11 adversaries scored — with Sherman Kent confidence labels and boundary trigger flags
Tier 2 — Institutional	$75,000	The 27 Tier 2 actors with full STEMPLES Plus indicators, the Cultural Nexus layer, cluster comparatives, and the passive cognitive forensics methods
Tier 3 — Executive Desk	$250,000	The four Tier 3 actors and seven component annexes — the full catalog — with indicator drill-down, the active-probe methods (M9 CRT, M15 CAVI) under MNDA, and direct analyst engagement

What customer engagement produces

A 30-minute discovery call identifies primary adversary concerns, the current vendor field, analyst team structure, and executive reporting requirements. The output supplies a tier recommendation and a proof-of-value framing for a 60-day evaluation engagement.

The proof-of-value engagement supplies four quarterly TAI report previews against the customer's named adversary set, three analyst calls to walk through methodology and findings, and one executive briefing. The engagement runs at the Tier 1 entry price with a conversion option at any point in the 60-day window.

Next step

The TAI inaugural quarterly release published July 15, 2026. The next release lands October 5, 2026, and carries the TAI Q3 refresh and the CWTR inaugural together. Pricing locks at the published rates for the first 24 months of a subscription.

The TAI does not replace your current vendor relationships. The TAI supplies the unified composite score, the deception-likelihood signal, and the forecast confidence your current vendors do not produce. Most customers run TAI alongside one or two existing vendors through the first 12 months before consolidating spend toward the highest-value relationships.

Discovery call requests run to the Treadstone 71 commercial channel at www.treadstone71.com. Initial consultation runs free.

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