



Enhancing Regional Cooperation Maritime Domain Awareness Workshop

30-31 January 2012

Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia

Tokyo Appeal (28-30 Mar 2000)

(Asia Anti-Piracy Challenges 2000)



- ☐ Resolve to cooperate, devise and implement all possible **measures to combat** piracy and armed robbery against ships.
- ☐ Implement and enhance **self protective measures** on ships.
- ☐ Establish a **legal framework** for effective prosecution of alleged criminals.
- ☐ Promote exchange/**sharing of Information**.

Quotes



*“Piracy and armed robbery at sea are not simple issues and, as such, require a **coordinated response**”*

Message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, **Mr Ban Ki-Moon** @ Launch of the World Maritime Day Theme on 3 Feb 2011 (London).



*“.... reducing piracy elsewhere in the world to good effect, requires a well devised and **coordinated response**”*

Message from the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation, **Mr Efthimios E Mitropoulos** for World Maritime Day.



Coordinated responses

☐ No State or Agency is able to combat the maritime crime
ALONE !!

☐ Need for coordinated responses :

☐ Cooperation

☐ Collaboration

☐ Collectively work together



The ReCAAP Agreement



The Agreement came into force on **4 Sep 2006** and the ReCAAP-ISC was officially launched on **29 Nov 2006**.

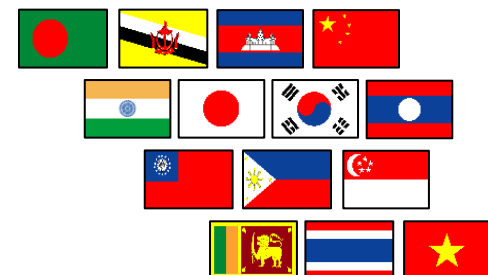
- ❑ 1st multilateral government-to-government anti-piracy effort in the region.
- ❑ ReCAAP ISC to be setup in Singapore as an International Organisation (IO) with local & foreign staff.

Mission

To enhance Regional Co-operation through **Information Sharing, Capacity Building** and **Cooperative Arrangements** in Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships..

Vision

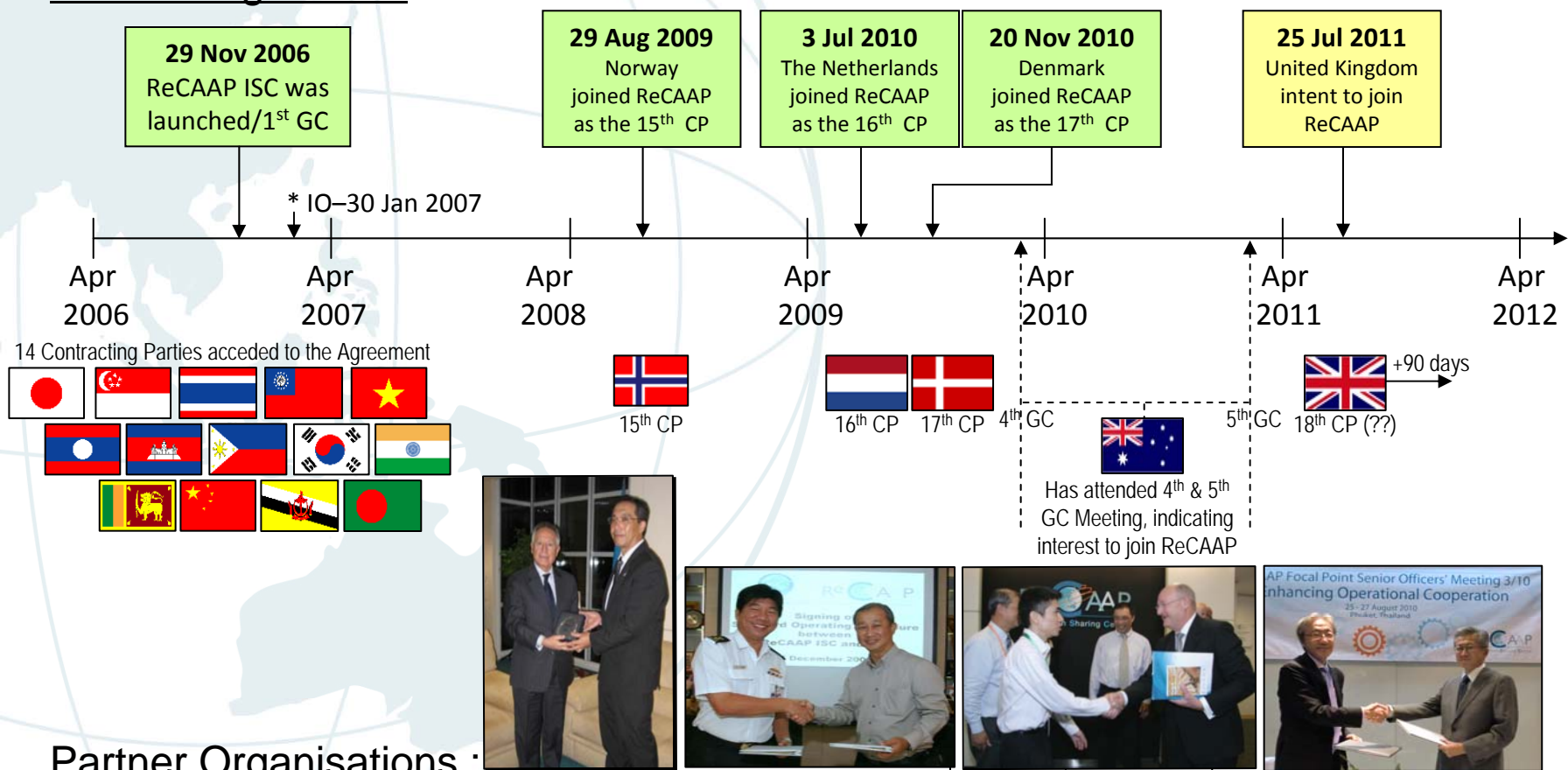
"To be the information hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia."



Contracting Parties/Partner Orgn



Contracting Parties :



Partner Organisations :



Signed MoU
4 Dec 2007



Signed SOP
17 Dec 2009



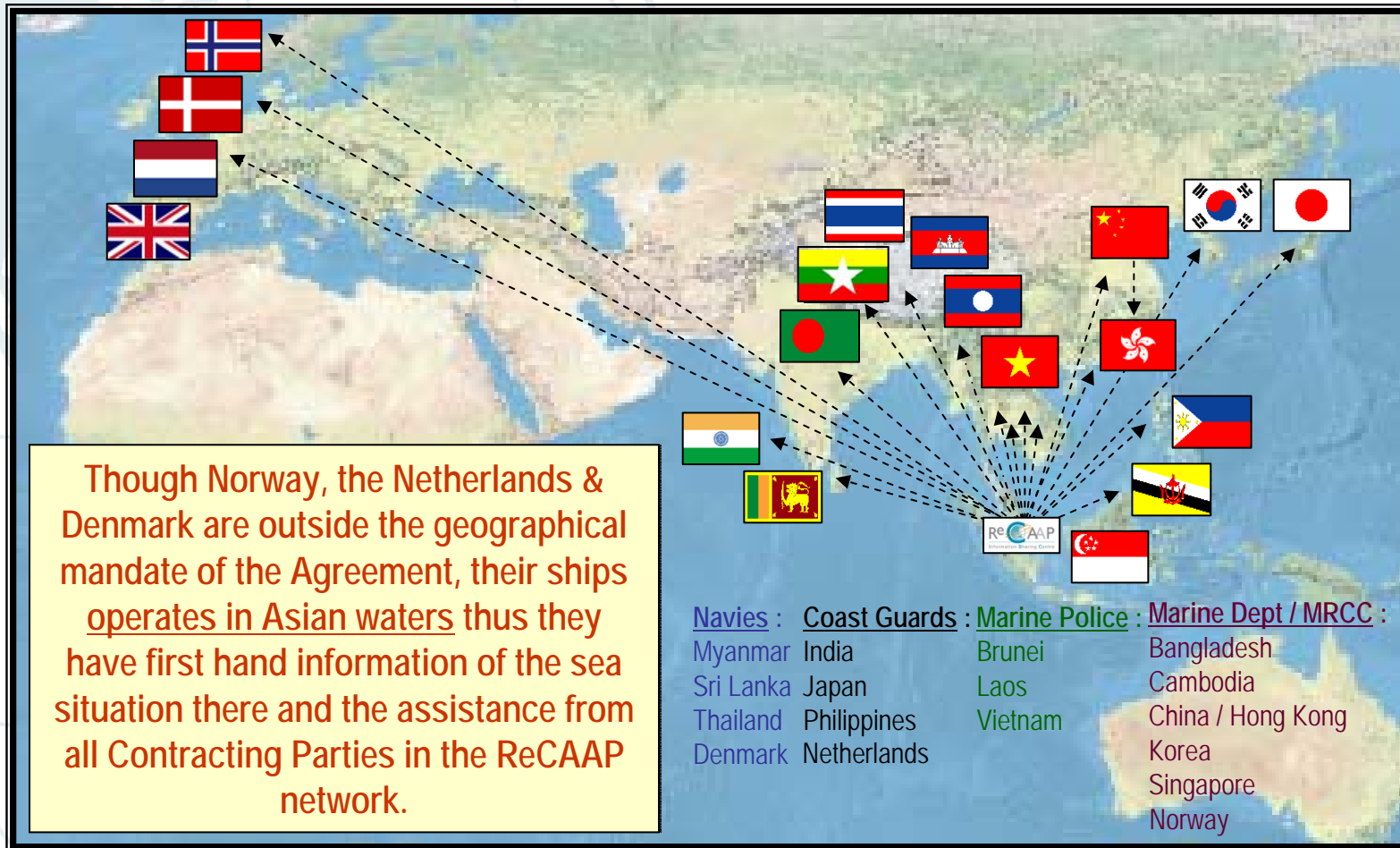
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29 Apr 2010



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27 Aug 2010

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ReCAAP ISC Network



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Prior to the Asian Initiative

- ❑ Individual State's maritime patrol.
- ❑ Bilateral arrangements between neighbouring States : (eg)
 - ❑ Indonesia-Singapore Coordinated Patrols (ISCP)
 - ❑ Jul 1992
 - ❑ India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrols (INDINDO)
 - ❑ Sep 2002
 - ❑ Malaysia-Indonesia Coordinated Patrols (MALINDO)
 - ❑ Jul 2004
- ❑ Experts' Group Bi-lateral exercises by the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) at :
 - ❑ India, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines & Thailand.



Other initiatives

- ❑ Trilateral Coordinated Patrol
 - ❑ TNI-AL, RMN & RSN
- ❑ Malacca Straits Patrols (MSP)
- ❑ Eye-in-the Sky (EiS)
- ❑ Inclusion of RTN for MSP & EiS...



Integrated effort by agencies

“All for **ONE** and **ONE** for all” **Shared responsibility.**

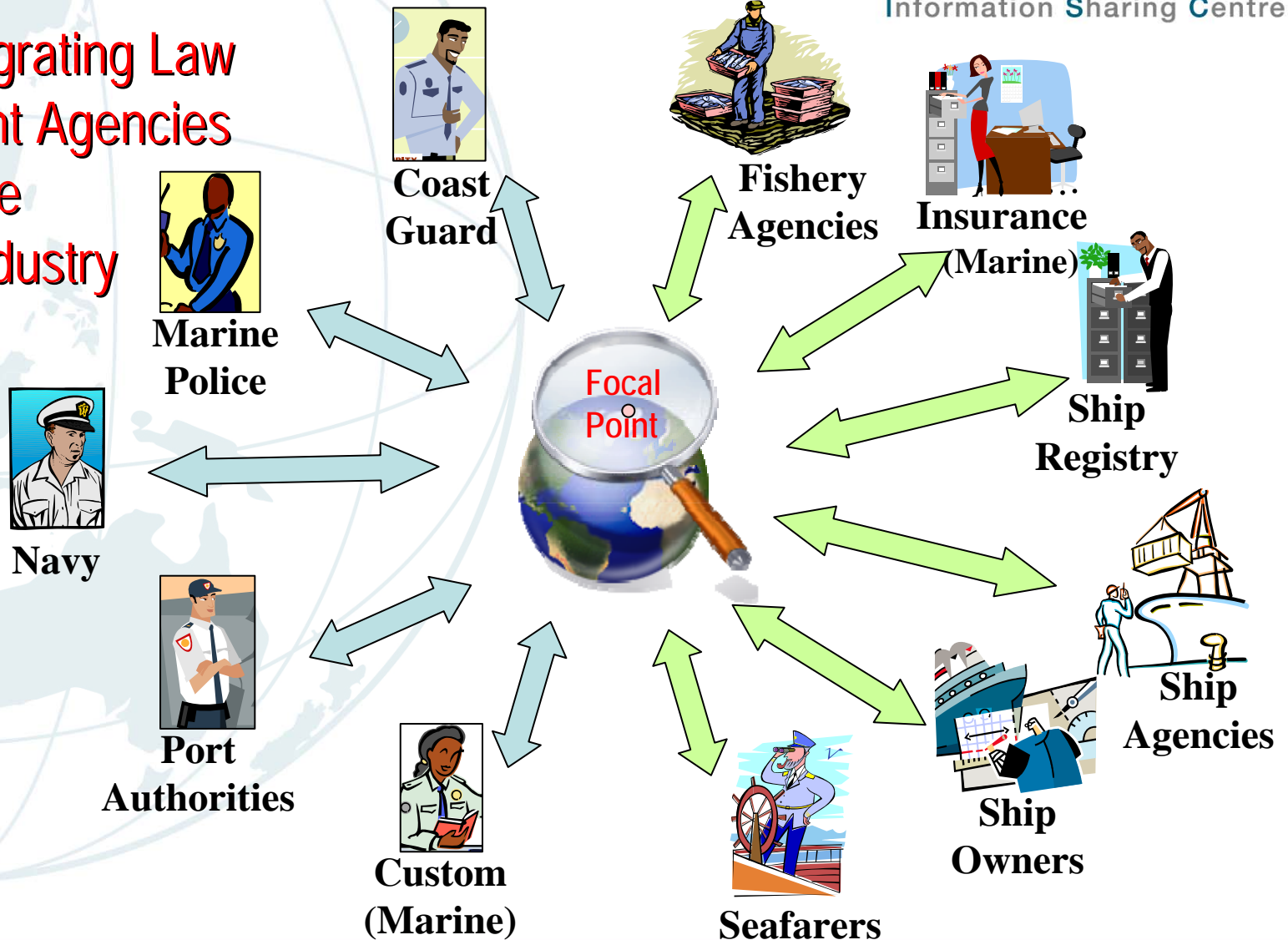
No ONE agency can do it **ALONE !!!**

- ☐ **Vessel Traffic Information Systems (VTIS)**
 - ☐ Along the Straits of Malacca & Singapore for ships >300 GT
- ☐ **Harbour Craft Transponder System (HARTS)**
 - ☐ In the Singapore Straits for vessels <300 GT.
- ☐ **Accompanying Sea Security Teams (ASSeT)**
- ☐ **Naval presence / sea patrols, etc**



Roles of Focal Points

**Integrating Law
Enforcement Agencies
with the
Maritime Industry**

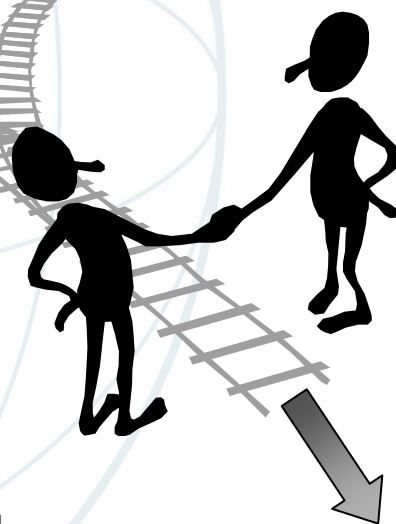


Integrating LEAs with Industry

**Law Enforcement
Agencies**



Maritime Industry



**Shared Responsibility
to combat / suppress Piracy
& Armed Robbery at sea**

Publicity/Awareness Programmes

❑ Regional Meetings/Forums.

- ❑ ASEAN Maritime Forum
- ❑ Nautical Forums.
- ❑ Cluster meetings.



❑ Anti-Piracy Conference.

- ❑ During Singapore Maritime Week



❑ Maritime Forums/ Discussions.

- ❑ Launch of Annual Reports
- ❑ Shared Awareness Programme
- ❑ Adhoc Forums/ Workshops.



Advisory handbooks/posters

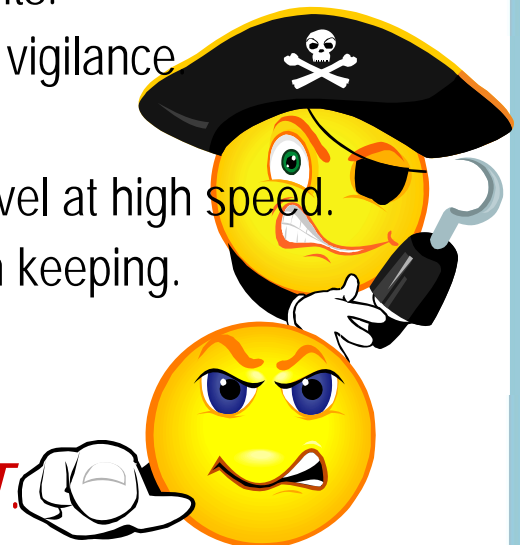


☐ Promote the use of **Best Management Practices** on tips for avoiding piracy, robbery and theft / management of incidents :

- ☐ Plan & BE PREPARED.
- ☐ Carry out Risk Assessments.
- ☐ Be on the alert – maintain vigilance
- ☐ Lock and check.
- ☐ Stay off the coast and travel at high speed.
- ☐ Access control and watch keeping.
- ☐ Illumination of vessel.
- ☐ Reporting of incidents.

☐ ***RESPECT THE THREAT.***

☐ The FACT / KEY MESSAGE :
IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU !!!



Anti-Piracy Poster for ships

Launched during Singapore Maritime Week by
Sec-Gen BIMCO & ED-ISC

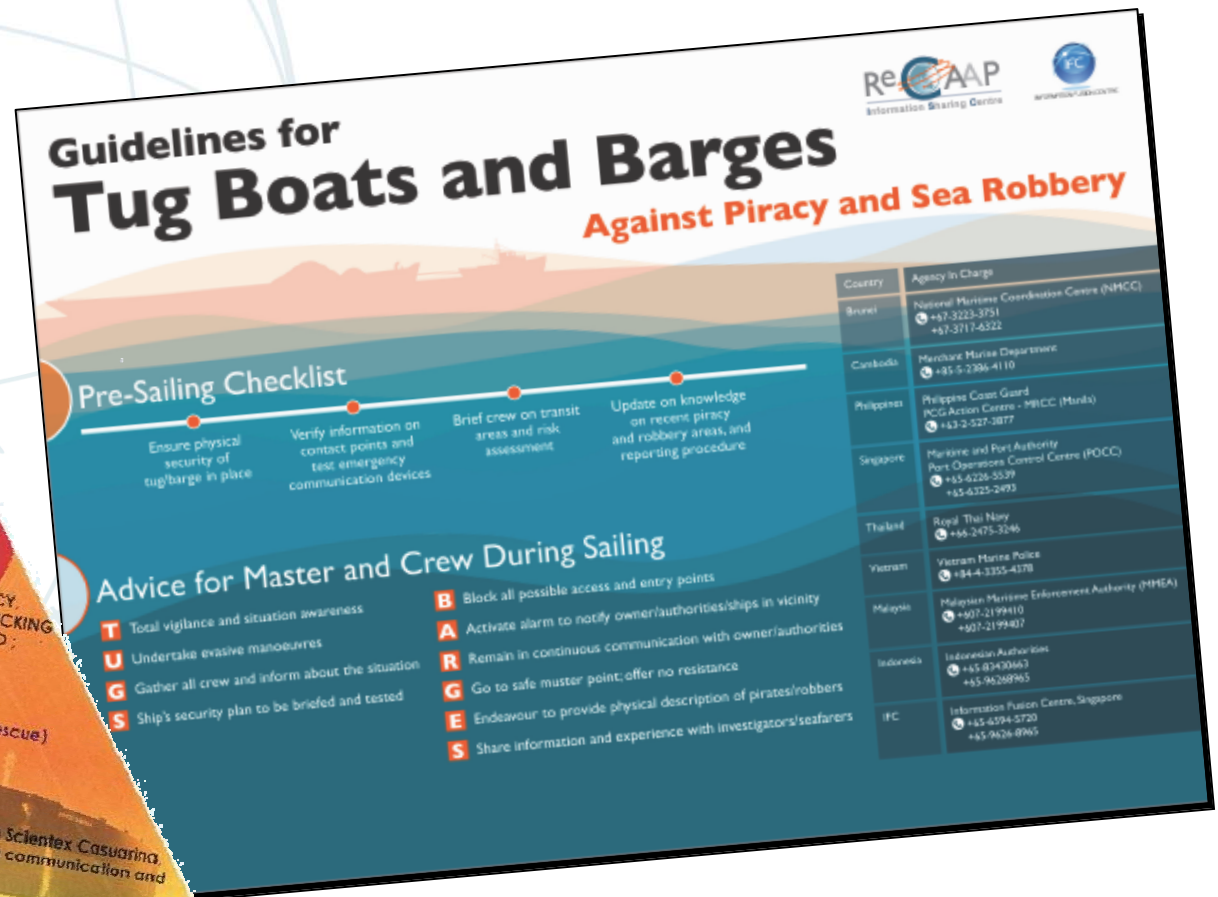
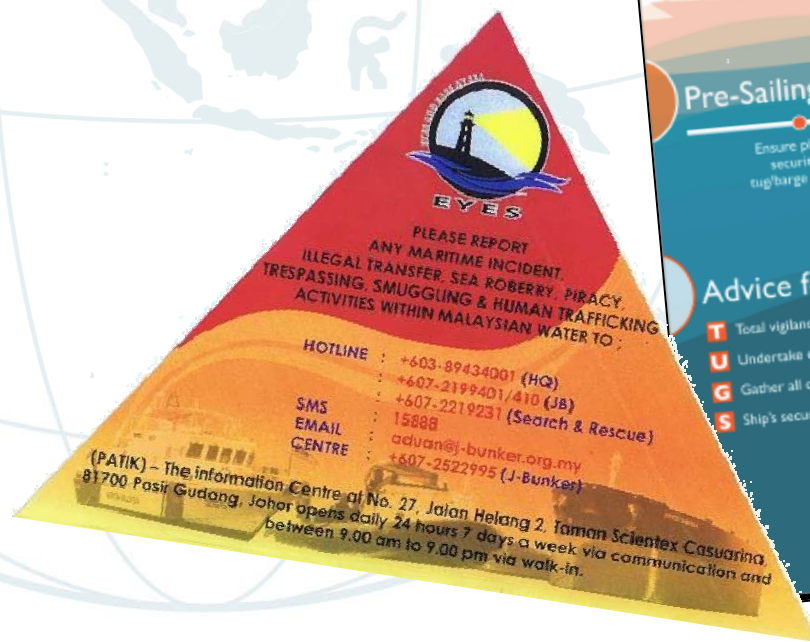


Joint Project by ReCAAP ISC & BIMCO

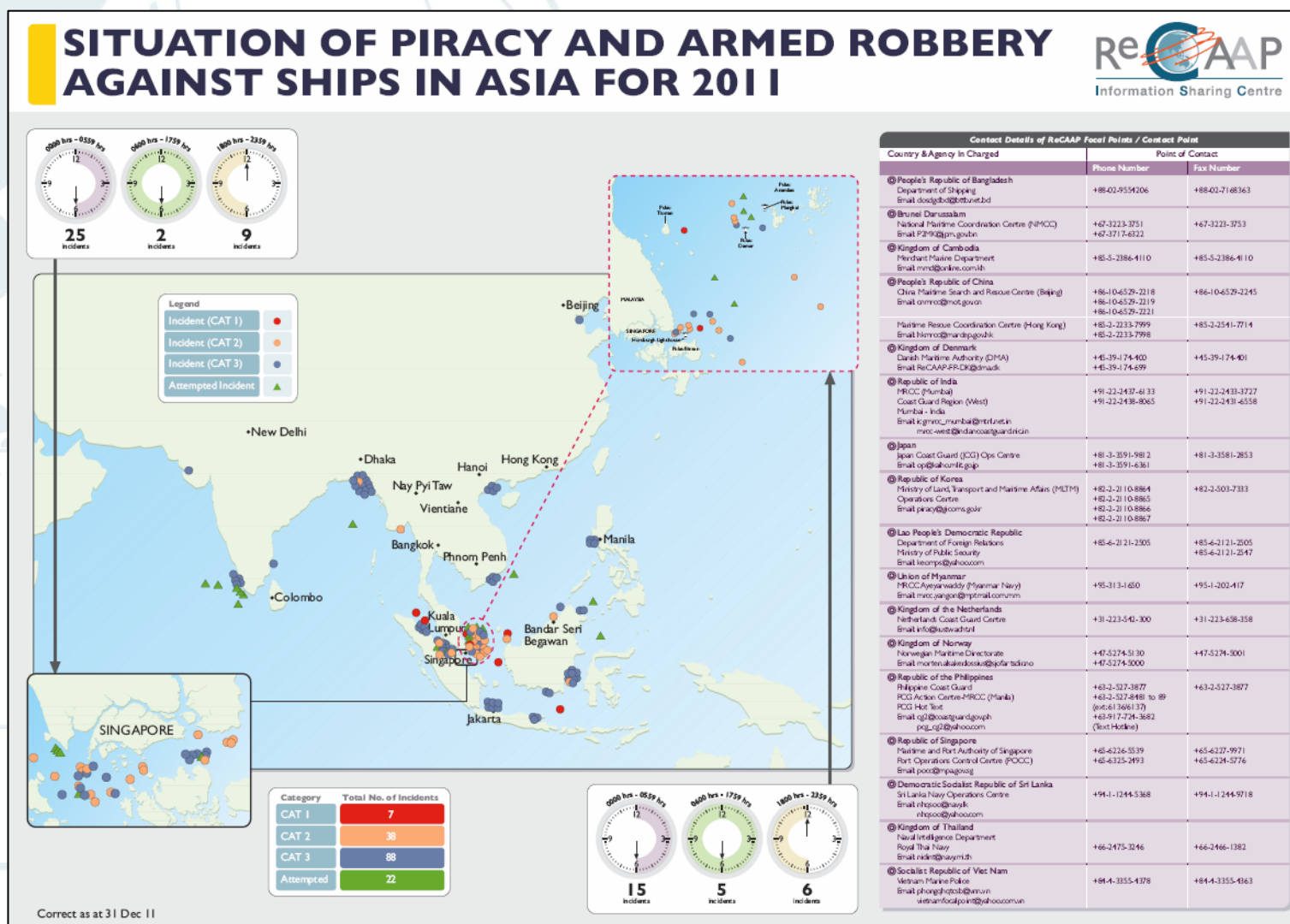
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Guidelines / Best Practices

- ❑ Provision of Guidelines / reminders to Master/Crew.
- ❑ Contact list.



Snapshot for quick appreciation



Information Sharing / Exchange ?

☐ Govt/Military organisation



☐ Inter-Ministries/Agencies



☐ Commercial environment

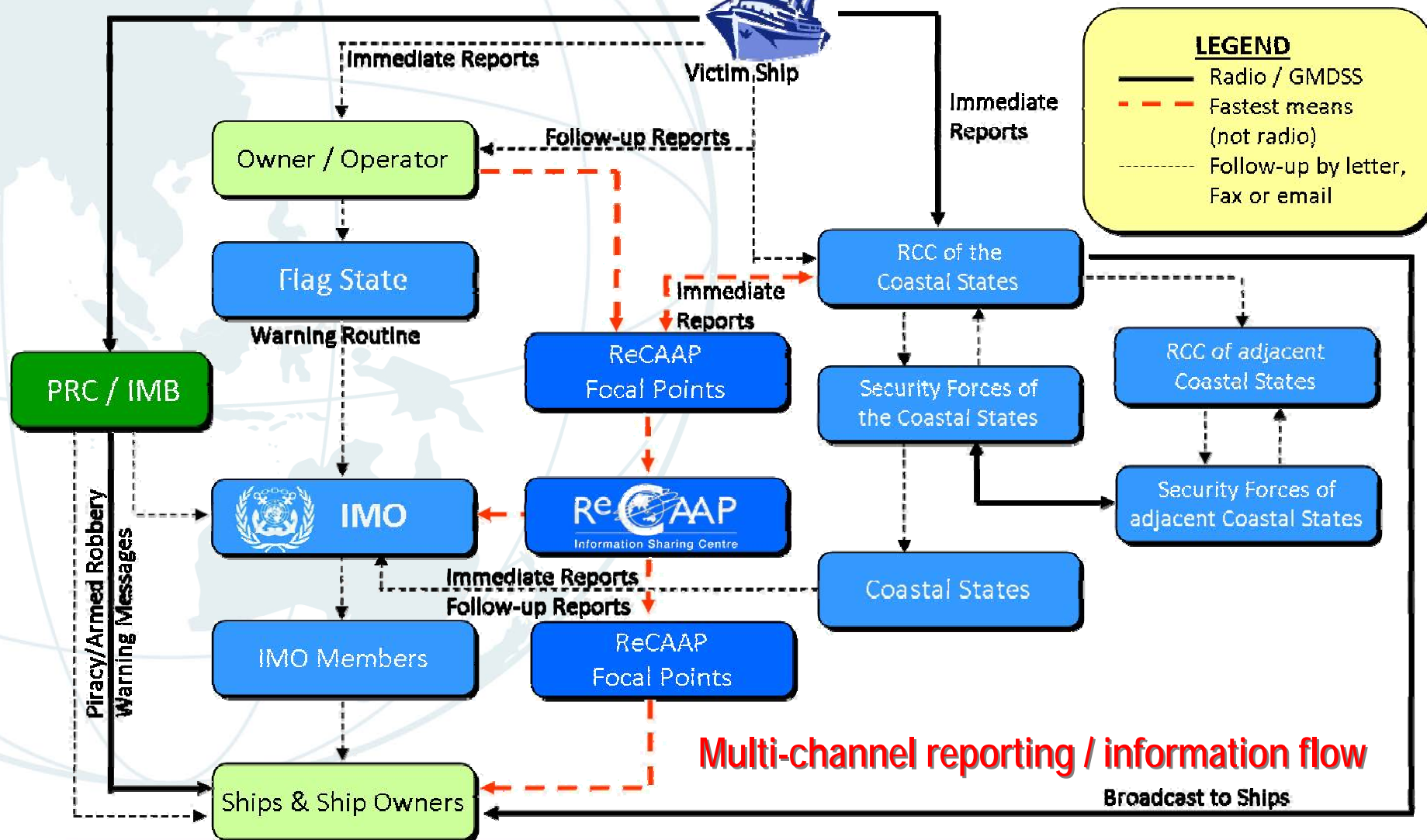


☐ Between neighbours



Reporting for incidents in Asia

(MSC.1/Circ.1334-endorsed @ 86th MSC Meeting)



Inter-twined relationship.

People related relationship

☐ Information Sharing :

☐ Cooperative Arrangement :

☐ Capacity Building :

Inter-twined relationship.



☐ Information Sharing :



☐ Cooperative Arrangement :



☒ Capacity Building :

- ☐ Bonding & Confidence Building.
- ☐ Conduit for Communication linkages.
- ☐ Education & situation awareness.

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☒ **Information Sharing :**

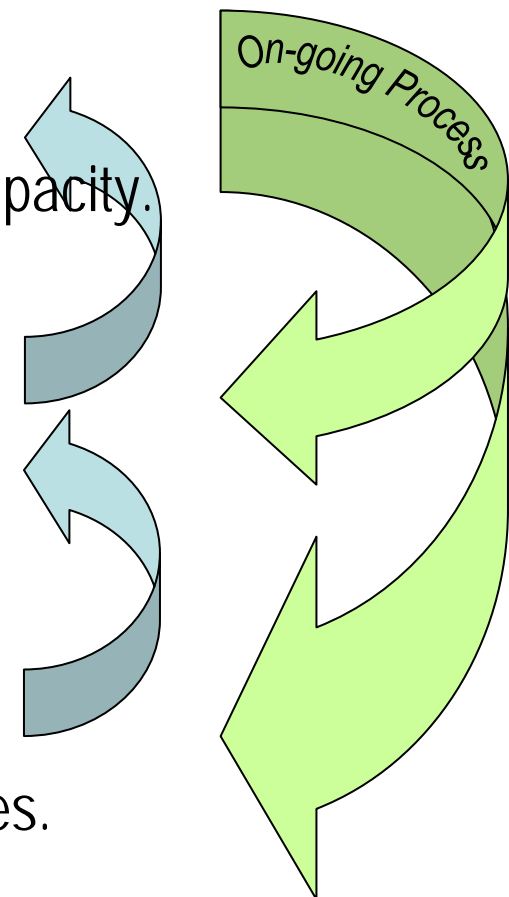
- ☐ Meeting operational requirements.
- ☐ Provision of mutual support.
- ☐ Enlarge operational capability & capacity.

☒ **Cooperative Arrangement :**

- ☐ Bridging of operational gaps.
- ☐ Training & operational exchanges.
- ☐ Joint/collaborative activities.

☒ **Capacity Building :**

- ☐ Bonding & Confidence Building.
- ☐ Conduit for Communication linkages.
- ☐ Education & situation awareness.



Capacity Building activities

- ❑ The fundamental need to have “a face” to the emails, phone calls, faxes, etc.
- ❑ Constant engagements to build relationships ... form teams enhance network establish trust



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To be useful

☐ Work with both the law enforcement agencies and the maritime industries.

- ☐ Bridging the ops gap.
- ☐ Seek areas of mutual interest.
- ☐ Shorten the learning curve.
- ☐ Sharing of best practices.
- ☐ Be the conduit for communications.
- ☐ Leverage of each other strength.



Constant engagements / collaborations



“Shared Responsibility” for better **coordinated responses**



**+ like-minded agencies
& organisations**



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Have a Jolly Good Day !!



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