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**Sustainable Maritime Security
Measures in South-East Asia**

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Overview

- **Maritime Security Threats in SEA**
- **International Legal Framework to Address Threats to Maritime Security**
- **Regional Efforts to Implement Maritime Security Measures**
- **Further Development**

SOUTHEAST ASIA



Maritime Security Threats

- 1) Piracy and armed robbery against ships;
- 2) Terrorist acts;
- 3) Illicit trafficking in arms and WMD;
- 4) Illicit trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances;
- 5) Smuggling and trafficking of people;
- 6) Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing;
- 7) Intentional and unlawful damage to the marine environment;

Situation and Trends in SEA

- Piracy and armed robbery against ships – increasing in numbers of attacks in general, and the siphoning of ship fuel/oil in particular;
- Land-based terrorist incidents, the growing threat of the ISIS;
- Transnational organized crimes: human trafficking and migrants smuggling, drug trafficking, small arms trafficking, smuggling of cigarettes, cyber crime and money laundering;
- IUU Fishing;

International Legal Framework

- **UNCLOS**
 - Jurisdictional framework of maritime zones
 - Attribution of jurisdiction among States
- **IMO Instruments**
 - SOLAS – ISPS Code
 - SUA Conventions/Protocols
 - Resolutions
 - Guidelines, Recommendations

Other International Agreements

- 1994 Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction
- 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs/1972 Protocol
- 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances
- 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
- 2000 United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime:
 - 2003 Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children;
 - 2004 Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air;
- 2013 Arms Trade Treaty

Regional Efforts to Implement Maritime Security Measures

- **ASEAN Regional Forum (1994)** – promote open dialogue on political and security issues; contribute to confidence-building and preventive diplomacy;
- **ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (2006)** – promote regional peace and stability; promote mutual trust and confidence; ASEAN Security Community;
- **ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (1997)** – prevent, fight and eradicate transnational crime;

ReCAAP

- **2004 Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia** – the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery in Asia.
- **Information Sharing Center (Singapore)** – information exchange among Focal Points; capacity building; cooperation with organizations and parties;

Africa

- **The Horn of Africa** – 2009 The Code of Conduct Concerning the Repression of Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden (Djibouti Code of Conduct)
 - Information sharing and reporting;
 - Interdicting ships;
 - Prosecution;
 - Repatriation for victims;
- Agreed to extend its remit to address other illicit maritime activity that threatens safety and security in the region.

Africa

- **West and Central Africa – 2013 The Code of Conduct concerning the repression of piracy, armed robbery against ships, and illicit maritime activity in west and central Africa (Yaoundé Code of Conduct)**
 - Review national legislation;
 - Coordinate structures and procedures;
 - Capacity training;
 - Cooperation with other relevant organizations;

Further Developments

- Capacity building – legislative & enforcement;
- Information sharing – communications and information exchange;
- Joint patrolling (ship-rider) – bilateral & multilateral joint exercises;
- External partners – IMO, organizations, private entities and States;

Further Developments

- Extend ReCAAP mandate to other illicit maritime activities?
- Regional code of conduct to address illicit maritime activities?