

**REPORT ON THE UPDATED STATUS ON THE OIL SPILL RESPONSE
EQUIPMENT IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE**

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Abstract

1. Malaysia has established oil spill preparedness and response mechanism which include the supply of oil spill response equipment and the maintenance of the equipment.
2. Malaysia has set up several oil spill combat centers along the coast facing the Straits of Malacca namely Port Klang, Penang, Johor Bahru, Langkawi and Port Dickson equipped with oil spill response crafts and trained personnel.
3. Apart from the resources established by Malaysia, there is also the Revolving Fund Committee (RFC) set up through a tripartite arrangement between Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore to cooperate in combating any oil spill incident in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.
4. Malaysia became a party to the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation, 1990 (OPRC 1990) and its ratification was made in 1997 after the establishment of the National Contingency Plan for Combating Oil Pollution in 1976.
5. The National Contingency Plan for Combating Oil Pollution has three (3) tiers, that is, Tier I, Tier II and Tier III. Tier I is action to be taken by locally or by terminal operator. When Tier I is exhausted due to large quantities of spill unable to contained by the existing capabilities and resources, the State's Department of Environment will declare Tier II. This stage will be involved by many government agencies, non-government agencies and oil spill containment contractors. Tier III will be the stage of action whereby regional cooperation will be initiated and the operations will be headed by the Director General of Environment.
6. In the case of cooperation between Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore, such cooperation was already adopted in 1984, namely, "Standard Operating Procedure for Joint Oil Spill in the Straits of Malacca and Straits of Singapore". Stockpiles of Oil Spill Response (OSR) equipment are strategically located along the Straits of Malacca by the Marine Department and some by the "Petroleum Industry of Malaysia Mutual Aid Group (PIMMAG)".
7. One of the core activity of the Marine Department is to protect marine environment. Therefore, the authority has taken paramount steps to ensure that Malaysia is ready to combat the

oil pollution through the procurement of OSR equipment under the Eighth Malaysia Plan for a total of RM10.5 million (US\$ 3.3m) including annual maintenance.

Action requested of the Committee

8. The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided and decide as it may deem appropriate.