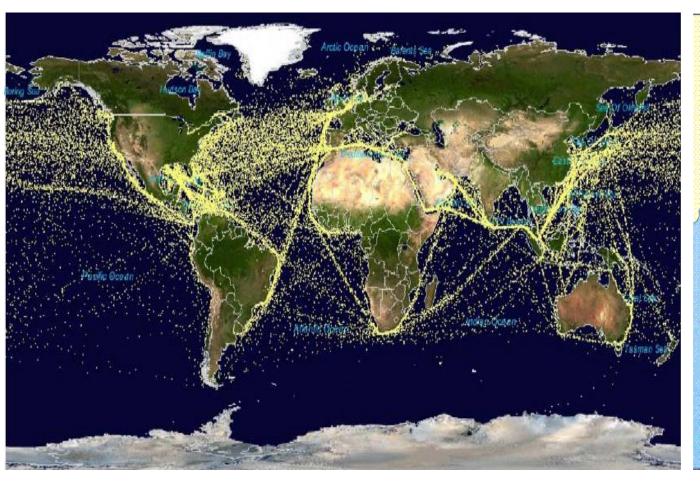


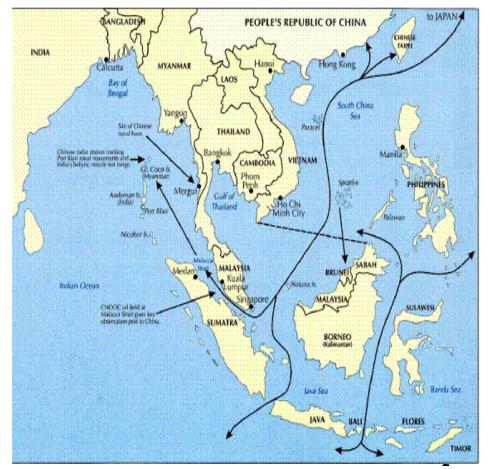
# ENHANCEMENT OF MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE

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### The Cooperative Mechanism: Cooperation Forum

### **Straits of Malacca and Singapore**





#### **Principles/Legal Framework**

- UNCLOS 1982 Article 43 encourages littoral States and user States to cooperate in the fields of safety of navigation and environmental protection.
- Other comprehensive International Law Protection such as MARPOL 73/78, CLC 1992, COLREG 1972, International Convention for Oil Pollution Preparedness 1980, Bunker Convention 2001, AFS Convention 2001, BWM Convention 2004 encouraged the International users to protect marine environment from pollution originating from ships.

#### **Background/Development**

- Littoral States in the SOMS held the meetings in Jakarta (2005), Kuala Lumpur (2006) and Singapore (2007) led to establishment of framework of Cooperative Mechanism on safety of navigation and environmental protection in SOMS.
- Indonesia presented new initiative on Enhancement of Marine Environmental Protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore at the 9th Co-Operation Forum under the Co-Operative Mechanism on Safety of Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 26-27 September 2016.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Cooperation Forum (2016) noted the new initiatives presented by Indonesian MOFA regarding the Enhancement of MEP in the SOMS

## ToR on Enhancement of Marine Environmental Protection in the SOMS (Objectives)

- 1. A plan of an applicable management to:
  - a. continue to keep the SOMS serving the users;
  - b. balance of maintaining the shipping activity with protection of environment;
  - c. understand the environmental state of SOMS;
  - d. develop related laws and regulations.
- 2. Precautionary approach principles towards environmental profile of the SOMS that would categorize various environmental hazards and extension of threat to environment and to what extent this condition should be approached by all stakeholders of the SOMS.

## ToR on Enhancement of Marine Environmental Protection in the SOMS (Projective Plan)

- 1. Roundtable discussion between littoral States, including representatives of local government along the SOMS, user States, International Organization and shipping industry.
- 2. Cooperative funding for environmental protection project.
- 3. Using the existing TSS as an entry point to identify risk analysis.
- 4. Possible enforcing laws and regulation.
- 5. Involvement of users and shipping industry towards modalities of cooperation.
- 6. Study on the usage and impact of chemical substance in oil spill response.

### **Prospects**

- 1. Respond on the Proposal of ToR on Enhancement of Marine Environmental Protection in the SOMS from other Littoral States
- 2. Opportunity to strengthen cooperation and collaboration both on safety of shipping activity and protection of environment, and
- 3. Participation and contribution from users

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