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FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE PLACES OF REFUGE IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE

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Introduction

“My principal concern is that the existing measures adopted by IMO are the best measures we could agree on but, in reality, those measures alone might not be effective to resolve actual cases where incidents require Places of Refuge urgently.

In other words, the question appears to be not so much whether the IMO measures are adequate, but rather what more could be done at the operational level including communication and consultation between ship operator and shore authorities and the availability of adequate insurance for compensation for potential damage to the environment and local shore community”.....

H.E. Koji Sekimizu

IMO Secretary-General Opening Remarks at 101st Legal Committee

BACKGROUND

✗ Place of Refuge :-

- ✗ *“A location or place where ship is in distress and needed assistance to find a favourable environment, enabling it to take action to stabilise its condition, protect human life and reduce the hazards to navigation and to the environment;*
- ✗ IMO Res A.949 & A.950;
- ✗ Cases - Erica, Castor, Prestige and Maritime Maisie;

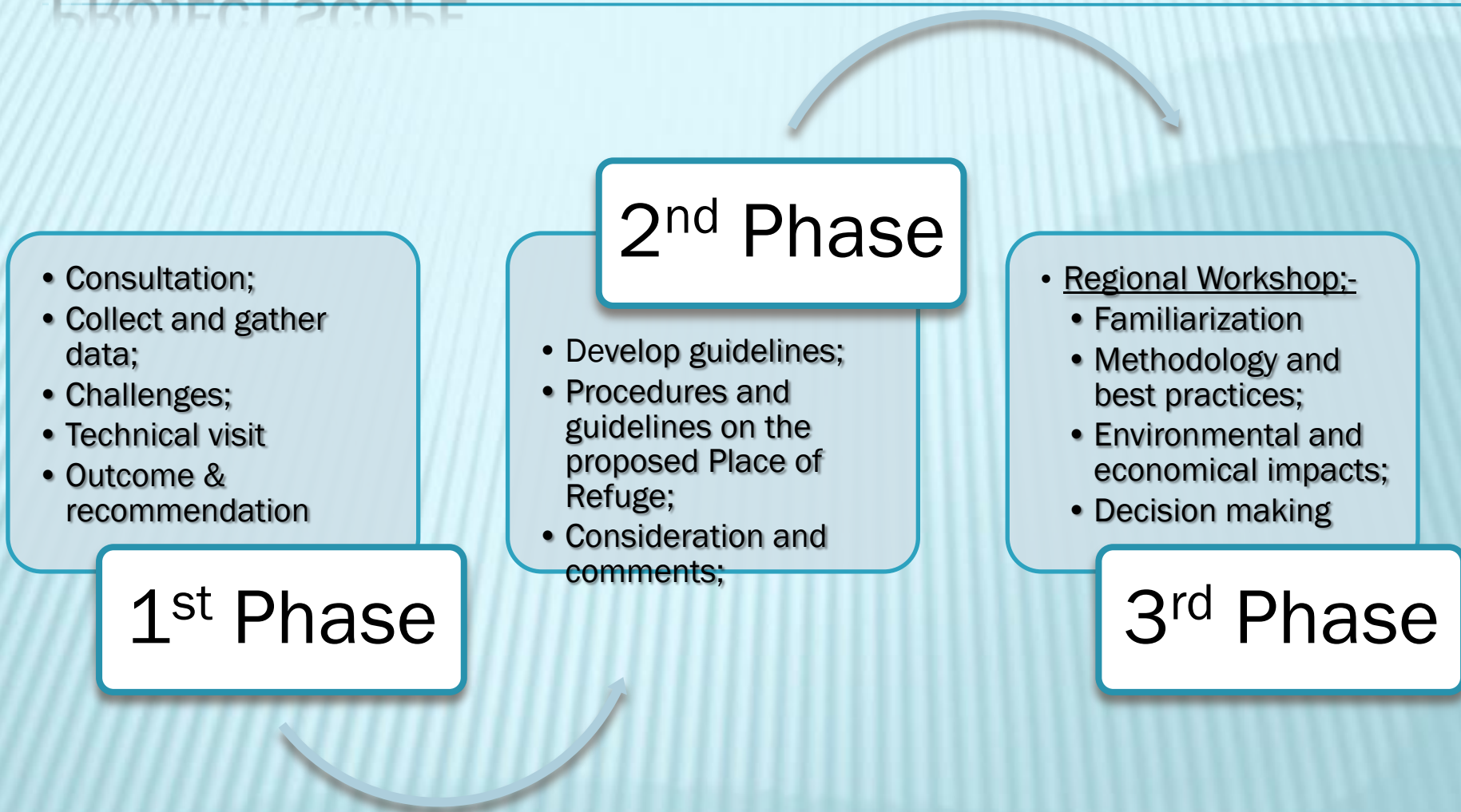


CURRENT STATUS IN THE SOMS

- ✖ Variety products carried on board ships transiting the Straits;
- ✖ Dangerous cargoes such as oil, gas and chemical products;
- ✖ 77,793 vessels reported to Klang VTS in 2013 -
 - ✖ 31.62% of containers;
 - ✖ 23.46 % of tankers;
 - ✖ 16.23 % of bulk carriers;
 - ✖ 6.19% of VLCC / deep draft;



PROJECT SCOPE



CONCLUSION

“More international instruments will not contribute to further increases of safety at sea, but require more efficient implementation of regimes, enhance and better coordination national, regional and international framework will serve the purpose...”

“Proactive steps to ensure increased cooperation from Users of the Straits under the Cooperative Mechanism on the safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits....”