Feasibility Study on the Identification of Possible Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) in the Straits of Malacca

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Overview of National PSSA Workshop



Overview of National PSSA Workshop

- Held from 23 25 February 2011
- Objective
 - Provide understanding of IMO tools for specific area management
 - Emphasis on PSSA
- 29 participants from 16 organisations
- IMO and resource persons

Outputs of break out groups

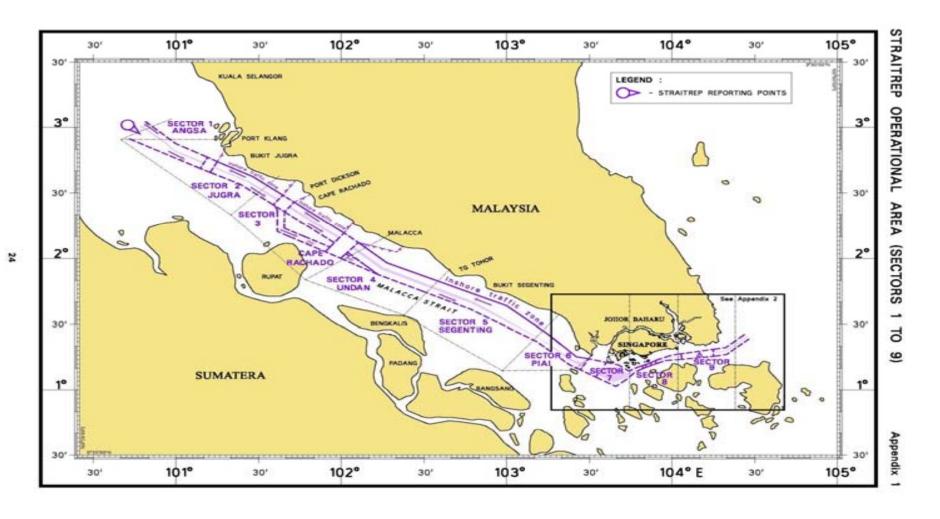
- Identification of potential PSSAs
- Identification of APMs

Options for PSSAs

- West coast of Sabah around Semporna
- Miri Sibuti marine park, Sarawak
- Pulau Layang-Layang
- Specific sites on the Straits of Malacca
 - Northeast Langkawi
 - Larut-Matang mangrove area
 - Pulau Jarak, Pulau Perak, Pulau Sembilan
 - Sungai Pulai RAMSAR site

Identification of potential PSSAs

The Straits of Malacca



Identification of potential PSSAs

Why the Straits of Malacca?



Options for PSSAs

- Specific sites on the Straits of Malacca
 - Northeast Langkawi
 - Larut-Matang mangrove area
 - Pulau Jarak, Pulau Perak, Pulau Sembilan
- North of One Fathom Bank to Langkawi

Current efforts

- Marine Parks and Marine Protected Areas in Peninsular Malaysia, RAMSAR sites
- National physical planning
- Environmental sensitivity index mapping by national oil corporation (PETRONAS)
- Various tools in Straits of Malacca and Singapore (TSS, VTMS, mandatory reporting, routeing)

Further needs

- Refinement of site selection
- Data collection to update site status and threats
- Data collection in traffic pattern and volume in areas for consideration
- Littoral state consultation
- Stakeholder consultation and buy-in

Recommendation

 Undertake feasibility study for establishment of PSSA in Straits of Malacca either for specific sites or area north of One Fathom Bank to Lankgkawi

Thank You