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AN UPDATES ON THE STRAITS PROJECT 11 Development of Guidelines on the Places of Refuge for Ships in Needs of Assistance in the SOMS

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INTRODUCTION

The issues of 'places of refuge' is one aspect of the contingency planning in the consideration of which the rights and interests of Coastal States as well as to render assistance to vessels that are damaged or disable or otherwise in distress at sea to be taken into account

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IMO Secretary-General

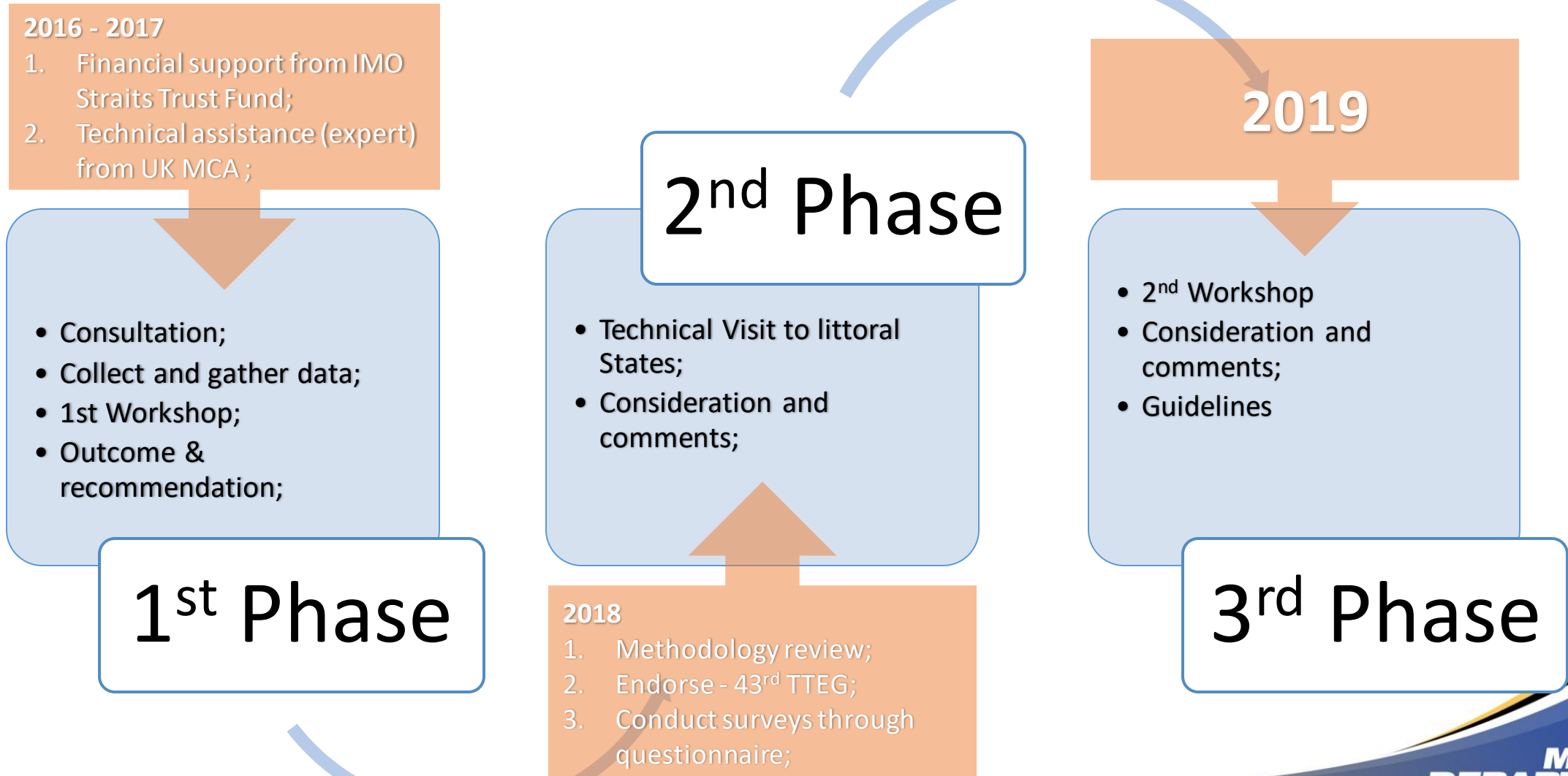
BIMCO Review 2004

BACKGROUND

- ✘ Variety products carried on board ships transiting the Straits;
- ✘ 2016 to 2017 statistic on ships reported to Port Klang VTS beyond 80,000 ships;
- ✘ 'Granting access' to a place of refuge in the SOM will be an issues and cause a problem to the Coastal States, i.e environmentally, economically, populations, political decision, etc.



PROJECT SCOPE



1ST WORKSHOP (1ST PHASE)

No	Recommendation
1	Each States' National Plans to feature procedures for dealing with places of refuge incidents in accordance with IMO Res A.949(23).
2	Decision Making / Competent Authority
3	IMO expert to visit Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore
4	Develop modified EU Operational Guidelines for SOMS area use.
5	Plan and execute TTX to test new SOMS area place of refuge guidelines. Opportunity to engage with industry.
6	Establish SOMS Area Place of Refuge Co-operation Group

1st Workshop
Venue : Johor Bahru, Malaysia;
Date : 7 – 10 February 2017;
Attendance : 12 pax from the littoral States;



The Secretary of State's
Representative for Maritime
Salvage & Intervention



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NEXT....2nd PHASE

Coastal State Fact Finding Questionnaire

Period : October – December 2018

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.....3rd PHASE

2nd PoR Workshop

Venue : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Date : 1st Quarter 2019

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(12 pax)

OUTCOMES
Guidelines

Technical Expert
Industry

- Correspondence / Intersessional Meeting
- Guidelines to be presented at the 12th CF;
- Endorse at the 44th TTEG Meeting;

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...”

“Steps taken by the littoral States to ensure the vital shipping lane is secure and open”