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AN UPDATES ON THE STRAITS PROJECT 11:

Development on the Joint Guidelines of the Places of Refuge for Ships in Needs of Assistance in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS)

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Current Status

November 2003,
IMO adopted two
resolutions
addressing the
issue of places of
refuge for ship in
distress



An important step in assisting those involved in incidents that may lead to the need for a place of refuge to make the right decisions at the right time.



NCSR 9 held from 21 – 30 June 2022 ; finalized draft revision which incorporate experiences and developments since its adoption

in 2004

Outcomes from



Will be submitted to MSC, MEPC and the Legal Committee, for approval, with a view to adoption by the Assembly in 2023

Res A.949(23)

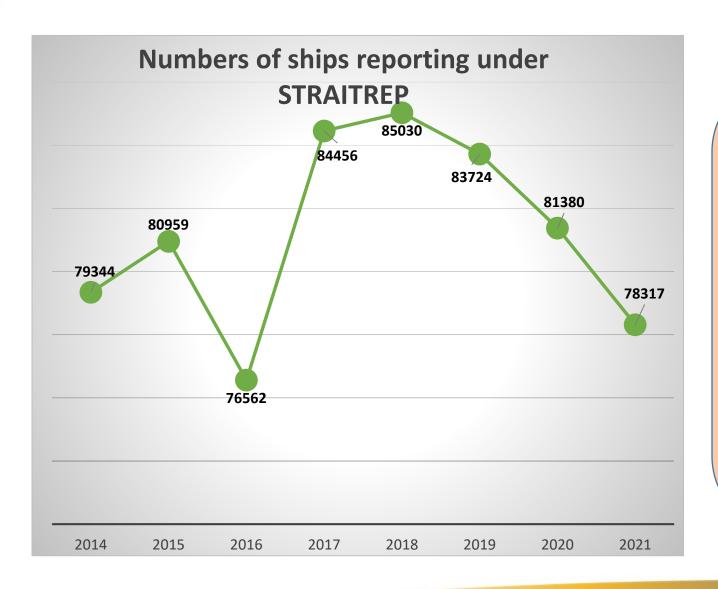
Guidelines on places of refuge for ships in need of assistance

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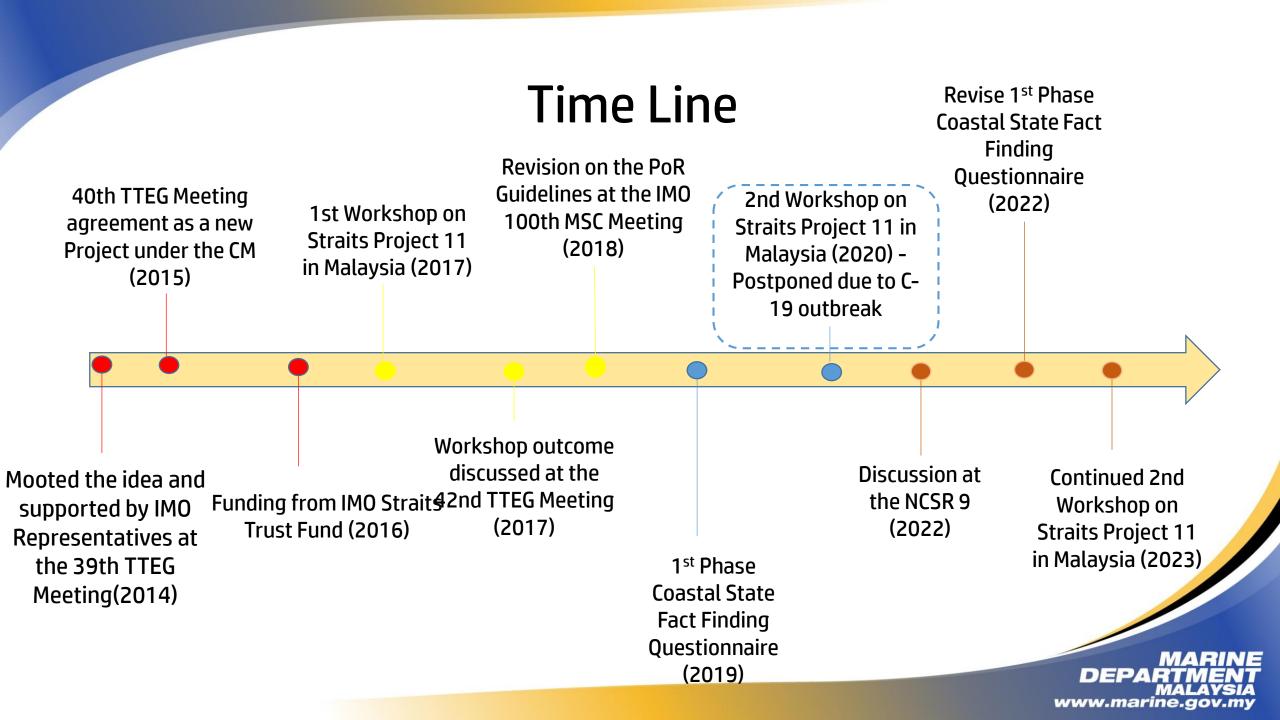
Res A.950(23)
Maritime Assistance Services (MAS)



Current Status



- 1. Variety of ship products carried on board ships transiting the Straits;
- 2. Statistic shown the SOMS continuously receiving higher international shipping traffic despite C-19 pandemic;
- 3. Issues of "Place of Refuge" still in the list of the higher priority of the littoral States



Time Line -1st Workshop

NO INFORMATION 1 VENUE : GRANADA HOTEL, JOHOR BHARU, JOHOR DATE : 7- 10 FEBUARY 2017

DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES ON THE PLACES OF REFUGE FOR SHIPS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE IN
THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE UNDER THE PROJECT 11 - UNDER THE
COOPERATIVE MECHANISM ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND MARINE ENVIRONMENT IN
THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE

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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
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Future Outlook

- Draft guidelines to be shared at 14th PCC;
- Endorse at the 46th TTEG Meeting
- Incorporated in the existing mechanism –ASEAN Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan (ROSCP) / National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP)



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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..."