

2019 ASEAN Regional Forum Concept Paper

Activity Title: National Maritime Points of Contact Directory

Co-Chairs: Country Name and the United States of America

Background: Since 2015, the United States of America has worked alongside the countries of the ARF to implement confidence building measures aimed at increasing interoperability and information sharing to strengthen overall maritime domain awareness. Currently at multiple levels, ARF countries engage on topics related to fisheries management, maritime safety, law enforcement cooperation, and maritime domain awareness. At the core of all of these engagements is the fundamental need for the ARF member countries to increase practical communication conducted in real time and directly with those charged with decision making.

Objective: To concretely increase ARF interoperability and promote actual information exchange and administrative coordination by developing a national maritime points of contact directory involving all relevant points of contact engaged in maritime related affairs such as (but not limited to) fisheries, port security, and maritime law enforcement agencies and further the discussion on how to structure an ASEAN National Maritime Single Point of Contact.

Maritime Security Priority Area: This proposal will further the goals under the 2018-2019 ARF Maritime Security Work Plan, *Priority area 3: Capacity Building and Enhancing Cooperation of Maritime Law Enforcement Agencies in the Region.*

Proposal: The United States and (country) propose to hold a technical support engagement that will work to develop a points of contact directory that each country will contribute towards by submitting their points of contact for consolidation into an ARF regional directory. The engagement would cover case studies on interagency frameworks that model interagency coordination and informational exchanges. Topics related to forming a NMSPOC would also be integrated to increase development on longer-term regional NMSPOC development. This engagement will be held in early 2020, in collaboration with relevant ARF member country institutions. We anticipate approximately 60-70 participants as described below.

Participants: To be optimally effective, this workshop will target officials from line agencies directly involved in fisheries management, fisheries coordination, maritime law enforcement, and port security.

Date and Venue: This engagement will take place in the first quarter of calendar year 2020.

Administrative Arrangements: The co-chairs would share the administrative costs of the workshop, including the venue, meeting preparations, travel costs for expert presenters, and working dinners and lunches. International travel, accommodations, and other related cost necessary for workshop participation would be borne by the respective participants.

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Initial Directory Contacts: Prior to the meeting date, each ARF member-country will be sent a form to complete that will list out each area for which a point of contact or contacts is being requested. Countries should list at least one points of contact for each requested area, but should certainly list all contacts engaged in a particular topic area. The United States will compile all information to be shared electronically and in hard copy with each member state. Hard copies will be made available intermittently throughout the year. The electronic version will be distributed routinely via email routinely to ensure reliability.

Directory Updates: The United States will manage quarterly updates by sending a request for updates out throughout the ASEAN Secretariat, compiling those edits, and sending out an update version each quarter. The directory will reside on the ARF website.

Directory Specifics: The directory will include the following details per country:

- Contact Name
- Contact Position + Ministry
- Contact Telephone Number
- Contact Email Address
- Contact Languages spoken.

Voluntary Contributions: This Directory intended to be used by all ARF participants as needed, but is entirely voluntary.