

## Thailand Maritime Enforcement Coordinating Center (THAI-MECC)

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The National Security Council approved the establishment of the THAI-MECC in 1997

## **THAI-MECC MISSIONS**



- Collect, analyze, and share maritime information
- Coordinate on prevention, protection, and suppression of any illegal activities at sea
- Assist SAR at sea

### **THAI-MECC COMMAND STRUCTURE**



### **THAI-MECC** AREA OF **RESPONSIBILITY**





#### THAI MARITIME ENFORCEMENT COORDINATING CENTRE: THAI-MECC



#### **The Marine Police**



#### The Royal Thai Navy



#### **The Custom Department**



**The Marine Department** 



#### **The Fishery Department**



The Coastal & Maritime Resources Department

# **Challenges:** THAI-MECC 20 Years On

- Perform "coordinating role"
- Manning and resource challenges
- Friction on Institutionalization

 to enhance Thai-MECC from <u>"coordinator" to "director"</u>

## **Transition:** The Road to new THAI-MECC





#### The past practices and mindset have to be altered: Maritime Information Sharing Mechanism

## International / Regional Collaborations









# THAI - MECC New THAI - MECC



# **THAI-MECC**



#### Ongoing Legislation

- Ongoing Legislation To date, handled by Council of the State before presenting to The Cabinet for submission to the National Assembly
- Expectedly be enacted by the National Assembly in May 2018
- Significant mechanism improved by the Bill
  - Enhance closer and efficient maritime security management
  - Tactical Control of maritime assets
  - THAI-MECC Officers will be empowered to search, arrest, investigate and make a case for indictment

### COMMAND STRUCTURE THAI-MECC



#### **Structural Reform**

- Director: Prime Minister
- Deputy Director: RTN C-in-C
- Multi-disciplinary organization, include maritime task forces
- Central Staffs: manage in operation and intelligence

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# **FUTURE THAI-MECC**

Once THAI-MECC Act of comes into force, THAI-MECC is able to

- work side by side with other nations' coastguard, not only with THAI agencies , through Thai-MECC liaison officers from interested countries.
- > Share maritime information among partnering countries.
- Support ASEAN Maritime Task Forces, as assigned,
- > exercise maritime law enforcement in responsible area with partnering agencies in the future.



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