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Special Event

**9th Annual National Contact Points (NCP)
Meeting on the Implementation of the
Framework Programme for Joint Oil Spill
Preparedness and Response in the Gulf of
Thailand**



REPORT OF THE 9TH NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS MEETING
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME
FOR JOINT OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND COOPERATION
IN THE GULF OF THAILAND

17 November 2015
Furama Resort Hotel, Da Nang, Viet Nam

1. INTRODUCTION

The 9th National Contact Points Meeting on the Implementation of the Framework Programme for Joint Oil Spill Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in the Gulf of Thailand was held on 17 November 2015 at Furama Resort Hotel, Da Nang, Viet Nam. The Meeting was held as a side event of the East Asian Seas Congress 2015.

Twenty (20) key officials representing the Merchant Marine Department and Ministry of Environment of Cambodia, Marine Department of Thailand, Thailand Oil Industry Environmental Safety Group (IESG), Vietnam National Search and Rescue Committee (VINASARCOM), Vietnam Administration for Seas and Islands (VASI), and Vietnam National Southern Oil Spill Response Center (NASOS) participated in the meeting. The Partnerships on Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) was represented in the meeting. The list of participants is attached as **ANNEX A**.

2. OPENING MESSAGE

Mr. Vu Si Tuan, Deputy Administrator of VASI delivered an opening message and stressed the significance of the Gulf of Thailand Cooperation in oil spill preparedness and response and the importance of setting up a cooperation plan for three participating countries in the next five years. Mr. Vu Si Tuan stressed that the Meeting enables countries to review initiatives and major achievements, update information, share experiences and learn good practices in the implementation of the Gulf of Thailand Framework Programme.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Meeting elected Mr. Mak Sideth, Director, Merchant Marine Department, General Transport Department, Ministry of Public Works and Transport of Cambodia as the Chair.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Meeting adopted the Agenda, which appears as **ANNEX B**.

6. BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS

The Meeting was convened in plenary.

7. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

Country Reports on National Initiatives to Support the Implementation of the Framework Programme for Joint Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Gulf of Thailand

The National Contact Points (NCP) of Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam presented their country reports on the progress made on national initiatives to support the implementation of the framework programme for joint oil spill preparedness and response in the Gulf of Thailand including activities supported by other funding organizations which are summarized below:

Cambodia

- 7.1 The NCP of Cambodia represented by Mr. Mak Sideth informed the Meeting on the major activities and achievements of the national contact point for 2015. These are: (1) review and updating of the national oil spill contingency plan of Cambodia; and (2) review of the sub-decree on Establishing a National System for Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in Cambodia.
- 7.2 A National Workshop on Oil Spill Preparedness, Response and Cooperation was conducted on June 15-18, 2015 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia to review and update the national oil spill contingency plan. The workshop was participated in by 40 individuals from relevant agencies.
- 7.3 NCP Cambodia participated in the Regional Workshop on the Development of an Oil Spill Contingency Plan for ASEAN , in Singapore. The workshop reviewed and discussed the draft regional oil spill contingency plan for the ASEAN region and discussed issues relating to HNS incidents.
- 7.4 The Meeting was informed that the major challenge that impedes the adoption of the national oil spill contingency plan is the lack of regulation that identifies the lead agency for oil spill preparedness and response. Lack of financial resources was also identified as a major challenge in implementing activities to support the GOT framework programme.

Thailand

- 7.5 The NCP of Thailand represented by Ms. Soontharee Pirom of the Marine Department updated the Meeting on the details of the GOT point of contact in Thailand, contact persons with accessible means of contact and list of equipment that can be mobilized when rendering assistance to GOT countries including the platform for requesting international assistance.

- 7.6 National initiatives to build Thailand's capacity for oil spill preparedness and response included the conduct of IMO Level 1 training in June 2015. Thirty (30) individuals participated in the IMO level 1 training conducted in Suratthani, Thailand.
- 7.7 A national exercise TOREX 2015 was conducted on July 20-24, 2015 in Nakoknsithammarat, Songkhla. TOREX 2015 is the 8th national oil spill exercise conducted in Thailand and was undertaken together with the national Crisis Management Exercise (C-MEX 2015).
- 7.8 NCP-Thailand also shared their experience in oil spill response pertaining to oil spill incidents in Thailand, such as: (1) SriKandi 515 incident in December 2014; (2) Heike P spill in Laemchabang which happened in October 2015; and (3) Tobacco Factory Spill wherein 2,000 liters of fuel oil leaked from the storage tank to the sewer system. Lessons learned from these oil spill incidents were explained.
- 7.9 The Meeting was informed on the work programme of NCP-Thailand from 2016-2018 which includes: (1) review and amendment of Thailand Prime Minister's regulation on the Prevention and Mitigation of Marine Oil Pollution 2004; (2) review and updating of the national oil spill contingency plan; (3) conduct of IMO level 1 training; (4) conduct of national oil spill exercise; and (5) ratification process of CLC and Fund Conventions.

Vietnam

- 7.10 The NCP of Vietnam represented by Mr. Nguyen Huy Trong of the Vietnam National Southern Oil Spill Response Center (NASOS) informed the Meeting on the details of the GOT point of contact and contact persons, capabilities and activities and major achievements with regard to the implementation of the framework programme.
- 7.11 The NCP updated the Meeting on the response capabilities of the National Southern Oil Spill Response Center consisting of existing oil spill vessels and 2 sets of RO-Booms 1800 (250 m length each) among other existing equipment. Newly purchased equipment include an oil recovery system Transrec 125 and offshore oil containment RO-BOOM 2200.
- 7.12 The NCP informed the Meeting that 1 training activity and 1 workshop were conducted to enhance capacities of coastal provinces and relevant agencies in 2015 as follows:
- GOT training VIII, 19-21 May 2015, Ca Mau province
 - GOT workshop VI, 12-14 Oct 2015, Vung Tau City
 - Attended by 90 – 100 officers of localities in South Vietnam and Government agencies, subsidiaries of Petrovietnam and NASOS
- 7.13 The NCP reported that oil spill contingency plans of 10 coastal provinces have been approved as follows:
- Dong Nai
 - Tra Vinh
 - Ben Tre
 - Ca Mau
 - Ho Chi Minh City

- Soc Trang
- Kien Giang
- Binh Thuan
- Tien Giang
- Bac Lieu

In addition, the ESI-MPs of the following Southern provinces have been approved:

- Ca Mau
- Binh Thuan
- Dong Nai

7.14 NCP Vietnam suggested to undertake sub-regional activities such as adoption of the sub-regional guideline on the use of chemical dispersants in the GOT, conduct of notification exercise and conduct of HNS training.

7.15 VASI-MONRE representative, Mr. Hien Dao updated the Meeting on major activities and achievements of MONRE with regard to its responsibility in oil spill preparedness and response as promulgated in the Law on Natural Resources and Environment of Seas and Islands issued in 2015. MONRE has developed inter-ministerial circulars relating to: (1) dispersant use in oil spill response in Vietnam's seas; (2) guidance of ESI mapping; and (3) national standard operating procedures for filing of claims for oil spill compensation. The circulars are currently in draft form.

7.16 Other major achievements of MONRE include the conduct of various training courses, conduct of 16 research projects and dissemination of publications on oil spill preparedness and response.

7.17 Mr. Hien enumerated future activities that will be undertaken by MONRE as follows:

- Training course on oil spill (6-7 courses)
- Publication and dissemination of oil spill preparedness and response
- Completion of research projects on oil spill preparedness and response
- Joint research project on oil spill preparedness and response with other partners
- Expanded work to cover HNS issue

8. Gulf of Thailand Strategic Action Programme 2016-2020

8.1 Ms. Diane Factuar of PEMSEA presented the draft Gulf of Thailand Strategic Action Programme for 2016-2020. The SAP was prepared as part of PEMSEA's continued technical support to the GOT Cooperation. Please refer to **ANNEX C.**

8.2 The three countries agreed in principle on the SAP 2016-2020 consisting of eight components. The respective countries will further review the draft SAP and have requested technical support from PEMSEA in finalizing the plan to be adopted by the participating countries during the 10th NCP Meeting. The SAP is aimed to further strengthen the implementation of the GOT Framework Programme in the next five years.

9. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The Meeting agreed to convene the Tenth National Contact Point's Meeting on the Implementation of Framework Programme for Joint Oil Spill Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in the Gulf of Thailand in Thailand. NCPs will be consulted on the exact date and details of the next NCP Meeting.

10. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 10.1 The 3 countries recognized the benefits of the GOT Cooperation and agreed to further strengthen the cooperation through the development and implementation of the SAP 2016-2020.
- 10.2 PEMSEA's support both at the national and sub-regional level is considered essential to ensure continued implementation of the Framework Programme. Hence, PEMSEA should continue providing funding and technical assistance to the 3 participating countries.

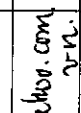
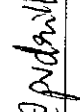
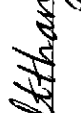

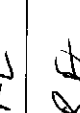
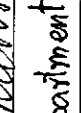
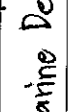
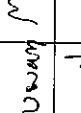
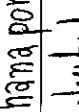
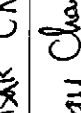
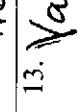

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS



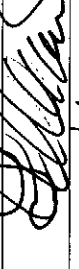



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Venue: Furama Gallery 4

Date: November 17, 2015

Time: 1700 - 1900

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ANNEX B
MEETING AGENDA

9th Annual National Contact Points Meeting on the Implementation of the Framework Programme for Joint Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Gulf of Thailand

Venue: Furama Gallery 3 & 4

Date: November 17, 2015

Time: 1630 - 1900

Coordinator: Gulf of Thailand National Contact Point of Cambodia and Ms. Diana Factuar, PEMSEA

Time	Activity/Presentation	Possible Speaker
1630 – 1650	Opening Messages	VASI
1650 – 1700	Election of Chair and Introduction of the Chair	
1700 – 1730	Progress Report on the Implementation of the Framework Programme for Joint Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Gulf of Thailand	NCP Cambodia, NCP Thailand and NCP Viet Nam
1730 – 1830	Presentation and Discussion on the Gulf of Thailand Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Strategy and Action Programme 2016 - 2020	PEMSEA, NCP Cambodia, NCP Thailand and NCP Viet Nam
1830 – 1900	Closing Message	NCP Cambodia

ANNEX C
GULF OF THAILAND STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME 2016-2020



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9th Annual Gulf of Thailand National Contact Points Meeting



THE EAST ASIAN SEAS CONGRESS 2015

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Strategic Action Plan for Oil Spill Readiness and Response in the Gulf of Thailand (2016-2020)

Diane Factuar, PEMSEA



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Strategic Action Plan for Oil Spill Readiness and Response in the Gulf of Thailand (2016-2020)

VISION

The three Participating Countries and other stakeholders working together, and committed to a Partnership aimed at enhancing national and regional capacities to prevent, control, combat and mitigate marine pollution and to promote technical cooperation and collaboration to safeguard the resource base of the Gulf of Thailand.

MISSION

To enhance national and regional capabilities concerning oil pollution prevention, preparedness and response through a Gulf-wide **exchange of information, joint research and development projects, training, oil spill response exercises, and mutual assistance in response, collaborative arrangements, partnership building and implementation.**



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PRINCIPLES

Take a cooperative and shared approach

Strengthen partnership among government, industry players and other stakeholders in building sub-regional, national and local capacity



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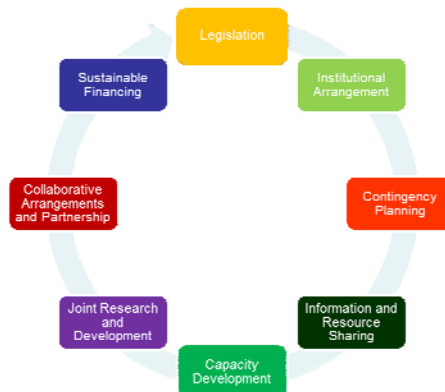
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Component 1 Legislation

Objective: To put in place or update national legislation to strengthen oil spill readiness and response system at sub-regional and local level

Actions

- Develop/update national legislation to establish and implement an effective national system for oil spill readiness and response system
- Seek technical assistance to enact and implement national legislation



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Component 2 Institutional Arrangements

Objective : To strengthen existing coordinating mechanism to facilitate sub-regional arrangement in oil spill response in the Gulf of Thailand

Action

- Permanent secretariat for GOT Cooperation



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Component 3 Contingency Planning

Objectives: 1. To establish an effective sub-regional oil spill response system
2. To keep national and local contingency plans updated and consistent with current practices, technological and scientific advances and changes in national and international maritime regimes

Actions

- Develop sub-regional oil spill contingency plan
- Review and update national contingency plans
- Develop technical guidelines for contingency planning at the local level
- Assist local government units in developing oil spill contingency plans



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Component 4 Information and Resource Sharing

Objective : To facilitate effective communication and efficient flow of information and to promote exchange of good practices in oil spill readiness and response among GOT participating countries.

Actions

- GOT web-based information sharing system
- Case studies on oil spill contingency planning at the local level
- Case studies on oil spill claims



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Component 5 Capacity Development

Objective: To enhance sub-regional, national and local capacities in oil spill readiness, response and claims and compensation

Actions

- Acquisition of equipment
- Regular training programs (sub-regional, national and local)
- Joint oil spill response exercises (tabletop and mobilization of equipment)



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Component 6 Joint Research and Development

Objective: To identify new tools, methodologies and technologies to ensure an effective and “fit for purpose” system of oil spill response for the GOT region

Actions

- Develop sub-regional and national guidelines on the use of chemical dispersants
- Develop national guidelines on ESI mapping
- Develop an oil spill trajectory model for the GOT subregion



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Component 7 Collaborative Arrangements and Partnerships

Objective: To establish a strategic partnership of governments, international organizations, industry and stakeholders working together to achieve a shared vision of responding effectively to oil spill in the Gulf of Thailand

Actions

- Joint government-industry training
- Government-industry oil spill response exercise
- Sharing of expertise on various OSR aspects



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Strategic Action Plan 2016-2020

Component 8 Sustainable Financing

Objective: To develop financing mechanisms to sustain the GOT cooperation and to implement planned programmes for 2016-2020

Actions

- Incorporate planned programmes and projects in the NCP's budget plans
- Develop and submit project proposals to funding organizations
- Seek funding support from international organizations and potential donors



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