

# Enhancing Regional Cooperation

## The Asian Initiative

**ReCAAP ISC Presentation**

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# The importance of Sea Commerce ...

- ❑ More than 30% of the world trade and half of the world's oil shipments pass through the Straits of Malacca & Singapore.
- ❑ Safe use of sea-lanes is essential to the economic well-being of the countries who are dependent on sea commerce for energy, trade and supplies.

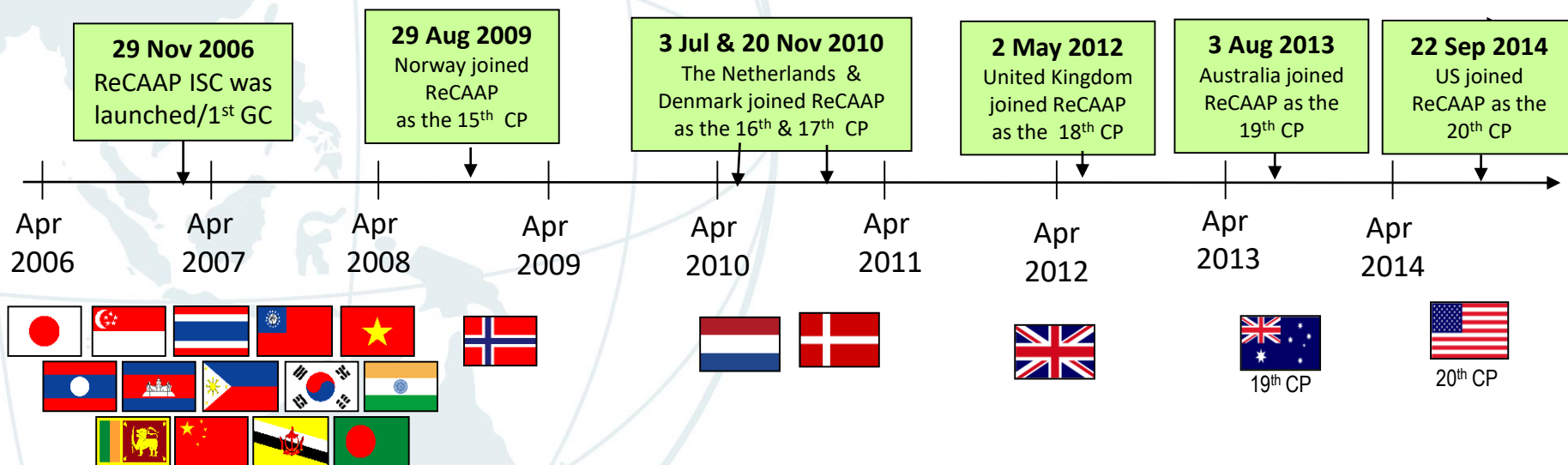


# Background of ReCAAP

- ❖ Increase of incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the 1990s
  - ❑ The Malacca Strait was once designated as “war zone”
- ❖ Threats to maritime navigation
  - ❑ Safety of crew
  - ❑ Economic disruptions (transport of cargo and energy supplies)
  - ❑ Rise in operating cost (insurance premium, re-routing cost)



# Contracting Parties: 20 Countries





## 3 Pillars of the ReCAAP ISC

**VISION** : To be the information hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia

**MISSION** : To enhance regional co-operation through **information sharing**, **capacity building** and **cooperative arrangements** in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships.

Key operating principles of ReCAAP ISC :

**Respect for countries' sovereignty  
and ownership**



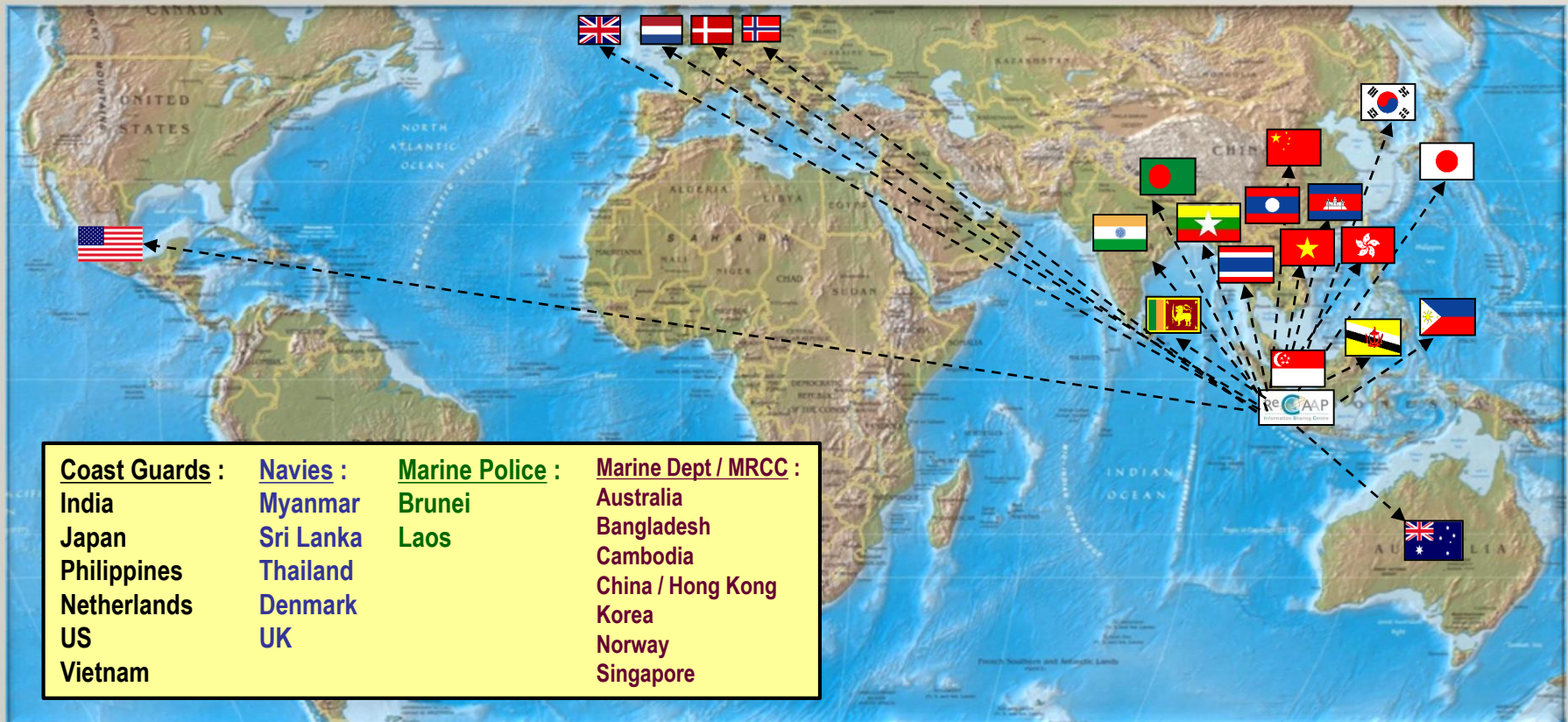
# Focal Point Concept

- ❖ Each ReCAAP signatory designates a Focal Point
- ❖ Roles of a Focal Point include:
  - ☑ **manage** piracy and armed robbery incidents within its territorial waters/within its jurisdiction.
  - ☑ act as **point of information exchange** among the Focal Point Network / ReCAAP ISC
  - Incident Report after verification**
  - ☑ **facilitate its country's law enforcement investigations**
  - ☑ **co-ordinate** surveillance and enforcement for piracy and armed robbery with neighbouring Focal Points

# ReCAAP ISC Network



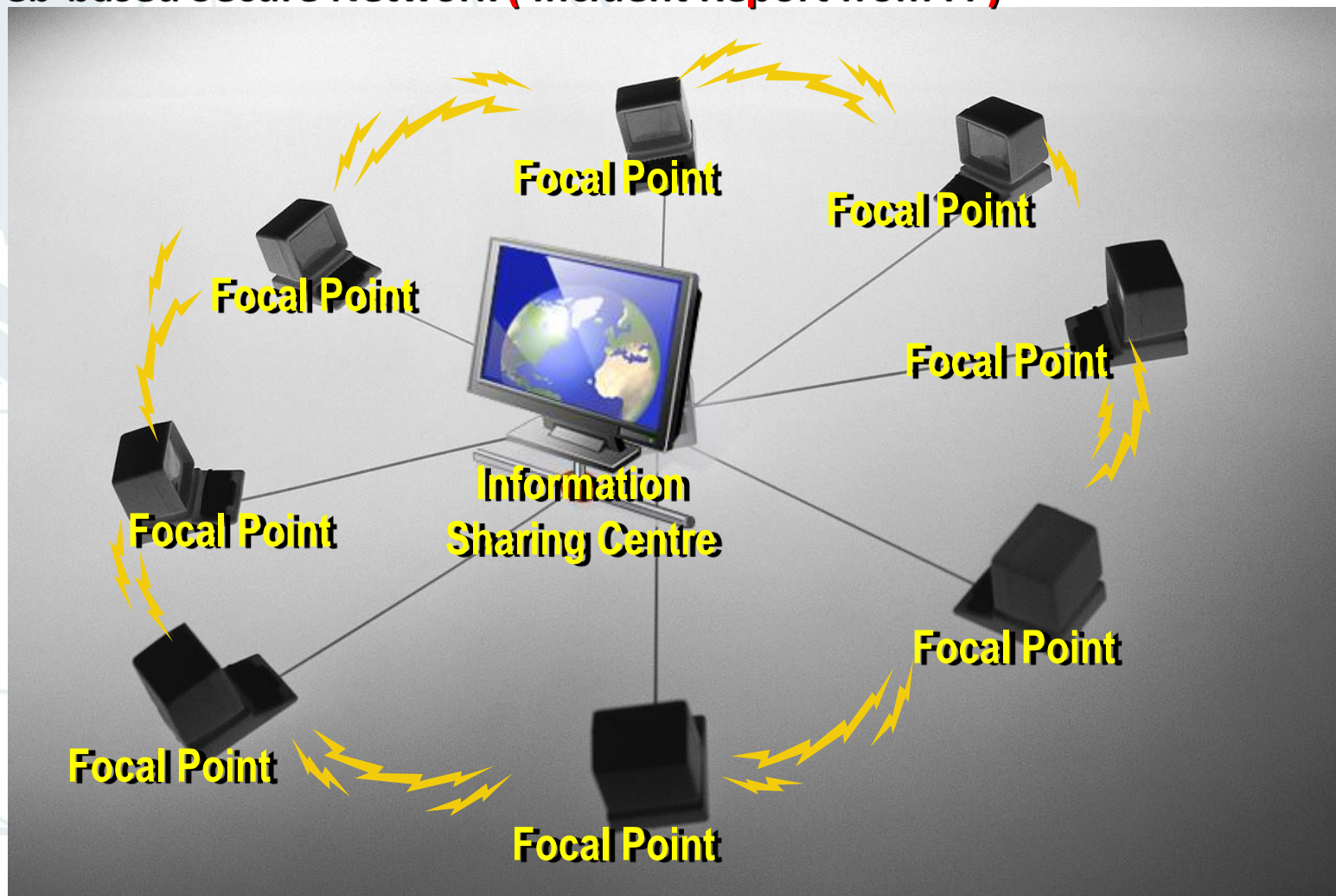
**Focal Points :** Coast Guard Navies Marine Police Customs Port Authorities





# Information Network System

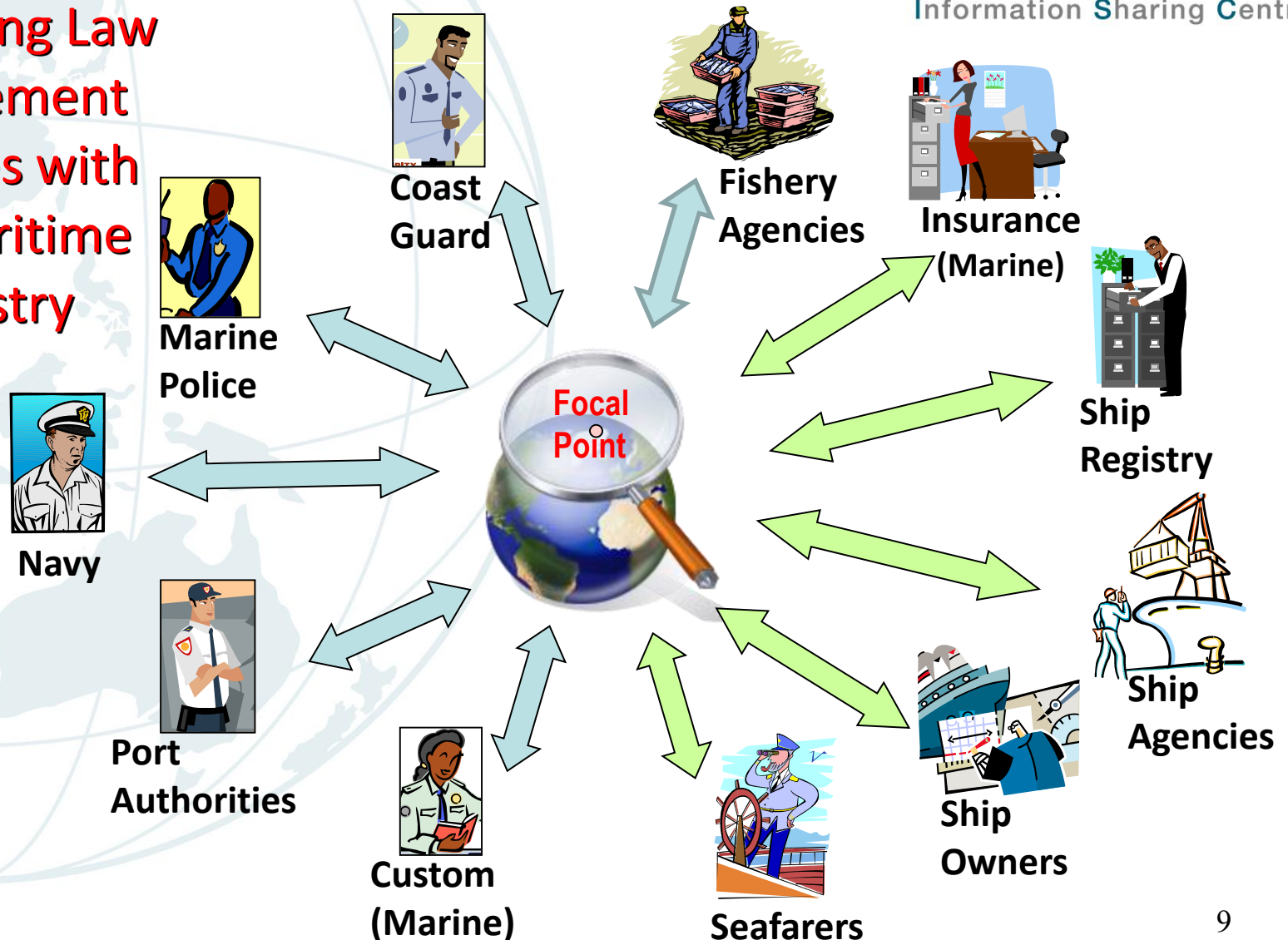
## Web-based Secure Network ( Incident Report from FP)





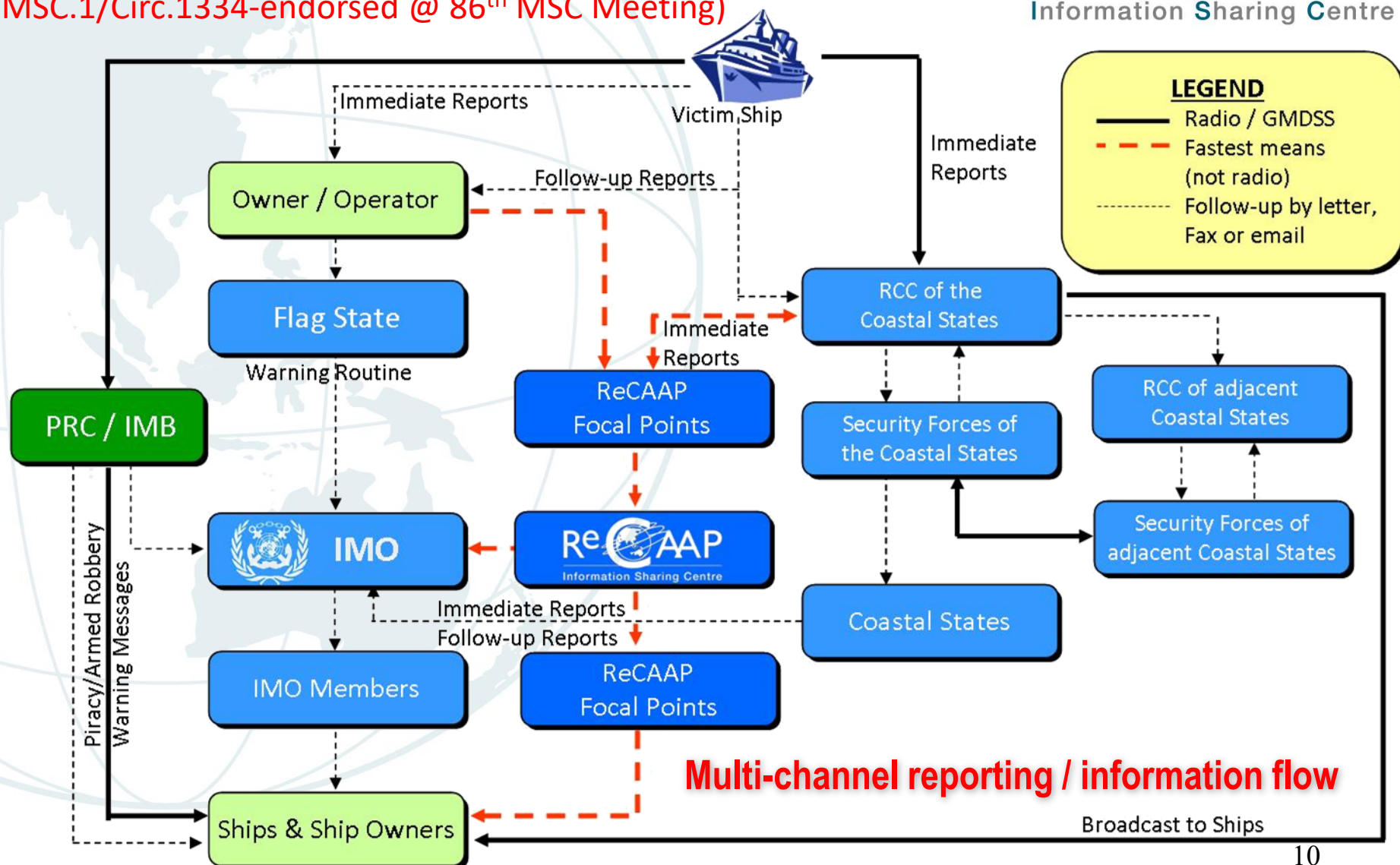
# Role of Focal Point (in the country)

Integrating Law  
Enforcement  
Agencies with  
the Maritime  
Industry



# Reporting of incidents in Asia

(MSC.1/Circ.1334-endorsed @ 86<sup>th</sup> MSC Meeting)





# Dissemination of Information

All the information is based on Incident Reports from FPs after verification (except “Warning”)

## ❖ Ad hoc basis

- ❖ Warning
- ❖ Incident Alert
- ❖ Incident Update (Follow-up report of Incident Alert)
- ❖ Special Report (In-depth focus on particular trend/modus operandi)

## ❖ Periodical Reports

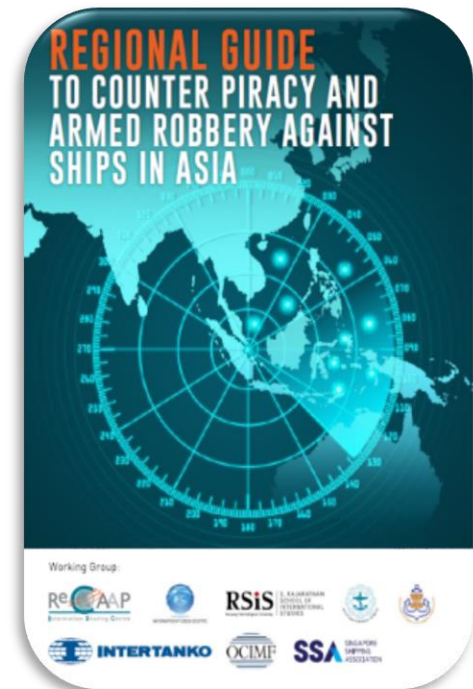
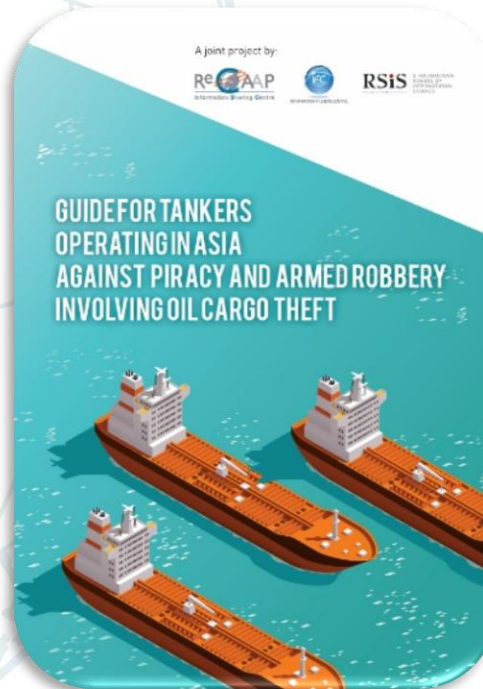
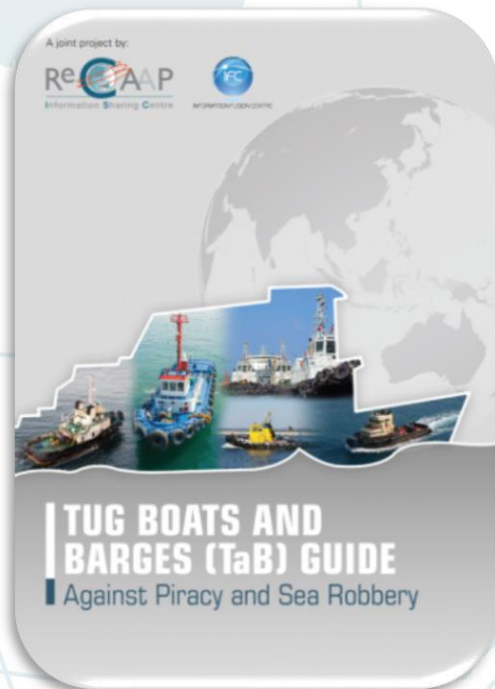
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly, Quarterly, Half-yearly, Annual Reports

## ❖ Website, Mobile App

## ❖ Workshops, Meetings



# 3 Guidebooks for Shipping Industry





## Regional Guide for Asia

- ❑ Request by shipping industry at 24<sup>th</sup> ASF Meeting for a regional guide
- ❑ Provide guidance to cover all incidents regardless of ship type, cargo targeted, etc
- ❑ ReCAAP ISC invited like-minded agencies to join in drafting the Regional Guide ....
- ❑ Launched on **17 Feb 2017**



### WORKING GROUP : ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre



### With Inputs from :



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