1. **Name:**

ARF Workshop on International Cooperation on Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)

1. **Short description:**

A workshop held to improve cooperation on MDA by ARF members.

1. **Formality:**

Mixed. The ARF has a small unit within the ASEAN secretariat but no dedicated secretariat of its own, nor does the workshop have a fixed structure.

1. **Regional coverage:**

Indo-Pacific

1. **Members (including states and non-states):**

10 ASEAN member states (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam); the 10 ASEAN dialogue partners (Australia, Canada, China, the European Union, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea (ROK), Russia and the United States); Bangladesh, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste; and one ASEAN observer (Papua New Guinea).

1. **Includes non-state actors?**

No

1. **Date created:**

2019

1. **Date visibly started to engage with maritime security (e.g. first document that refers to it):**

2019

1. **Brief History and Description:**

Presentations from officials are made on such topics as the utilization of MDA capabilities, interagency mechanisms and international cooperation. The workshop is focused on the sharing of best practices from countries and regional frameworks on MDA, as well as improving cooperation.

1. **Maritime Security Issues Covered:**

Piracy, IUU Fishing

1. **Noteworthy documents and strategies:**
2. **Intensity:**

1 meeting per year

1. **Ongoing projects and activities:**

Unclear

1. **Funding structure:**

Unclear

1. **Challenges:**

As it takes place within the ASEAN structure, an ongoing challenge is its perception as a talking shop, tied into broader regional limits to cooperation.

1. **Cooperation or link with other arrangements:**
2. **Institutional contacts:**

N/A

1. **Noteworthy literature**:
2. **Knowledge gaps to follow up on:**

They have explicitly discussed their overlap with the ARF ISM on MS, and in 2012 called for greater coordination to ‘prevent redundancy’. It is, currently, unclear how this coordination operates beyond ‘Co-Chairs will send their statement of this meeting to the ISM on MS to inform discussions at that Meeting’.