1. **Name:**

ASEAN Maritime Forum

1. **Short description:**

ASEAN’s primary arena for the discussion of maritime security and safety. Held in the cities of rotating ASEAN chairs.

1. **Formality:**

Formal meeting within ASEAN’s structure, organized by the ASEAN secretariat.

1. **Regional coverage:**

Southeast Asia

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

Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, ASEAN Secretariat

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

Yes. The ASEAN Secretariat prepares the meeting and other stakeholders (UNODC, IMO, ReCAAP, Think Tanks, Academics) give presentations on key topics.

1. **Date created:**

2010

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

2010

1. **Brief History and Description:**

Allows for the discussion of maritime issues and promotes cooperation to address any concerns. Delegates include ministerial officials, national maritime agency representatives, and representatives from 12 ASEAN agencies involved in some facet of maritime security. Through these, there is a strong emphasis on ‘stocktaking’, due to the overlapping discussions and cooperation occurring within ASEAN’s structure.

1. **Maritime Security Issues Covered:**

Transnational Organized Crime, Terrorism, Pollution, IUU fishing

Priority issues:

* Piracy and Armed Robbery
* IUU Fishing
* Maritime environment

The AMF specifically states it is not meant as a forum to discuss only security issues, but wider ocean management. Safety of navigation and search and rescue are also included in the AMF.

1. **Noteworthy documents and strategies:**

ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Blueprint

1. **Intensity:**

1 meeting per year, though they do suggest the intervals can change dependent upon the decision of the member states.

1. **Ongoing projects and activities:**

Changes on a yearly basis, 2019 emphasized: A review of cooperation activities, identification of difficulties and obstacles, and discussions on measures to enhance cooperation effectiveness in ensuring marine security and enhance the role of the AMF. Also provides a forum for information sharing, arranging exchanges of visits between different authorities, and capacity building.

1. **Funding structure:**

Funded by the ASEAN Secretariat, which is in turn funded by member countries and external countries and organizations

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:

Linked with all other ASEAN arrangements with a focus on areas of maritime security. Through these it is also linked to arrangements such as SEAFDEC

1. **Institutional contacts:**

N/A

1. **Noteworthy literature**:

Agastia, I. G. B. D. (2021) MARITIME SECURITY COOPERATION WITHIN THE ASEAN INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK: A GRADUAL SHIFT TOWARDS PRACTICAL COOPERATION, *Journal of ASEAN Studies*, Vol. 9(1): 25-48

Rijal, N. K., (2018) Kepentingan Nasional Indonesia dalam Inisiasi ASEAN Maritime Forum (AMF), *Indonesian Perspective*, Vol. 3(2): 159-179

1. **Knowledge gaps to follow up on:**