1. **Name:**

Experts’ Group Meeting on the ASEAN Coast Guard Forum / ASEAN Coast Guard Forum

1. S**hort description:**

The ACGF is a fledgling mechanism to encourage Coast Guard interaction in the region. It is currently in the process of being formed.

1. **Formality:**

Informal

1. **Regional coverage:**

Southeast Asia

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

ASEAN member states

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

No

1. **Date created:**

2015

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

2015

1. **Brief History and Description:**

Vietnam discussed the proposal for the establishment of an ASEAN Coast Guard Forum (ACGF) as a platform for cooperation and coordination among the ASEAN Coast Guards and maritime law enforcement agencies. Feasibility studies were undertaken on the nature, mandates, and functions of different maritime law enforcement and administration agencies in ASEAN. Held under auspices of AMF. 3 iterations have been held. After the third expert group meeting (EGM) produced a concept paper and a terms of reference in 2019, the pandemic hampered further deliberation of the official establishment of the ACGF. The most recent meeting between the members of the proposed ACGF was held virtually in October 2021. The meeting was hosted by the Indonesian Maritime Security Agency (Bakamla), and discussed information exchange, capacity-building, and technical meetings.

1. **Maritime Security Issues Covered:**

Broad remit

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

4 meetings in 6 years

1. **Ongoing projects and activities:**

Most of the activities involve establishing a concept paper and Terms of Reference to solidify the ACGF.

1. **Funding structure:**
2. **Challenges:**

Multiple challenges have arisen.

Different CGs have different functions, so there is no real common expectation of what a Coast Guard Forum would cover.

The need for consensus has made it difficult to establish the forum, as well as the procedural aspects of ASEAN’s diplomacy. Meetings were delayed during COVID as the expectation was that in-person discussions would have a better chance of overcoming obstacles.

**16.** **Cooperation or link with other arrangements:**

AMF

1. **Institutional contacts:**

JT / SP

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