1. **Name:**

ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children

1. **Short description:**

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1. **Formality:**

Takes place within ASEAN structure as a consultative body

1. **Regional coverage:**

Southeast Asia

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

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

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

Yes.

1. **Date created:**

2010

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

The ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) was inaugurated during the 16th ASEAN Summit on 7 April 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam. The ACWC is mandated to develop policies, programmes, and innovative strategies to promote and protect the rights of women and children in line with the Convention on the Elimination of Violence Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The ACWC convenes regional workshops, seminars, training sessions and consultative meetings that provide platforms for government officials, civil society organisations, professionals and other stakeholders to exchange views, share experiences and build commitments and common understanding. It likewise undertakes strategic studies and action researches to develop policy recommendations and regional guidelines to actualize the rights of women and children in the region. It focuses on ‘Trafficking in women and children’. This makes it an important body for human trafficking responses, especially given the ASEAN Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons highlights ‘Especially Women and Children’..

1. **Maritime Security Issues Covered:**

Human trafficking

1. **Noteworthy documents and strategies:**

Identification, Management and Treatment of Victims of Trafficking, especially Women and Children

ACWC Work Plan

ASEAN Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children

1. **Intensity:**
2. **Ongoing projects and activities:**
3. **Funding structure:**
4. **Challenges:**
5. **Cooperation or link with other arrangements:**
6. **Institutional contacts:**
7. **Noteworthy literature**:

Jane Chan – The ASEAN Information Sharing Portal (NMIO Technical Bulletin)

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