1. **Name:**

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime

1. **Short description:**

The AMIM is an annual gathering of military intelligence chiefs of ASEAN Member States to discuss intelligence aspects of various defence and security issues affecting Southeast Asia.

1. **Formality:**

Formal. Operates within the ASEAN Secretariat.

1. **Regional coverage:**

Southeast Asia

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

ASEAN member states.

There are 3 AMMTC+1s with China, Japan, and South Korea. There is also an AMMTC+3 which includes all 13 member states in one meeting.

1. **Includes non-state actors?**
2. **Date created:**

1997

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

Unclear

1. **Brief History and Description:**

The highest policymaking body in the ASEAN Ministers Meeting (AMM) in matters relating to transnational crime is the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC). The AMTTC performs coordination of various cooperation between the ASEAN agencies for combating transnational crime, such as ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters (ASOD), ASEAN Chiefs of National Police (ASEANAPOL), ASEAN Directors-General of Customs, ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration and Heads of Consular Division, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGCIM). A Senior Official Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) is held annually to implement and coordinate all the policies and action plans as outlined by AMMTC. The SOMTC

1. **Maritime Security Issues Covered:**

Piracy, human trafficking, wildlife trafficking, arms trafficking, irregular migration

1. **Noteworthy documents and strategies:**

* Plan of Action to Combat Transnational Crime
* ASEAN Declaration on Transnational Crime
* SOMTC Work Programme

1. **Meeting Intensity:**

1 meeting of the AMMTC annually, with the SOMTC also held annually. SOMTC working groups meet once a year, but meetings were postponed during the pandemic. Ad hoc emergency meetings are also held, such as the 2015 Emergency ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (EAMMTC) Concerning the Irregular Movement of Persons in the Southeast Asia Region.

1. **Ongoing projects and activities:**

SOMTC Working Group on Trafficking in Persons. The SOMTC WG on TIP facilitates exchange of information and experiences on issues related to trafficking in persons among the ASEAN Member States, and considers ways and means to strengthen regional and international cooperation to prevent and combat trafficking in persons

SOMTC Working Group on Arms Smuggling. The Working Group aims to provide a platform for the ASEAN Member States to collaborate on capacity building, training and sharing of information related to combating arms smuggling.

SOMTC Working Group on Illicit Trafficking of Wildlife and Timber. The SOMTC WG on ITWT aims to strengthen regional and international law enforcement cooperation, including through facilitating the exchange of information related to combating wildlife and timber trafficking.

SOMTC Working Group on General Transnational Crime Matters is a new work plan, not yet fully adopted.

1. **Funding structure:**

Funded by the hose of the AMMTC, which rotates annually. Each member state pays for their own delegates.

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:**

ASOD; ASEANAPOL; DGCIM

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