1. **Name:**

Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum (EAMF)

1. **Short description:**

The inter-sessional meeting is the primary forum for the discussion of transnational crime in the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF). Its purpose is to promote dialogue regarding challenges and threats that ARF members face and concrete cooperation.

1. **Formality:**

Mixed. It has a small unit within the ASEAN secretariat but no dedicated secretariat of its own.

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); Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia, and the United States of America

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:**

2012

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

2012

1. **Brief History and Description:**

In the 19th ASEAN Summit in Bali in 2011, the ASEAN Leaders welcomed the motion for an Expanded AMF in its back-to-back meetings. It takes the form of a track 1.5 dialogue.

1. **Maritime Security Issues Covered:**

Transnational Organized Crime, Terrorism, Pollution, IUU fishing, Maritime environment, Marine Pollution, South China Sea

The EAMF 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 EAMF. In 2019, for example, a presentation covered Marine Plastic Debris.

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

Organizing seminars and workshops in the areas of international law, maritime security and safety as well as maritime environment protection. Established an expanded ASEAN Seafarers’ Training Program (EAST) to conduct a series of training seminars, workshops, and events to promote cooperation in the field of training and education of civilian maritime personnel.

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:**
2. **Institutional contacts:**

N/A

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