1. **Name:**

ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces’ Meeting

1. **Short description:**

The ACDFM is the highest platform for military establishments among ASEAN Member States. It is held back-to-back with the AMIM and AMOM.

1. **Formality:**

Formal. Operates within the ASEAN Secretariat. Prior to 2018 it was 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:**

Established in 2001 but only formalized in 2018

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

Unclear

1. **Brief History and Description:**

Established in 2001, the ACDF(informal)M was considered as the highest platform for military establishments among ASEAN Member States. It adopts the ASEAN Militaries Two Year Activity Work Plan as a guideline for multilateral activities of ASEAN militaries and issues a Joint Statement. It is held back-to-back with the AMIM and AMOM. It is currently known as the ACDFM following its formalization in 2018 during the 12th ADMM in Singapore.

1. **Maritime Security Issues Covered:**

Unclear

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

1 meeting a year

1. **Ongoing projects and activities:**

Unclear

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

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

ADMM; ADMM+; AMIM;

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