THE TRILATERAL COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT TO ADDRESS SECURITY ISSUES IN THE MARITIME AREAS OF COMMON CONCERN (TCA): A NEW EXAMPLE OF ASEAN MARITIME COOPERATION

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TCA AREAS

Maritime Area of Common Concern (MY NOTAM 14/2017)

Designated Transit Corridors (MY NOTAM 14/2017)

Mindanao/Sulu Sea Transit Corridors (PH NOTAM 842017)
TCA COOPERATION MEASURES & RECENT PROGRESS

• Conduct of maritime patrols
• Immediate assistance for safety of people and ships in distress
• National focal points for sharing of information and intelligence
• Hotline of communications
TCA AND SHIPPING ROUTES
TCA AND FISHING, PETROLEUM ACTIVITIES
TCA AND PROVISIONAL MEDIAN LINES
TCA AND POTENTIAL EEZ BOUNDARIES
COMPARISON WITH OTHER COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN ASEAN MEMBERS

• ASEAN MOU on Oil Spill Response (1994)
• Sulu-Sulawesi Oil Spill Response Network (1981)
• PH-RI Border Patrol and Border Crossing Agreement (1975)
• PH-MY Agreement on Anti-Smuggling Cooperation (1967)
• PH-MY Joint Patrol and Border Crossing Agreements (1999)
• RECAAP (2004)
• MY-RI-SG SOMS maritime security cooperation initiatives (2004)
OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSION