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12 March 2026

The 20th Governing Council Meeting of the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC)

1. The 20th Governing Council Meeting of the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (the Centre) was held from 10 to 12 March 2026 in Singapore, hosted by the Singapore Government. The meeting was attended by the Governors and Governor Representatives of 19 ReCAAP Contracting Parties (Annex A). The Close Session meeting was conducted on 11 March 2026 and the morning of 12 March 2026, while the Open Session, including the attendance of external participants from 15 partner organisations and two States (Annex B), was held in the afternoon of 12 March 2026.

2. The Council noted the presentation made by ReCAAP ISC on the situation of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia in 2025. There was a total of 132 incidents (127 actual and five attempted) in 2025, a 23% increase compared to 2024 (107 incidents). The Council noted the efforts by the Centre in issuing incident alerts and providing timely situation awareness to the maritime community. The Council also recognised the cooperative efforts by the ship master and crew in exercising vigilance, reporting incidents and adopting preventive measures when transiting areas of concern; and the law enforcement agencies in stepping up surveillance, patrols and making several arrests. The Council appreciated the Indonesian authorities for arresting perpetrators in July and August 2025. The arrests resulted in a significant decline in incidents in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS) from an average of 13 incidents a month from January to July 2025 to less than three incidents a month from August to December 2025.

3. The Council commended ReCAAP ISC on producing positive results in respect to its activities in FY 2025 under the three pillars of its mission - information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangement. In particular, the Council noted the successful implementation of the revamped Information Network System (IFN), used by ReCAAP Focal Points to report and share detailed information on piracy and sea robbery incidents. The revamped IFN features a more intuitive user interface, clearer display of key information and streamlined reporting tools for more effective information sharing.

4. The Council reviewed and endorsed ReCAAP ISC's workplan and budget for FY 2026. A key focus of the workplan for FY 2026 is to produce timely and accurate reports, and to provide insights to shipping companies in making proper risk assessment and voyage planning using the ReCAAP ISC's interactive dashboard, known as ReCAAP Data Visualisation Map & Panel (Re-VAMP). The Council reviewed and endorsed the Centre's 10-year Roadmap for FY 2027 – 2036; with action plan for the Centre to remain relevant, and better serve the shipping industry in ensuring safe navigation of ships and safety of seafarers in the region. The Council noted the Centre's plans to broaden collaboration with regional and international partners, through the conduct of workshops for ReCAAP Focal Points.

5. The Council commended the Centre's efforts in external engagement in 2025 with the shipping industry and other stakeholders. This includes the conduct of the Nautical Forum, Anti-Piracy and Sea Robbery Conference, Maritime Roundtable and Dialogue Sessions in Singapore, as well as participation in overseas multilateral conferences and shipping industry events.

6. The Council welcomed the Capacity Building meetings scheduled for FY 2026 in Brunei, Myanmar, the Philippines and the Republic of Korea. The meetings aim to engage the Focal Points/Contact Point, law enforcement agencies, shipping industry and maritime stakeholders in the respective countries, and synergise inter-agency efforts to more effectively combat sea robbery and other maritime crimes.

7. The Council recognised the significance of cooperation with all ReCAAP Contracting Parties, and the Centre's effort in furthering operational cooperation with Indonesia and Malaysia.

8. The Council appreciated the voluntary financial contributions from ReCAAP Contracting Parties, amounting to \$2,931,625.09, to support the Centre's initiatives and activities in FY 2025. The financial contributions received from Australia, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, Norway and Singapore are shown in Annex C.

9. The financial contributions are in addition to the secondment of staff to the Centre from China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, the Philippines and Thailand.

10. The Council appreciated that ReCAAP will commemorate its 20th anniversary in 2026, and ReCAAP 20th Anniversary Celebrations and Symposium will be conducted tomorrow, on 13 March 2026 to mark the significant milestone.

11. The Council agreed to conduct the 21st Governing Council Meeting of the ReCAAP ISC from 15-19 March 2027 in Singapore.



*Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson of the 20th ReCAAP ISC Governing Council,
Executive Director of the ReCAAP ISC and Governors/Governor representatives from
19 ReCAAP Member States*

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About ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC)

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) is the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. The Agreement entered into force in 2006 with 14 Asian countries as Contracting Parties, and the Information Sharing Centre was established in Singapore on 29 November, 2006. To date, 21 States have become Contracting Parties to ReCAAP. To fulfil its vision as the Information Hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia, ReCAAP ISC enhances regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements. At the 12th Governing Council Meeting in 2018, the Council announced that ReCAAP ISC has met the criteria to be a “Centre of Excellence” for information sharing in combating piracy and armed robbery against ships at sea. For more information on ReCAAP ISC, please visit www.recaap.org.

ReCAAP CONTRACTING PARTIES REPRESENTED AT THE 20TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ReCAAP INFORMATION SHARING CENTRE

1. Australia
2. Bangladesh
3. Cambodia
4. China
5. Denmark
6. Germany
7. India
8. Japan
9. Republic of Korea
10. Laos
11. Myanmar
12. The Netherlands
13. Norway
14. The Philippines
15. Singapore
16. Sri Lanka
17. Thailand
18. United Kingdom
19. Vietnam

EXTERNAL PARTICIPANTS REPRESENTED AT THE 20TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ReCAAP INFORMATION SHARING CENTRE

States

1. France
2. Greece

International/Regional Organisations

3. European Union (EU) EU Delegation to Singapore
4. UNODC-GMCP (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime - Global Maritime Crime Programme)

International/Regional Shipping Associations

5. ASA (Asian Shipowners' Association)
6. FASA (Federation of ASEAN Shipowners Association)
7. ICS (International Chamber of Shipping)
8. INTERCARGO (International Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners)
9. OCIMF (Oil Companies International Marine Forum)
10. SSA (Singapore Shipping Association)

Academic Institutions/Think Tanks

11. National Maritime Foundation (NMF)
12. NUS (National University of Singapore)/CIL (Centre of International Law)
13. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University (RSIS)
14. WMU (World Maritime University)

Regional Maritime Security Centres

15. IFC (Information Fusion Centre)
16. Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR)

Others

17. Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF)

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ReCAAP CONTRACTING PARTIES
(FY 2025)**

Contracting Parties	Singapore Dollars
Australia	\$83,941.70
China	\$66,185.15
India	\$132,351.50
Japan	\$132,194.69
Republic of Korea	\$136,755.21
The Netherlands	\$29,017.14
Norway	\$134,540.70
Singapore (including one-time contribution for ReCAAP 20 th Anniversary Celebration and Symposium)	\$2,216,639.00
Total	\$2,931,625.09