

Global Initiative Southeast Asia

UPDATES FROM THE REGION

SEP 2022

Upcoming Oil Spill Preparedness Activities

Our Vision

A trusted and visible partner to ASEAN Member States in oil spill preparedness and response, jointly steered by governments and Industry.

Our Mission

Improve the regional capability in Southeast Asia, by assisting in the development of national capacities in oil spill preparedness and response, through government and industry cooperation.



Ongoing: Remote Legal Assistance to Participating ASEAN Member States, Oct 2021 - Q3 2022

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Highlights from Quarters 2-3, 2022

As the year progresses, the resumption of in-person activities, in particular, regional and sub-regional events, signifies the recovery of the region from impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Against the positive outlook, GISEA seeks to expand our reach to organisations and entities which share common interest in oil spill preparedness and response, while continuing to engage traditional key stakeholders of the Project.

Building upon lessons from the pandemic, and experience of other regional GI Projects, GISEA will leverage the momentum to enhance programme delivery as we move forward. The Project, guided by our vision and mission, remains committed to support the efforts of our partner countries to strengthen national, sub-regional and regional capabilities in oil spill preparedness and response.

ATSEA-2 Regional Exchange on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response

GISEA participated in a regional exchange on oil spill preparedness and response held under the auspices of the [ATSEA-2 Program](#), and hosted by Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) in Singapore from 23-25 Aug.

The ATSEA Programme was launched in 2010 to support the management of vast resources of the Arafura and Timor Seas (ATS). ATSEA-2 builds upon the foundation of ATSEA-1 to further strengthen regional collaboration and coordination between the ATS countries.

OSRL has been a technical partner to ATSEA-2 since 2021, and supported the conduct of the regional exchange. In collaboration with OSRL, GISEA presented on the framework for international maritime conventions, with focus on OPRC 1990 as the key instrument which facilitates cooperation between States. The ASEAN regional framework and significance of sub-regional arrangements were also discussed.

The participation by GISEA serves to extend the reach of the Project to organisations and entities with common focus on oil pollution preparedness and response. GISEA will continue to work with OSRL and ATSEA-2 to support capacity-building for the ATS region through the appropriate channels and forums.



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43rd ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group Meeting, Nha Trang, Viet Nam, 20-22 Sep

15th Gulf of Thailand National Contact Points Meeting/ Technical Workshop (Virtual), 6-7 Oct

National MARPOLEX, Philippines, 11-14 Oct



Joint GISEA-ITOPF Webinar: Case studies on response to recent incidents and emerging issues, TBC

Joint IOPC Funds-IMO Regional Workshop on Oil Pollution Incident Response and Cost Recovery, Singapore, 9 - 11 Nov

13th Cooperation Forum, under the framework of Cooperative Mechanism on Safety of Navigation and Environment Protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS)

At the invite of the Marine Department of Malaysia, GISEA participated in **13th Cooperation Forum (CF)** held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 18-19 Jul.

GISEA promoted to the Forum, the integration of existing national and sub-regional arrangements on oil pollution preparedness and response into the ASEAN regional framework, while recognising the significance of these arrangements to the respective countries; this takes in view, the disparate geography of the region and contrasting risk profiles. In addition, the role of industry as the risk and resource owners was also highlighted .

Possible areas of collaboration between GISEA and the Littoral States (Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore), relevant to the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, were also presented for the consideration of the Forum.

Poster presentation by GISEA at Interspill 2022

Titled 'Enhancing Regional Integration in Oil Spill Preparedness & Response: Challenges and Opportunities in Southeast Asia', the poster by GISEA emphasised the importance of robust national legislation to support the effective implementation of key international instruments; this also provides the basis for the harmonisation of policies across Southeast Asia to enhance regional integration in oil spill preparedness and response. The poster was presented by the Project Manager for OSPRI, Mr. Peter Taylor, on behalf of GISEA.

In addition, GISEA co-authored a poster (*Collaboration in Times of Pandemic – Case Study on Remote Oil Spill Risk Assessment (OSRA) Workshop Delivery in Myanmar*) with Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) and the Department of Marine Administration (DMA), Myanmar, to showcase the successful delivery of a remote workshop on oil spill risk assessment through government-industry collaboration, against disruptions brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Interspill 2022 was held in Amsterdam at the RAI Exhibition and Convention Centre from 21-23 Jun.

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MARPOLEX 2022 in Makassar City, South Sulawesi, Indonesia

At the invite of the Directorate General of Directorate General of Sea Transportation (DGST), Indonesia, GISEA observed the conduct of MARPOLEX 2022 and its associated activities from 24-27 May. Owing to travel restrictions and prevailing health protocols due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the conduct of the biennial exercise was postponed from 2021.

In the lead-up to the on-water deployment, a Pre-sail Conference was held, attended by the participating organisations; this was followed by a Communications Exercise (Table-top) to coordinate the actions from involved assets. The scenario, built upon a collision between a passenger vessel and an oil tanker, comprised 3 distinct but related components: 1) search and rescue; 2) fire-fighting ; 2) oil spill containment and recovery.

In addition to observing the exercise, GISEA presented on the regional and sub-regional arrangements on oil spill preparedness and response within ASEAN, and encouraged the integration of the [Sulu-Sulawesi Seas Oil Spill Response Network Plan \(SSRN\)](#) into the regional framework.

National OPRC Workshop in Timor-Leste

GISEA supported the National Directorate of Maritime Transport, Timor-Leste, in the conduct of a national OPRC workshop from 9 - 13 May.

Held over five half-days from 9 - 13 May at the National Center for Employment and Professional Training of Tibar, the workshop was remotely delivered under the auspices of GISEA, and assisted by the IMO through the [Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme \(ITCP\)](#) - this marked the first such collaboration between GISEA and the National Directorate of Maritime Transport.

Designed to bring together, relevant stakeholders with responsibilities in oil spill preparedness and response, the workshop sought to raise awareness of key subjects, such as OPRC 1990 and its implementation, oil pollution liability and compensation, good practice in contingency planning, and sustained programme management; it is intended that the workshop supports the development of a roadmap for the ratification and implementation of OPRC 1990.

GISEA will continue to support Timor-Leste to build capacity in oil pollution preparedness and response through the appropriate channels and forums; this serves to enhance the regional capability in Southeast Asia as a whole.

Ipieca Oil Spill Group Meeting, 6
Dec

79th Session, Marine Environment
Protection Committee (MEPC), 12-
16 Dec



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ITOPF 12th Research and Development Award: Applications open from September

The aim of the R&D Award is to encourage and facilitate organisations worldwide to develop potential solutions to some of the challenges faced by the spill response community. Projects could focus on, but are not limited to, preparedness, monitoring, environmental effects, and impact mitigation in relation to spill response.

Application for the 12th R&D award opens on 1st September and will close on 2nd December. Details can be found on the [ITOPF](#) website.

Ipieca launches membership principles

Ipieca has launched its 'membership principles' for corporate and associate members. Setting sustainability expectations for members, the *Ipieca Principles* reinforce the role of ipieca to inspire action and lead the global oil, gas and alternative energy industry through a sustainable energy transition.

Adherence to these eight principles, designed to support UN initiatives, climate action, environmental responsibility, social performance and sustainability, is a new condition of membership.

Details can be found on the [ipieca](#) website.

Training on maritime transport policy

A newly revised and updated IMO training programme is now available to assist developing countries in formulating and adopting their National Maritime Transport Policies (NMTPs).

The programme aims to provide a standard of knowledge and skills to participants, as well as ensure proper understanding of States' obligations when formulating their maritime transport policy and legislation based on international maritime conventions and codes.

IMO Member States can benefit from the capacity-building training programme on request to the Director, Technical Cooperation Division.

Details can be found on the [IMO](#) website.