



10th REGIONAL MARSEC PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME



Today, participants of the 10th RMPP sat through a series of break out discussions and group sharings, exchanging interesting perspectives and insights.

The programme started off with a brief providing an overview on some of the maritime security threats monitored by IFC in our Area of Interest by LCDR Mark Douglas, New Zealand International Liaison Officer, followed by an in-depth presentation into the analysis, trending and enforcement challenges on theft, robbery and piracy at sea (TRAPS) and info-sharing by Prof Christian Bueger.

“We’ve had three days of RMPP and I’m really enjoying the opportunity to discuss the challenges of Maritime Security with practitioners from a range of backgrounds and across the globe. We have common challenges with no single solution, but sharing knowledge and information is a great step

forward. I also enjoyed the opportunity to present the IFC's understanding of the Maritime Security in this region" – LCDR Mark Douglas, New Zealand ILO, IFC.

The participants are split into their syndicate groups throughout RMPP to encourage interaction and build rapport across various maritime stakeholders. The physical presence of the participants encouraged the sharing of diverse views and ideas during the syndicate discussions which were facilitated by IFC's International Liaison Officers within their own groups.

"What I have benefitted from this program was we can understand why we need to reaffirm the importance of upholding international law, in particular the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and remain committed to promote bilateral and multilateral cooperation in maritime law enforcement, which is conducive to the rules-based order at sea, to the safety of sea lines of communication and to freedom of navigation and overflight. Together with TNI AL, we will continue to work for the security, prosperity and sustainable development of the Malacca Straits and Singapore Straits region." – CDR Ario Sasongko, Chief of Data Analyst for Command and Control Center, Indonesian Navy

"It is very interesting meeting the navy and coast guard representatives, ILOs and the IFC personnel. The subject matter discussed so far has been beneficial in getting an overview of the South East Asian perspectives on maritime security. The invitation to participate is highly appreciated." – Capt. Geoffrey Pearson, General Manager, Global Head of Fleet Security, BW Group