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ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group  
(JWG) on SAR - Updates

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## The JWG

- ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group on **Harmonization of Aeronautical and Maritime** Search and Rescue (JWG) founded 1993.
- Assist in developing provisions regarding new SAR techniques and procedures.
- Maintain credibility and accuracy of the IAMSAR Manual
- Consider ways to assist States with less-developed SAR services so that global SAR capacity and capability continue to grow





## The JWG

- ICAO provides a Secretariat (ICAO HQ has one SAR Technical Officer)
- IMO provides a Secretariat (IMO HQ has a small staff with SAR expertise)
- Members serve as individual SAR experts rather than State representatives
- Members in accordance with ICAO rules for panels: maximum of 16 (8 aeronautical and 8 maritime SAR)





## General JWG Member Qualifications

- Expertise in SAR
- Participation as an observer for some years
- Active participation
- Your State enables dependable attendance and submission of papers

But, **Observers** are essential for a productive JWG meeting





## What does the JWG work on:

**3-year review cycle finalized proposed amendments for the 2025 edition of the IAMSAR Manual:**

- Updated autonomous distress tracking (ADT)
- SAR service and accident investigation authority arrangements
- Interagency process for entry of assisting SAR units into a State
- SAR within windfarms
- Search planning for 121.5 MHz distress signals
- Night search by aircraft





## What does the JWG work on:

### Starting the three-year cycle for updating IAMSAR Manual

- Existing JWG Task List
- Psychological first aid (PFA)
- Autonomous craft or similar term (no persons on board)
- Strategic outlook for the global SAR operating environment
- ...and more.

### Many things in addition to the IAMSAR Manual





## What does the JWG work on:

- Assist ICAO and IMO in developing documents and participate in relevant correspondence groups/panels
  - Follow-on ADT work under ICAO
  - IMO circulars
- Assist in maintaining regional SAR plans
- Assist States to implement IAMSAR Manual and ICAO Annex 12 amendments





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# Host country may have limits on seats but...

Consider attending future JWG sessions  
- Next session 4-8 November 2024 in  
Dublin, Ireland

Register by 14 October 2024





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