



International Civil Aviation Organization

**The Second Meeting of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Search and Rescue Task Force
(APSAR/TF/2)**

Singapore, 27 – 30 January 2014

Agenda Item 6: APSAR/TF Task List

APSAR/TF TASK LIST

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the APSAPG Task List for review.

This paper relates to –

Strategic Objectives:

A: *Safety* – Enhance global civil aviation safety

Global Plan Initiatives:

Not Applicable

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The APSAR/TF is required to periodically review the tasks assigned to it or developed within the APSAR/TF itself, as well as the relevancy of tasks within the context of its Terms of Reference (TOR).

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The APSAR/TF TOR is appended as **Attachment A** to this paper.

2.2 A Task List template is appended as **Attachment B** to this paper to capture new tasks emanating from APSAR/TF/1.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to review the:

- a) Terms of Reference at **Attachment A**; and
- b) Task List at **Attachment B**.

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Terms of Reference

Asia/Pacific Search and Rescue Task Force **(APSAR/TF)**

Objective

1 In collaboration with affected stakeholders and in close cooperation with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the objective of the Asia/Pacific Search and Rescue Workgroup is to promote the enhancement and improvement of SAR facilities and services within the Asia/Pacific Region and adjacent regions, in accordance with:

- a) Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation; and
- b) the International Aeronautical and Maritime SAR Manual (IAMSAR).

2 The APSAR/TF will be expected to deliver a plan within two years of establishment for enhancement of SAR capability within the Asia/Pacific Region, including enhancement of SAR services with neighboring States.

Tasks

3 To meet its objectives, the Task Force shall:

- a) review the current status of SAR preparedness of Asia and Pacific Region States;
- b) review State SAR Arrangements for commonality with those of neighbouring States to facilitate SAR coordination and cooperation across regional boundaries;
- c) monitor outcomes from APANPIRG ATM/AIS/SAR/SG, other ICAO Region SAR groups, ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group (JWG) and related forums for issues that may affect the APAC Region;
- d) analyse contingency procedures in use in other ICAO Regions, and cooperate with other groups which are involved with similar work in adjacent airspaces, in order to achieve harmonized inter-regional solutions;
- e) identify areas where SAR planning and preparedness requires improvement in terms of compliance with Annex 12, the IAMSAR Manual and accepted best practice;
- f) make recommendations for improvement of SAR systems.

Reporting

4 The APSAR/TF reports to the ATM Sub-group of APANPIRG. A line of communication will be provided to the IMO on APSAR/WG outcomes.

Membership

5 The membership of the APSAR/TF is open to States and administrations that have the responsibility for the provision of SAR services and facilities within the Asia/Pacific, SAR related international organizations, IMO and ICAO. The membership is also open to participants from outside the Asia/Pacific or organizations that can contribute to APSAR/TF by invitation from APSAR/TF (such as military organizations that can facilitate SAR operations).

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APSAR/TF - TASK LIST

(Last amended APSAR/TF/1, February 2013)

ID	Task Name	Start Date	Expected Finish Date	Resource Names/Remarks
1/1	Review the current status of SAR preparedness of Asia and Pacific Region States.	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/3	
1/2	Review State SAR Arrangements for commonality with those of neighbouring States to facilitate SAR coordination and cooperation across regional boundaries.	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/3	
1/3	Monitor outcomes from SAR forums for issues that may affect the APAC Region.	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/3	
1/4	Analyse contingency procedures in use in other ICAO Regions, and cooperate with other groups which are involved with similar work in adjacent airspaces, in order to achieve harmonized inter-regional solutions.	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/3	
1/5	Identify areas where SAR planning and preparedness requires improvement in terms of compliance with Annex 12, the IAMSAR Manual and accepted best practice	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/3	
1/6	Make recommendations for improvement of SAR systems.	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/3	
1/7	Presentation of Draft Regional SAR Plan to APANPIRG	APSAR/TF/1	Sept 2015	Regional Office
1/8	Conduct of APSAR/TF/1	February 2013	February 2013	Completed
1/9	Conduct of APSAR/TF/2	February 2014	February 2014	Consider joint meeting with IMO meetings
1/10	Conduct of APSAR/TF/3	February 2015	February 2015	
1/11	Palau, Micronesia, Kiribati and Marshall Islands SAR assistance assessment and report to APSAR/TF	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/2	United States
1/12	Establishment of an Asia/Pacific SAR web site.	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/2	United States
1/13	Review IAMSAR SAR Committee and SAR Agreement Templates.	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/2	Chairperson, United States, Singapore
1/14	Review the status of Doc 9673 SAR material to determine whether some could be contained within the Asia/Pacific Regional SAR Plan, or deleted* due to duplication by SARPs or State AIPs (*requires RANP amendment PfA).	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/2	1. Chairperson/IMO 2. Contact List

ID	Task Name	Start Date	Expected Finish Date	Resource Names/Remarks
1/15	SPC SAR Workshop (Suva, Fiji) inclusion of aeronautical SAR matters, report back to the Task Force.	3-7 June 2013	APSAR/TF/2	New Caledonia, Attending States
1/16	Provide further information on the FAB analysis and review process for SAR application to the Task Force	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/2	New Caledonia
1/17	IMO and ICAO representatives to recommend coordination of IMO/ICAO web site SAR aeronautical and maritime information.	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/3	ICAO, IMO
1/18	Incorporation of lessons learnt from the AF447 accident and additional items identified in WP07 into the draft Plan	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/2	Chairperson, ICAO
1/19	Cospas-Sarsat to be invited to the APSAR/TF meeting	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/3	
1/20	Consideration of 406 MHz distress beacon registration consequential amendment awareness	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/2	United States