

APAC-AIG/3

(Colombo, Sri Lanka, 23-24 June 2015)

**IP/12: Sharing of Experience
from a Recent Sea Search
Operation**

(Presented by Indonesia and Singapore)

Agenda Item 5: Regional Cooperation

Introduction

- 28 Dec 14, radar contact with QZ8501 was lost
- NTSC coordinated effort to locate and recover flight recorders

Discussion

- BASARNAS led SAR operation
- NTSC coordinated a multinational sea search effort in parallel
- BASARNAS received support from
 - China
 - Japan
 - Malaysia
 - Russia
 - Singapore
 - South Korea
 - United States
- NTSC received support from
 - Australia
 - China
 - France
 - Russia
 - Singapore
 - South Korea
 - United Kingdom

Discussion

- Composition of underwater search team

Organisation	Country	Personnel
National Transportation Safety Committee	Indonesia	1 adviser to Chairman, 2 investigators
Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses pour la sécurité de l'aviation civile (BEA)	France	1 investigator
Air Accidents Investigation Branch (UK AAIB)	United Kingdom	1 investigator
Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC)	China	3 investigators
Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore (AAIB)	Singapore	4 investigators
Maritime Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)	Singapore	6 specialists

Discussion

- Supported by NTSC, BEA & ATSB investigators on shore
- Indonesia Minister of Transport instructed DGST of Indonesia to support operation
- DGST provided two vessels, with operating crew
- 45 divers from Indonesian navy performed dive operations

Discussion

- NTSC
 - coordinated diplomatic clearance
 - managed both local and foreign resources effectively
 - attended to logistics/administrative issues
- Underwater search team able to focus on task at hand

Discussion

- Successful operation highlighted the close relations NTSC enjoys with its foreign counterparts
- NTSC developed relations through
 - ISASI/AsiaSASI seminars
 - ICAO accident investigation meetings
 - Code of Conduct for Asia and Pacific regions
 - Memorandum of understanding among ASEAN states agreed in 2008

Discussion

- Important to develop close relations before crisis happens
- Beneficial to accept offer of assistance for greater efficiency
- Challenge to coordinate/manage resources well

Conclusion

- The meeting is invited to:
 1. Note the importance of good networking and close regional cooperation during peace time as these can become very useful in a crisis
 2. Encourage States/Administrations that have not yet done so to consider subscribing to the Code of Conduct

Thank You