



International Civil Aviation Organization

**Fourth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Regional Search and Rescue Task Force
(APSAR/TF/4)**

Bangkok, Thailand, 06 – 10 July 2015

Agenda Item 6: APSAR/TF Task List

APSAR/TF TASK LIST

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the APSAPG Task List and Terms of Reference for review.

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/3.

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/3, January 2015)

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	Secretariat to circulate to other Regional Offices
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	Closed
1/9	Conduct of APSAR/TF/2	February 2014	February 2014	Closed
1/10	Conduct of APSAR/TF/3	February 2015	February 2015	Closed
1/11	Palau, Micronesia, Kiribati and Marshall Islands SAR assistance assessment and report to APSAR/TF	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/3	United States
1/12	Establishment of an Asia/Pacific SAR web site.	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/3	United States Closed
1/13	Review IAMSAR SAR Committee and SAR Agreement Templates.	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/2	Closed
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	Closed

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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	Closed
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	Closed
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	Duplicate with 1/12, this task closed.
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	Closed
1/19	Cospas-Sarsat to be invited to the APSAR/TF meeting	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/3	Closed
1/20	Consideration of 406 MHz distress beacon registration consequential amendment awareness	APSAR/TF/1	APSAR/TF/2	Closed
2/21	Discuss with HQ the possibility of the 'Go Team' concept being applied to SAR.	APSAR/TF/2	APSAR/TF/3 APSAR/TF/4	Secretariat
2/22	Develop a SAR Air Navigation Report Form (ANRF)	APSAR/TF/2	APSAR/TF/4	Secretariat Closed
2/23	Develop a list of documents for the SAR Library	APSAR/TF/2	APSAR/TF/4	1/12 Task linked; All
2/24	IAMSAR SAR Agreement Template to be presented to the JWG	APSAR/TF/2	APSAR/TF/3	Singapore
2/25	Regional SAR Coordinating Committee Agreement to be presented to the JWG	APSAR/TF/2	APSAR/TF/3	Singapore
3/1	Participants were asked to analyse the draft data on Search and Rescue Regions (SRR), SAR Facilities, and Special SAR requirements, and report back to ICAO on any omissions, errors or improvements	APSAR/TF/3	31 March 2015	All Asia/Pacific States
3/2	New Zealand would provide a draft Appendix for the Asia/Pacific SAR Plan that elucidated the benefits of such cooperation for 'champion States' that donated resources.	APSAR/TF/4	APSAR/TF/4	NZ, assisted by Australia
3/3	Conduct of APSAR/TF/4	July 2015	July 2015	
3/4	Review and preparation of Job Description of SAR Manager etc. for the SAR Plan Appendix (reference Report APSAR/TF/3 para 5.1)	APSAR/TF/3	APSAR/TF/4	Sri Lanka, assisted by Australia, Pakistan and USA