



NAM/CAR/SAM SAR Workshop

SAR Coordinating Committee

& SAR Plans for

Whole of Government Approach

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How is the cooperation and coordination between your:

Aeronautical and Maritime SAR agencies?

(or Land or Local authorities)

Civil and Military authorities?

- Most States rely upon the military to do SAR**
- Who has the search planning experts**
- Who has the rescue resources**
- Lessons learned from Air France 447, Malaysia Flight 370, and other incidents around the world**

Government Processes to Establish a SAR System

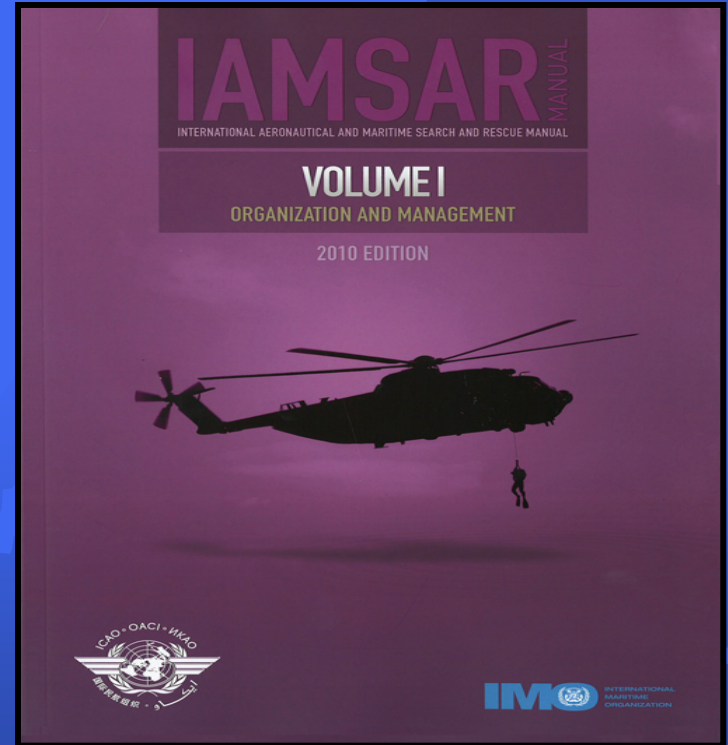
- **Our countries are part of the Global SAR System**
- **ICAO and IMO Guidance/Conventions**

International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR Manual)

- **National SAR Coordinating Committee**
- **SAR Plans**

International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual

**IAMSAR Manual Volume I
Section 6.4.3 and
Appendix J “SAR Co-
ordinating Committee”
(2016 edition will have a
template with details)**



National SAR Committee

A Strategic Level Whole-of-Government Approach

-Member Agencies could include:

- **Defense,**
- **Transportation (Aeronautical, maritime),**
- **Interior, Communications, National Police,**
- **Health, Emergency Management, etc.**

Who chairs the Committee? Your choice (But equal vote.)

-Focused on policy matters, while ongoing operational matters could be handled under a different interagency forum.

National SAR Committee Objectives

- “...provide a standing committee to oversee the National SAR Plan and coordinate interagency SAR matters.”
- “... provide a forum for preliminary development of interagency positions in SAR matters.”
- “... provide for an interface with other national agencies involved with emergency services.”

SAR Plans

- **The National SAR co-ordinating committee**
“...provides a standing committee to oversee the National SAR Plan and coordinate interagency SAR matters.”
- **However, the term “SAR plan” can have different meanings.**
- **IAMSAR Manual, Volume I, Section 5.2 “Planning Processes” provides good information on this.**
 - **Operational level – search plan, rescue plan**
 - **Strategic level – National SAR Plan**

Which SAR Plan is used here?



Your national SAR plan provided the framework for your SAR service to create a search and then a rescue plan

National SAR plan for

Whole of Government Approach

A single document regarding your SAR region, rescue coordination center and SAR-related functions for which your country is responsible. It may include:

- Coordinates or general description of SAR region**
- General description of available facilities, personnel and equipment**

National SAR plan for Whole of Government Approach

Discussion of the roles and responsibilities of all agencies which will provide or support SAR services

- Policy on development of SAR agreements
- Coordination of operations
- Military – Civil relationships
- General principles, etc.

National SAR Plan

- **A strategic level policy document created and maintained by an interagency SAR coordinating committee.**
- **Focused on areas of common interest and used to implement higher-level conventions, legislation and plans which apply to members.**
- **This may sound complicated to create but the National SAR Plan and its SAR Co-ordinating Committee are essential for every competent SAR service.**

A National SAR Committee and SAR Plan enable your country to handle heavy seas in your region.

