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### ReCAAP ISC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Capacity Building Virtual Lecture 2022 Focuses on Evolving Maritime Threats

1. 42 officers from 17 ReCAAP Member States as well as Malaysia participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Capacity Building virtual Lecture 2022 organised by ReCAAP ISC on 26 October 2022.
2. The aim was to provide a better understanding on the evolving Maritime Threats including Piracy/Sea Robbery and the importance of International Cooperation to address such challenges for the officers of Focal Points/Contact Point (FP/CP) through a lecture as well as a discussion cum Q&A session.
3. The lecturer, Professor Christian Bueger, Professor of International Relations at the University of Copenhagen, spoke on the topic “Addressing Maritime Security Threats through International Cooperation: The Opportunities and Risks of Forum Shopping”. Officers from ReCAAP Members States also shared their experiences and concerns on piracy and sea robbery during the Q&A session.
4. The ReCAAP member countries represented at the virtual lecture included Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China (including Hong Kong-China), Germany, India, Japan, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, the UK, the US and Vietnam.



#### 2012 – 2020 -? : A new age

- Dual trend: Spheres of influence and planetary thinking
- Geopolitical thinking implies militarization of marsec
- Growing emphasis on inter-state dimensions and critical infrastructures (e.g. cables)
- Climate change and biodiversity agenda influence marsec
- Operational consequences for MLE: floodings and storms
- New MLE tasks: beyond paper parks.
- **Implications for MDA and institutional arrangements?**

Caption: The Lecture by Professor Christian Bueger



Caption: Officers from ReCAAP member states and ReCAAP ISC at the virtual lecture

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**About ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC)**

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) is the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia. The Agreement entered into force on September 4, 2006 with 14 Asian countries as Contracting Parties, and the Information Sharing Centre was established on November 29, 2006. To date, 20 States (14 Asian countries, 4 European countries, Australia, the USA) have become Contracting Parties to ReCAAP. To fulfil its vision as the Information Hub for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia, ReCAAP ISC enhances regional cooperation through information sharing, capacity building and cooperative arrangements. At the 12th Governing Council Meeting in 2018, the Council announced that ReCAAP ISC has met the criteria to be a Centre of Excellence for information sharing in combating piracy and armed robbery at sea. For more information about ReCAAP ISC, please visit <http://www.recaap.org>