

10th ASEF Forum

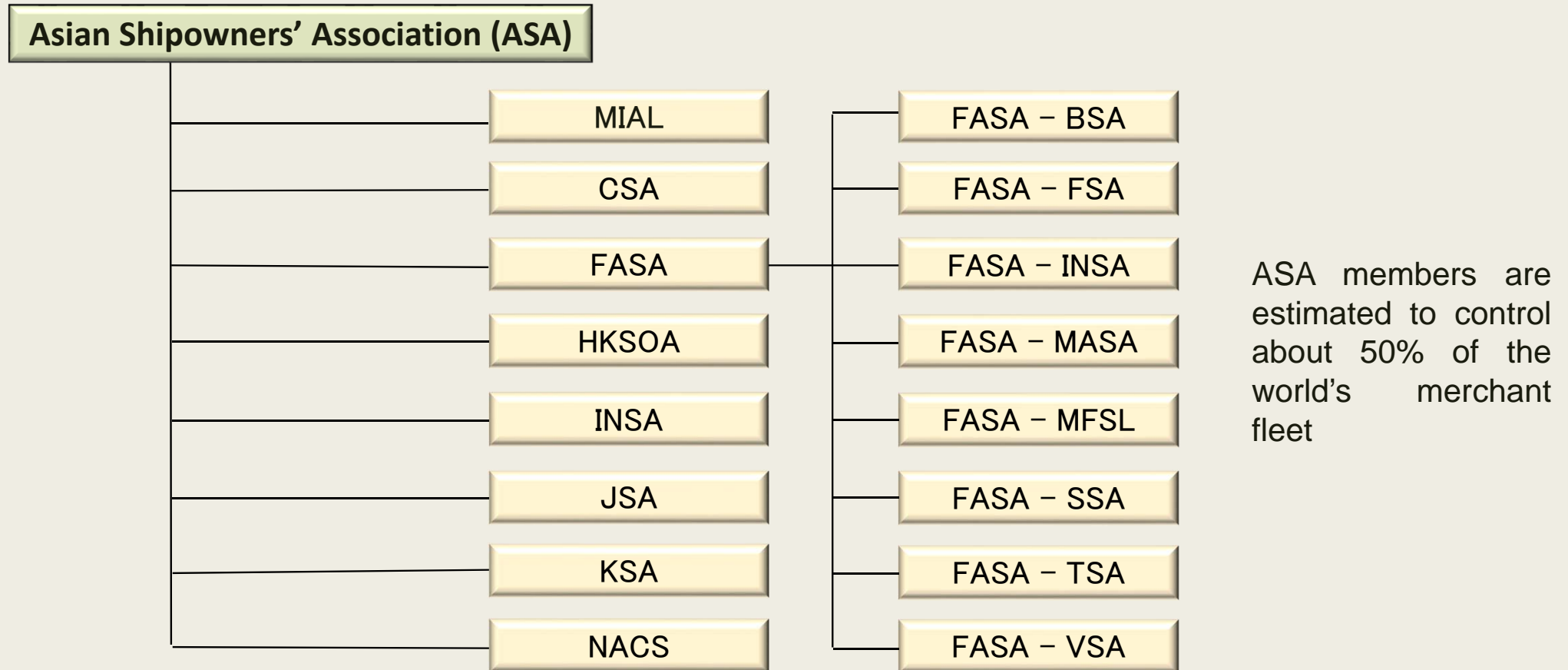
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**Presentation by
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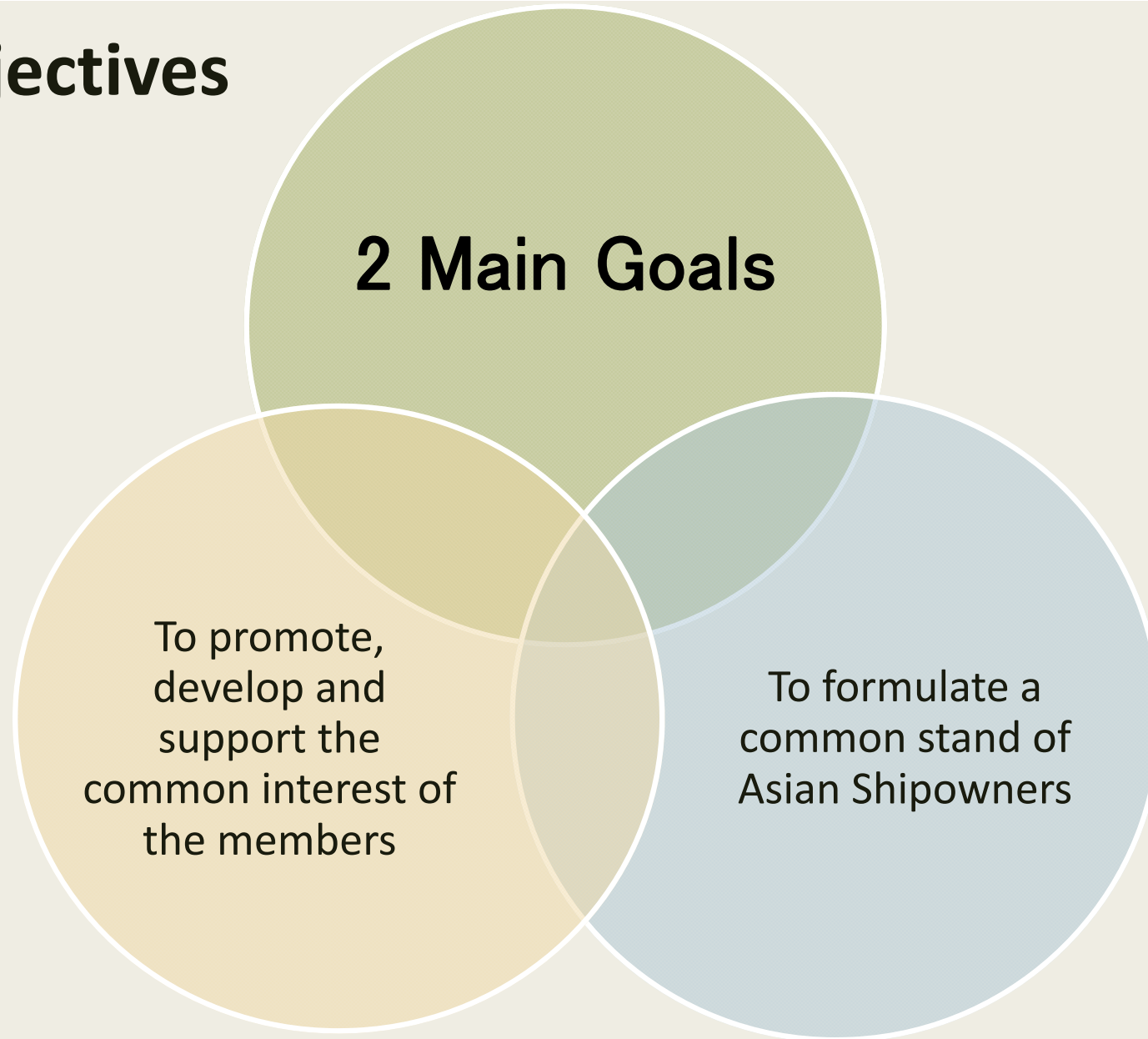


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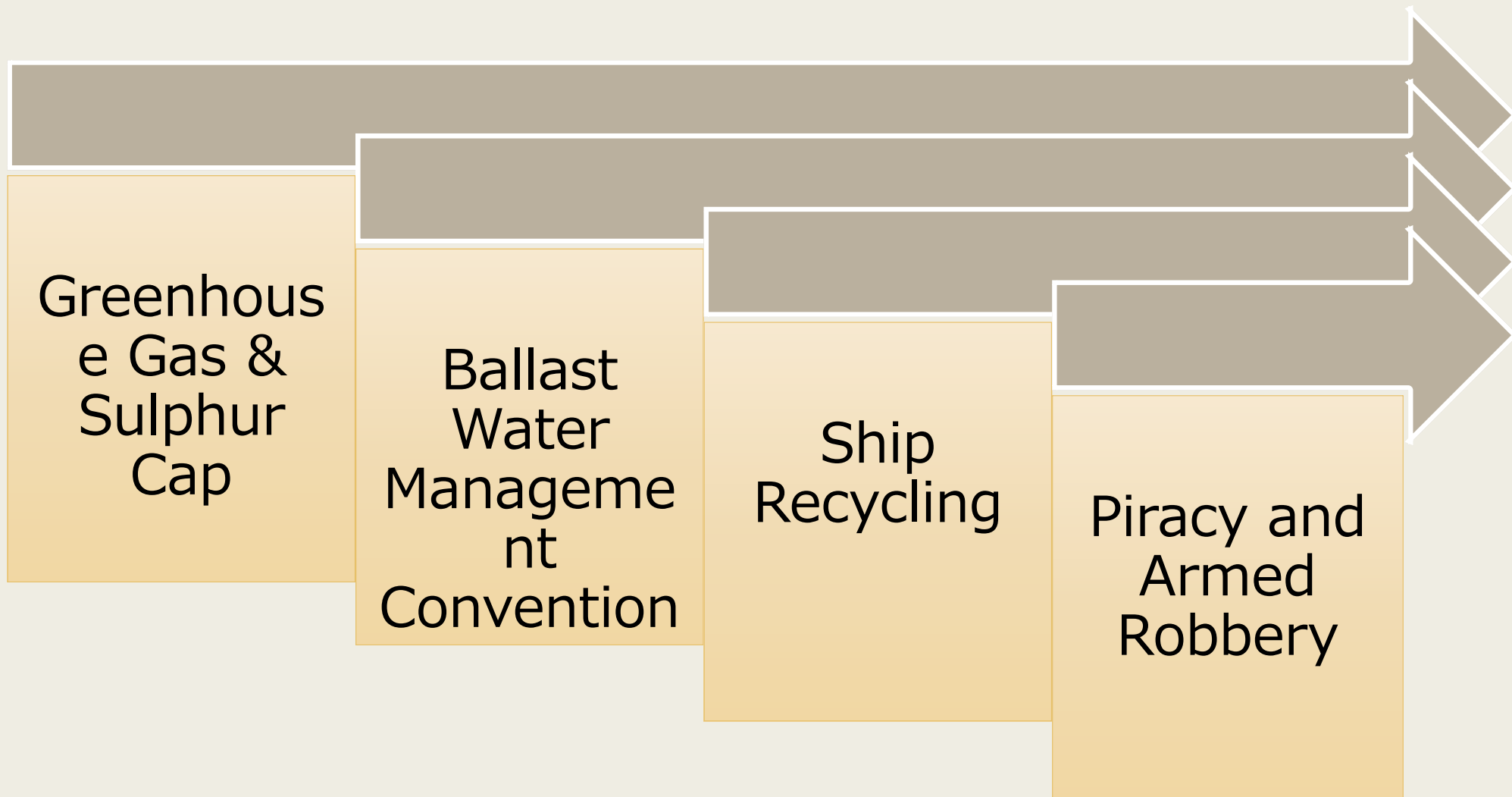
ASA members are estimated to control about 50% of the world's merchant fleet

ASA Objectives





Key Issues



Greenhouse Gases & Sulphur Cap

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- The MEPC of IMO has approved the formally adopted the mandatory global data collection system for the fuel consumption and CO2 emissions of ships, which will enter into force on March 2018.
- ASA Concern: EU Unilateral regulation on the monitoring of shipping's CO2 emission to be aligned with the IMO mandatory global data collection system
- 0.5% Global Sulphur Cap: IMO's decision at the 70th session of the MEPC for a 0.5 percent global sulphur cap on marine fuel to be implemented in 2020

Ballast Water Management Convention

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- Finland's accession brings the combined gross tonnage of contracting States to the treaty to 35.1441%, with 52 contracting Parties
 - *The entry into force criteria of the Convention were met and as result the Ballast Water Management Convention will enter into force on 8 September 2017.*
- Members and shipowners are strongly recommended to start preparing for the enforcement of the convention.
- On the ASEAN front: Regional Strategy and Action Plan.
 - *Water & organisms study → same risks area*
- Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA): A single U.S. regulatory framework to avoid inconsistent and impractical patchwork approach to maritime regulation.
 - *ASA concern that no U.S. type approved systems are available.*

Ship Recycling



Ship Recycling Regulation

- Panama has acceded to the Hong Kong convention which brings it to 5 states representing 20.36 % of world tonnage.
- Denmark - priority will be to accede to the Hong Kong Convention in Spring 2017.
- BWMC to lead to older vessels being scrapped – More sufficient ship recycling facilities in compliance with HKC.
- ASA rejects the implementation of any regional regulations
- EU to soften stance on Alang yards in India.
- ASA will further liaise with ECSA and ICS to push for the early ratification of the convention.

Piracy and Armed Robbery

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➤ **West Africa/ gulf of guinea**

- Spike in Piracy and armed robbery activities
- Crew being held captives
- Nigerian navy to step up its efforts
- New reporting mechanism: Maritime Domain Awareness for Trade – Gulf of Guinea (MDAT-GoG)

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➤ Asia

- The ASA SNEC held its meeting on 23 September 2016, and ReCAAP was invited to give a situational update.
 - *Improvement in the situation*
 - *Timely response*
 - *Collective efforts between littoral states*
 - *Military intervention/ enforcement*

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➤ Asia – Main concern: Sulu sea

- Rise in incidents involving abduction of crew from ships while underway in waters off eastern Sabah and southern Philippines in 2016.

- Agreement signed between Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines
 - *standard operating procedures for a trilateral maritime cooperation to coordinate joint sea patrols in its regional waters.*

- Additional Cooperation between Indonesia and Philippines authorities:
 - *Indonesian vessels transiting to Philippines would be escorted by Indonesia and/or IMO-compliant armed guards aboard vessels while transiting in the region.*

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➤ **ASA stance:**

- To have strong links with assets on the ground
 - *Reporting that translates to a response action*
- Language barrier: require people who can speak and understand ENGLISH to manage distress calls and direct assets for response.
- To have strong links with enforcement assets that have powers to prosecute
- To have strong cross boundary ties –
 - *Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia: where 3 parties with cross boundaries and territories are able to work out a tight agreement to achieve the results we see today in the SOMs area*

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➤ **ASA stance:**

- Information sharing between ReCAAP Focal Points and the shipping industry
- Focal points to build up close co-operation with littoral governments
- Active engagement with international organization (ICS/ BIMCO/ IMB)
- Invite Malaysia and Indonesia to be a member of ReCAAP.

■ **ASEAN LEVEL:**

- *ASA and FASA to write to ASEAN, emphasizing the current safety and security situation in the Sulu Sea and urging governments to work together to step up enforcement in the area.*

**Thank You for
your attention.**

