

## **GENERAL POLICIES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES IN INDONESIA**

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Indonesia represents the largest of the seventeen archipelagic states which is known in the world. It has 17,508 islands, comprising big and small islands, coastline stretch up to about 81,000 km, it ranks the position of Indonesia is on the second longest coastline after Canada. Geographically, the Republic of Indonesia is unique, a maritime continental which is located around equator, between two oceans, Indian and Pacific, between two continents, Asia and Australia. Approximately three quarter of the country is comprising of oceans, covering area about 6,5 million km<sup>2</sup>, population more than 200 millions and most of its population and cities are inhabitate and located close to the coastline.

It is undeniable that enormous potential of national resources are available in the waters and seabed of Indonesia. It is also a fact that the role is equally important as for sea-transportation, telecommunication, security and defence proposes, numerous industrial activities, fisheries resources, ecotourisms and other maritime services.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we aware that the marine resources should be exploited for the welfare of the community benefit, but we should manage the resources wisely on the basis of sustaining the resources properly. For this proposes it should be planned properly, harmonizely and integrated in order to promote any efforts which could sustain and optimize the resources for the nations benefit.

Although the main aims of the maritime development is for the welfare of the nation, the efforts is not for the economics aspect only, but also for the development of other aspects such as to support the self reliance and human resource quality and capability, open the job opportunity and create the enterprise development, as well as strengthening the national unity. Asides from those, the aspects of neigh bouring countries needs and international relationships should be taken into considerations.

It is aware that the application of the maritime efforts facing a lot of threats and limitations, so it needs a lot of ideas, proper planning, proper steps and the most important is the intensive and sustain coordination intersectorally.

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\* National Maritime Council

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The Government of Indonesia aware of those challenges on the marine development and established National Maritime Council as the coordinating body, in 1997. The main assignment of the council is to advice the President on formulation and decide the national policies on the maritime management and national boundary jurisdiction, as well as coordinating on the exploitation, conservation and sustaining marine environment and national boundary negotiation.

National Maritime Council has decided an “instant policy”, which programmes should be applicable instantly, prioritizing 4 (four) maritime aspects, those are in the field of fisheries, sea transportation, marine tourism and coastal management, as well as the other maritime sectors development.

To support and accelerate the maritime development, there are some main efforts should be taken which is stated in the consideration of maritime development planning up to the year of 2003, those are :

- a. Human resources development, planning to establish an integrated marine training centre, improvement of the existing training centre.
- b. Integrated planning on marine research survey and mapping. A complete data and images, up to date and accurate data should be available.
- c. Capability and support of marine sciences and technology.
- d. Preparation on the maritime spatial planning and autonomous management on the partial authority of the marine area to the local government.
- e. Implementation of law enforcement.

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The policy on the field of fisheries is to increase the fish production up to the limit of sustain potential, by increasing numbers of fishing fleet and the human resources development, establish marine culture development which is environmental friendly, survey and research to support the accurate data of stock assessment.

In the field of sea transportation is to strengthen the national fleet management, national sea transportation enterprises and also improvement of the supporting facilities. In the field of marine tourism, the policy aims to increase the contribution of the marine tourism to the national tourism.

The operational policy in the field of coastal environment management is to maximizing the economics efforts and community participation to develop this area, without leaving the awareness to sustain the resources and conserve the resources whereas necessary.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Regarding to the implementation of the SEAWATCH Indonesia Programs which conducted by Oceanor Norway and BPPT Indonesia, on behalf of National Maritime Council, here with I appreciate much of this programmes. I have feeling that this program is important to support the development of maritime affairs in Indonesia. All of the programmes on the development of maritime affairs which I mentioned previously in this notes, needs supporting of accurate data, up to date data, instantly. With conventional methods, the data collection will be time consuming, needs a

tremendous efforts and human resources, but with this modern device of SEAWATCH instruments the data will be instantly available. The deployment of 10 buoys in several places in Indonesian waters support the proper planning on maritime affairs, but for the future, to support the national maritime planning, the deployment of buoys should also located in the eastern parts of Indonesia.

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The data which collected by the sensor instruments is also important for the early warning system to the community if the disaster will appear, for example when the storm coming, big waves, etc. It is undeniable that the capability of sensor is still limited to several parameters. I believe that in the future the capability will be improved for broader parameters.

The SEAWATCH Indonesia, from the view points of organization has excellent arrangement involving all the institutions and experts which is involved in marine affairs. I do hope this arrangement will produce the best benefit for development of maritime affairs in Indonesia.

Thank you.