

## THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN RED TIDE NETWORK

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### ABSTRACT

Red tides may extend over wide areas, often involving the coastlines of adjacent countries. The harmful red tides have negative health and economic impacts if management measures are not in place. Considered as the first regional network on harmful algae, an ASEAN-Canada Red Tide Network has been operational since early 1994 linking six ASEAN countries (The Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia) and Canada. Funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) through the ASEAN-Canada Cooperative Programme on Marine Science. The phase (CPMS)-II consists of 2 networks. An Awareness Network (AN) serves to inform on the occurrence of red tides in any member country. The Information Network (IN) provides member countries with materials useful for the understanding of red tides/harmful algal events. The Network is FAX-based with the Philippines as the Regional Coordinator and designated country anchors and country alternate anchors feeding data and information into the system.