

Maritime SAR Telecommunications System Project



SAR Telecommunication Equipment

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount/ Loan Disbursed Amount	¥4,377 million / ¥3,833 million
Loan Agreement	June 1984
Terms and Conditions	Interest rate: 3.5%, Repayment period: 30 years (grace period: 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	June 1992

Project Profile

The project was to develop the marine search and rescue (SAR) telecommunication network, which is essential for efficient SAR operations improved in order to secure human lives and property on the country's seas.

Results and Evaluation

The project provided the Coastal Warning Office of the Marine Transport Department with three systems, a SAR activity communications system, a command communications system and a SAR coordination communications system. These systems developed dedicated SAR communications infrastructure which covers the whole country, so that they established a communications system to make SAR operations more efficient.

However, there are some areas with maintenance problems which mean that the installed equipment is not functioning effectively. That means some conditions for increasing the efficiency of SAR operations have not been met.

In order to make SAR operations much more efficient, it is indispensable to station SAR vessels and aircraft and to improve the rate of wireless equipment installation on vessels, as well as developing the communications system.

Future measures to increase the efficiency of SAR operations and improve the maintenance system are being supported through Special Assistance for Project Sustainability (SAPS).