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In 2006, INTERPOL launched Project BADA, which means Pirate in Korean, on maritime security, in particular maritime piracy and armed robbery against. The objectives of this global project are to identify members of gangs, existing hierarchies, areas of operation, modus operandi and links to other criminal activities. Once specific individuals have been identified, INTERPOL, together with the concerned member countries, will issue Red Notices (applicable for wanted persons based on a national arrest warrant) or Blue Notices (a request to trace and locate suspected individuals) to alert law enforcement in all of INTERPOL's 186 member countries. In addition, project BADA coordinates trans-national investigations on maritime piracy and armed robbery against ships and aims at analyzing information in order to signal potential danger for navigation. Furthermore, the project will provide training courses on maritime crimes for officers working within INTERPOL national focal points, called National Central Bureaus, and will produce an annual report.

In the context of this project, INTERPOL also works in close cooperation with other International organizations, such as the International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Maritime Bureau (IMB), and Maritime Organization for West and Central Africa (MOWCA).

On 12 & 13 July 2007, INTERPOL jointly organized a 'Working Meeting on Maritime Piracy in Asia-Pacific Region' in cooperation with the Korea Coast Guard in Incheon, Korea. The event was attended by 30 participants from 11 countries and 2 international organizations (International Maritime Organization (IMO), and Information Sharing Center of Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ISC-ReCAAP)). During the two-day meeting, participants gave their perspectives on different areas of maritime crimes including maritime piracy, human smuggling, and drugs trafficking by ships as well as examining international

cooperation in the region. INTERPOL introduced a general overview of its common operational tools, project BADA, and its intention to launch a global database on stolen vessels in the near future to assist member countries in their investigations and in identifying stolen vessels. Member countries were encouraged to more actively participate in project BADA and share information – including operational information – in a timely manner in order to make this database of optimal use for the countries.