

CHAPTER V CONCLUSION

The security of the Sulu and Celebes Sea is of great importance for the international seafaring community. The Sulu and Celebes Seas is the area that border the three countries Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines. As a result, lack of adequate cooperation in this area has raised some concerns over the safety and security of navigation in the waterways.

Trilateral security in the Sulu and Celebes Sea is jeopardized by a complex threat which affects Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. Terrorist organizations have found safe havens in the surrounding islands of the Celebes Sea to recruit, train, operate and remain concealed. Many of these territories are hosts to ethnic and religious conflicts, a greater challenge for local authorities and providing a safe haven for these organizations to operate. Some of these organizations have adopted traditional pirate tactics to fund their operations and to carry out their agendas. Criminal piracy is also rampant in the region, affecting the livelihood of local communities and the safe transit of international commerce.

According to the problem happened over the Sulu and Celebes Sea that not only threaten the region but already became international threat. However the littoral states (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines) as a sovereign state and is committed to maintaining regional security, they should be responsible for this issue. As a result, no single country has the capability to prevent and control different kinds of transnational crime. Moreover, the prevention of transnational crime through international cooperation may be an ideal way.

The Sulu and Celebes Sea ara needs more cooperation than competition because of the complexity of maritime safety and security. In response, the littoral states of the Philippines,

Indonesia and Malaysia have developed trilateral diplomatic efforts to strengthen a regional comprehensive framework to counter maritime piracy and kidnapping. Maritime security cooperation in the Sulu and Celebes Sea among Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines is essential for their own security and for the safe passage of international trade.

In order to establish cooperation among littoral states, the three countries decided to held a series of high-level meeting towards maritime security problem in the Sulu and Celebes Sea. As a result, the three states finally agreed to establish Trilateral Cooperative Arrangement (TCA) in maintaining security and stability in the Sulu and Celebes Sea. Thus, this undergraduate thesis is able to answer the research question regarding the efforts of the littoral states to maintaining the security and stability in the Sulu and Celebes Sea