

South African Maritime Safety Authority



Marine Notice No. 26 of 2004

Formal safety assessment: a useful tool for creating a safer working environment on fishing vessels

TO OPERATORS, SKIPPERS AND CREWS OF SOUTH AFRICAN FISHING VESSELS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Summary

This marine notice recommends the use of formal safety assessment (FSA) methodologies to improve safety on South African fishing vessels.

- 1 The South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMS) has identified FSA as a useful tool for improving safety on fishing vessels. The industry is encouraged to use this tool as a means for raising safety awareness and ensuring compliance with statutory safety requirements.
- 2 SAMS has produced a booklet on risk assessment and hazard analysis (which is part of FSA). The booklet is obtainable free of charge from SAMS marine offices. It is recommended that fishing vessel operators use this booklet, and its generic checklists, as a way of introducing FSA in their operations.
- 3 At this stage, SAMS does not intend to make FSA mandatory.