

Ship Dismantling

- Current Problems and Ways Forward



This workshop will target the internationally important issue of ship dismantling aiming to have a challenging and constructive discussion on how current problems can be dealt with.

Despite that the majority of the international ship fleet is registered within the EU and the US, less than 1% of the ships are currently being dismantled in these countries once they are ready for scrapping. Instead, they are "beached" in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, where poorly paid unskilled workers dismantle the ships under circumstances that are extremely hazardous for both workers and the environment. Still, the ship dismantling industry represents work opportunities in these countries and almost everything from the ships are recycled and reused. Is there scope to improve the existing practices so that ship dismantling could continue in the current countries in a more environmentally and socially sustainable way?

The workshop will begin with a lecture by Prof. Shyam R. Asolekar, Centre for Environment Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, followed by discussions on possible solutions. A broad range of actors are invited to the workshop, including academics, NGOs, political actors and the business community.

Time: 4th May 9.15-12.00

Venue: Norrland I, Geocentrum, Uppsala

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