

## Platform publishes South Asia Quarterly Update #4

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**Brussels, 16 January 2015-** The NGO Shipbreaking Platform publishes today the [fourth South Asia Quarterly Update](#), a briefing paper in which it informs about the shipbreaking industry in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. Providing an overview of vessels broken on the beaches of South Asia, accidents, recent on-the-ground, legislative and political developments including our activities in South Asia we aim to inform the public about the negative impacts of substandard shipbreaking practices as well as positive steps aimed at the realisation of environmental justice and the protection of workers' rights. In this edition of the update we inform amongst other about the Danish ship *Clipper Concord* sold for breaking to India; a report on the working conditions in Alang; and draw a comparison between Bangladesh's shipbuilding and shipbreaking industry. In 2014, 657 ships were sold for breaking on the beaches of South Asia. The death toll due to accidents for 2014 was at least 23 shipbreaking workers – as accidents are not always reported, and many more workers



also die of diseases such as cancer, the actual number however is expected to be higher.

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