

# GCMD Ammonia Bunkering Safety Study

Ammonia Energy Association

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# Background

- A detailed technical evaluation to define the safety and operational envelopes for ammonia bunkering in Singapore
- To advance the deployment of green ammonia as a marine fuel
- Expected outcomes of the evaluation will support the establishment of a regulatory sandbox for pilots and demonstration projects
- The whole study is split into 2 workstreams
  - Workstream 1 will focus on demand forecast, site selection, QRA, HAZID/HAZOP study, general CAPEX model
  - Workstream 2 will focus on the development of a technical, procedural, and competency guideline for ammonia transfer and bunkering and validation

## Consortium Partners



# Overview of Workstreams 1 and 2

## Workstream 1

1.1 Bunkering Demand Forecast

1.2 Conceptual Design

1.3 Site Selection

1.4 Safety Studies

1.5 Capex model

## Workstream 2

Part 1: General Introduction

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Part 4: Training and Competency Requirements

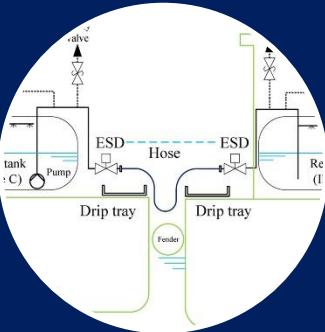
Part 3: Bunkering and Safety Procedures

# 1.1 Ammonia Bunker Demand Forecast

- Developing Ammonia demand forecast model using bottom-up and top-down approaches leveraging on DNV in-house datasets, including but not limited to:
  - DNV AIS datasets
  - DNV ETO datasets
- Conducting workshops with stakeholders
  - Methodology presentation
  - Project demonstration
  - Clarifications
- Projecting the annual ammonia demand towards 2050.
- Estimate the vessel size and ammonia tank range for major ship segments (ie, container, tanker, bulker etc.)



# 1.2 Conceptual Design



## Establish Design Basis

- Establish Assumptions for the study
- Bunkering Capacity based on demand analysis by DNV
- Bunkering rates
- SIMOPS requirements



## Bunkering Infrastructure Design

- Estimate preliminary topside infrastructure requirements  
Landside utility and fire fighting requirements
- Landside electrical connectivity adequacy check/new substation
- Perform Process Design (PFD, HMB, Line sizing, Equipment sizing, P&ID etc), bunkering truck specs



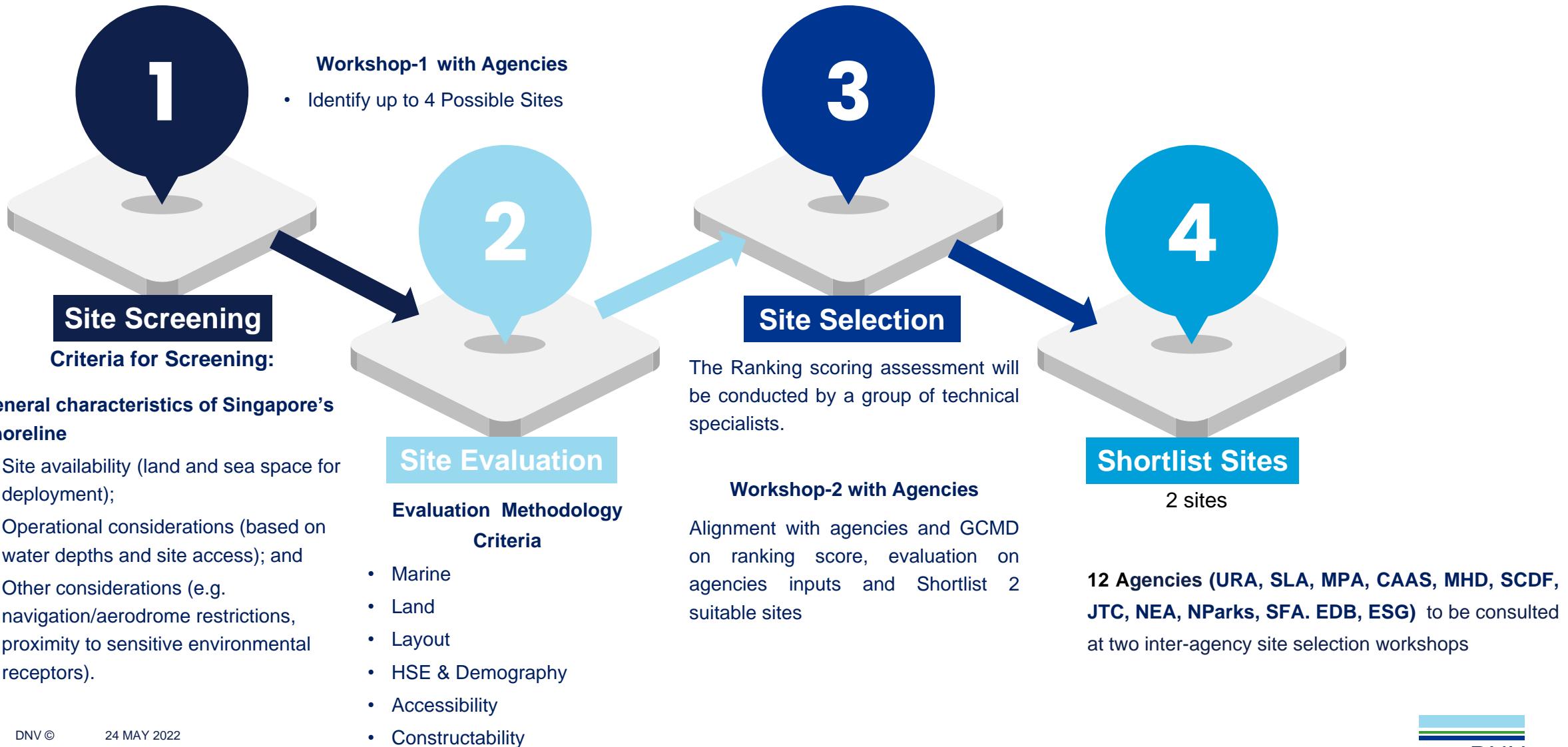
## Plot Space Adequacy Assessment

- Preliminary Plot Plan
- Preliminary Layout with required safety distances

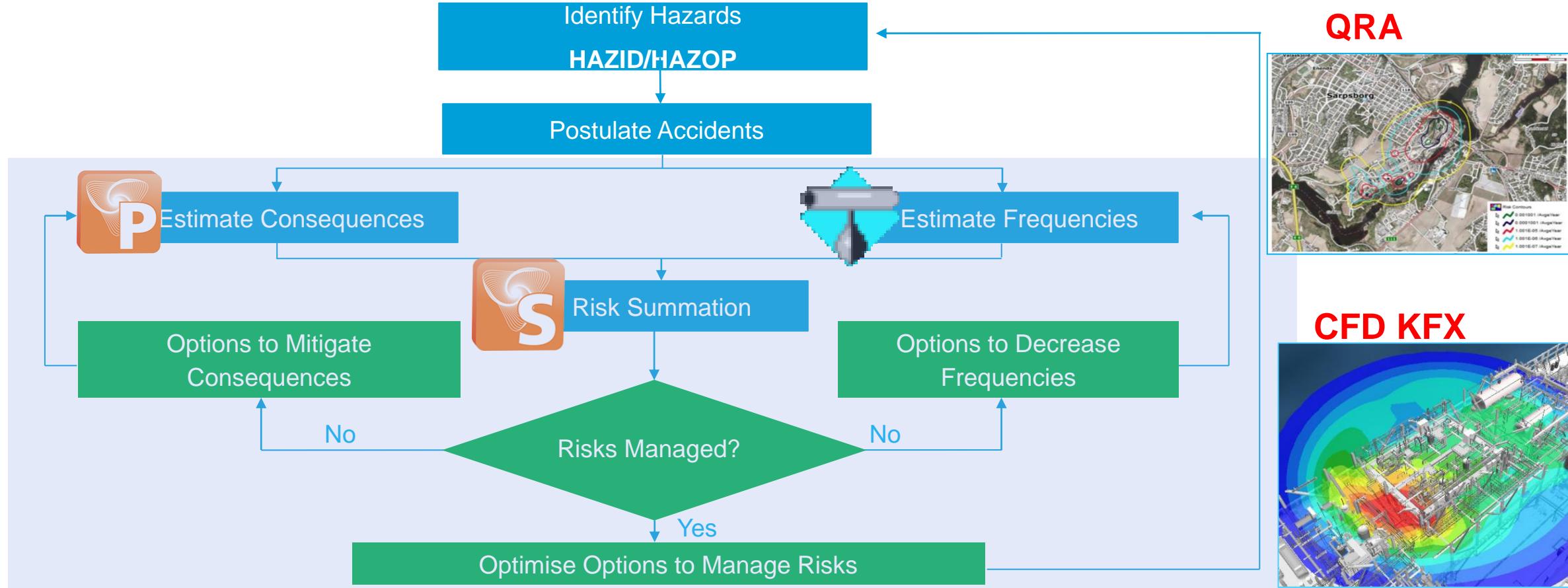
# Leveraging on previous studies done in the Port of Amsterdam and Oslo

- External safety study - bunkering of alternative marine fuel for seagoing vessels
  - Hydrogen
  - Ammonia
  - LNG
  - Methanol
- Determination of the location-specific individual risk/external safety distances
- Focus areas
  - Fire
  - Explosion
  - Toxic
- Ammonia Bunkering of Passenger Vessel - Concept Quantitative Risk Assessment
- Concept 1A: Transfer of pressurized ammonia from a truck to a pressurized storage tank on the quay and further to the passenger ship.
- Concept 1B: Transfer of refrigerated ammonia from a bunker ship to a pressurized storage tank on the quay and further to the passenger ship.
- Concept 2: Transfer of refrigerated ammonia from a bunker ship on the seaside of the passenger ship directly to the passenger ship.

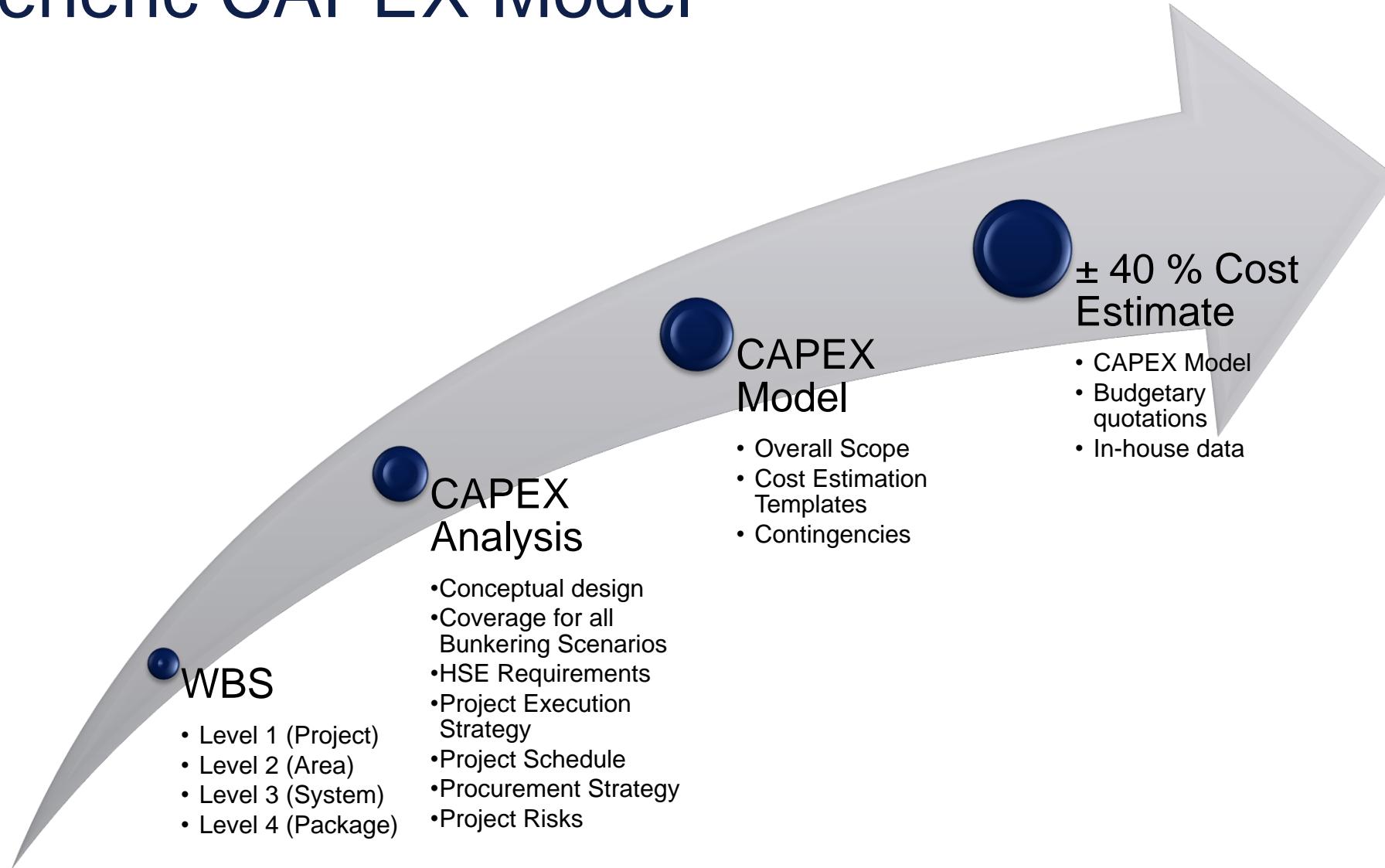
# 1.3 Site Selection Methodology



# 1.4 Safety Studies 2 locations – 4 bunkering concepts



# 1.5 Generic CAPEX Model



# 2 Drafting of Technical, Procedural and Competency Guidelines

- The core objective of this scope is to develop an extensive guideline like Technical Reference (TR 56) for LNG bunkering.
- This section requires close collaboration with the committed study partners through meetings and workshops at several stages of the documentation, facilitated by DNV. We also intend to engage Singapore Standards Association in the discussions.
- The guideline will have 4 sub-parts as follows:

## **Part 1: Ammonia as a marine fuel – Safety and Regulations**

## **Part 2: Custody transfer**

## **Part 3: Bunkering and Safety Procedures**

## **Part 4: Training and competency requirements**

### **Contents**

1. Scope
2. Terms and definitions

**Part 1: Ammonia as a fuel – Safety and Regulations**

3. Introduction to ammonia
4. Properties of ammonia
5. Modes of ammonia bunkering
6. Regulatory framework for ammonia bunkering

**Part 2: Custody Transfer**

7. Ammonia custody transfer
8. Ammonia quantity
9. Ammonia quality measurement

**Part 3: Bunkering and Safety Procedures**

10. Safety requirements
11. Determination of Controlled zones
12. Emergency Scenarios and procedures
13. Compatibility assessment methodology
14. Bunkering procedure
15. Simultaneous operations
16. Cassette bunkering
17. Ammonia bunkering checklist (TTS, STS, SHTS)

**Part 4: Training and Competency Requirements**

18. Training and Competency framework for ammonia bunkering operations
19. Assessment of ammonia bunkering operation competency
20. Requirements for trainers and assessors
21. Simulation exercise requirements
22. Assessment criteria

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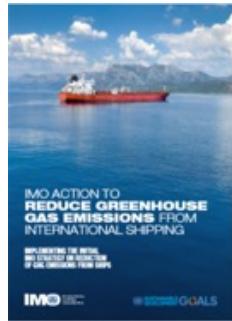
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# How we started



IMO 2050 target articulated, Apr 2018



First meeting of the International Advisory Panel (IAP) for Maritime Decarbonisation, Jul 2020



GCMD founded, Aug 2021

Founding partners



2018

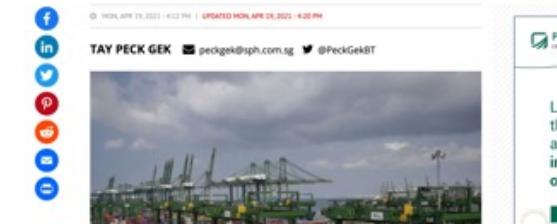
2019

2020

2021

2022

**Singapore to set up a global maritime decarbonisation centre: Ong Ye Kung**



IAP report published and Singapore announces plans to set up decarbonisation centre, Apr 2021

**Singapore's new decarbonisation centre invites proposals for ammonia bunkering study**

GCMD announced the Invitation for Proposal, Oct 2021

# Ammonia bunkering safety study



Defining the safety + operations envelopes to enable ammonia bunkering pilot + demonstration

Study consultant: DNV Singapore Pte Ltd

Partners: Surbana Jurong, Singapore Maritime Academy

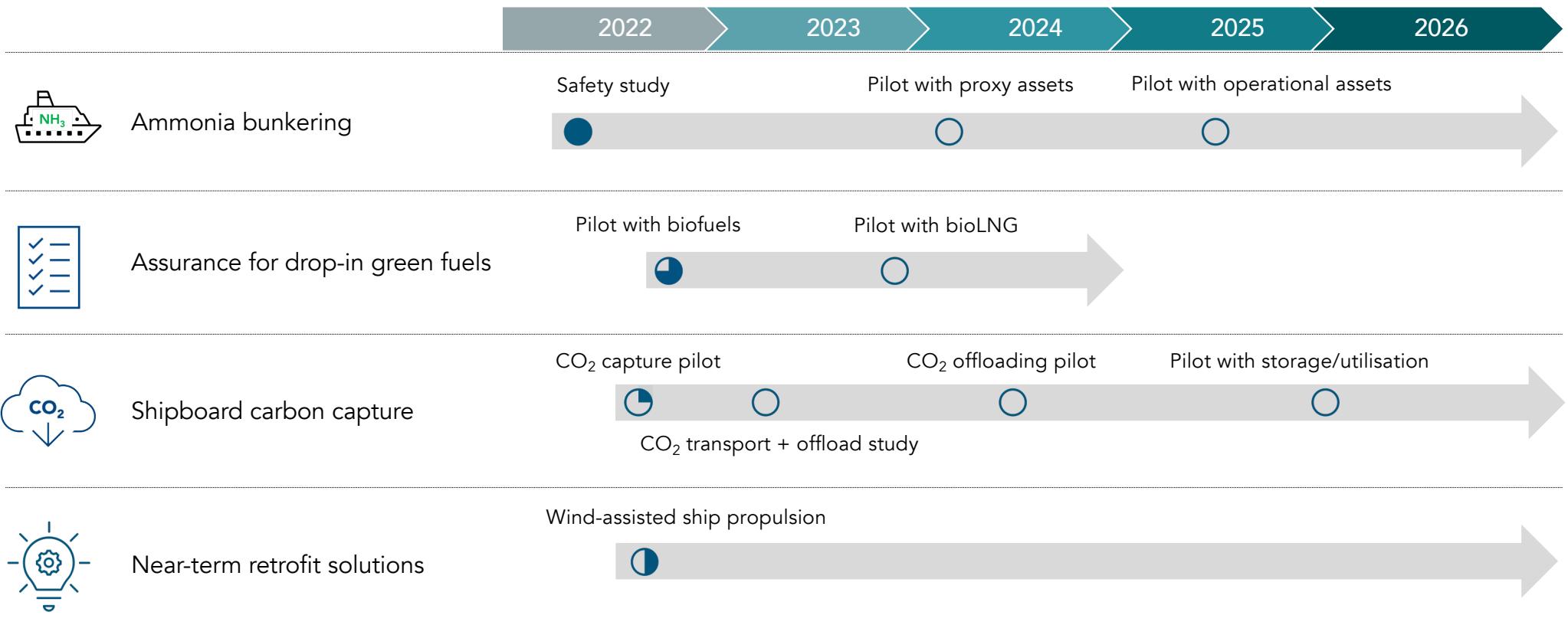
+ Start date: Feb 2022

+ Project duration: 10 to 12 months



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# 5-year projects outlook



List is not exhaustive; current as of May 2022.

# The fuels of tomorrow will be largely different from today



	Conventional/ fossil fuels	Lower carbon fuels available today		Low-/zero-carbon fuels		
Characteristics	MGO/HFO/LSFO	Biodiesel	LNG	Ammonia	Hydrogen	Methanol
Boiling point @1 atm	-	-	-160°C	-33°C	-253°C	65°C
Energy Density (MJ/L)	36.6-38.2	35-37	20.8 (liquefied)	12.8 (liquefied)	8.49 (liquefied)	15.8
Fuel tank size relative to MGO	-	-	1.7	2.8	4.2	2.4
Toxicity	Non-toxic	Non-toxic	Non-toxic	Highly-toxic	Non-toxic	Low acute toxicity

Sources:

1. Alternative fuels for international shipping, NTU MESD
2. MAN B&W two-stroke engine operating on ammonia, MAN ES
3. Comparison of Alternative Marine Fuels, SEA\LNG

# Ammonia as cargo versus bunker

	Ammonia as cargo	Ammonia as bunker
State of matter during transport and storage	Pressurised liquid at room temperature or refrigerated liquid	Needs to be specified per transfer and storage modes
Quality / grade	Chemical grade	Does fuel grade need to be as high as chemical grade?
Capacity	20-60,000 cbm for tankers; 5-7,000 cbm for Panamax container ships; approx. 10,000 cbm stored in Singapore	On average 3,600 cbm per bunker call assuming the endurance of fuel oil; much smaller quantities for trucks, etc.
Transfer frequency	Low (<< 1 delivery/day depending on consumption volume and rate)	Very high (for reference: about 110 bunker call/day in Singapore) <b>Specs needed to ensure safe operations</b>
Operation experience	Limited to industrial processes	Does not exist today
Transfer process	Established (fully-refrigerated; semi-refrigerated; not refrigerated)	Not established; needs to be customised for bunkering operations
Dispersion study on ammonia release	Limited to industrial sites	More expansive scope needed to cover potential release on land and in water
Guidelines for transfer and storage	In place	Not established

Information from MESD, NTU

For further details, please see Dr. Liu Ming's presentation at SMI Forum on October 14, 2021 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MnBCPS3TsA>).

# Scope + outcomes



**01**

Identify & make recommendations to address regulatory gaps

**02**

Recommend up to two sites for ammonia bunkering

**03**

Draft Technical Guidelines and Procedures

**04**

Generate CAPEX model for ammonia bunkering infrastructure

**05**

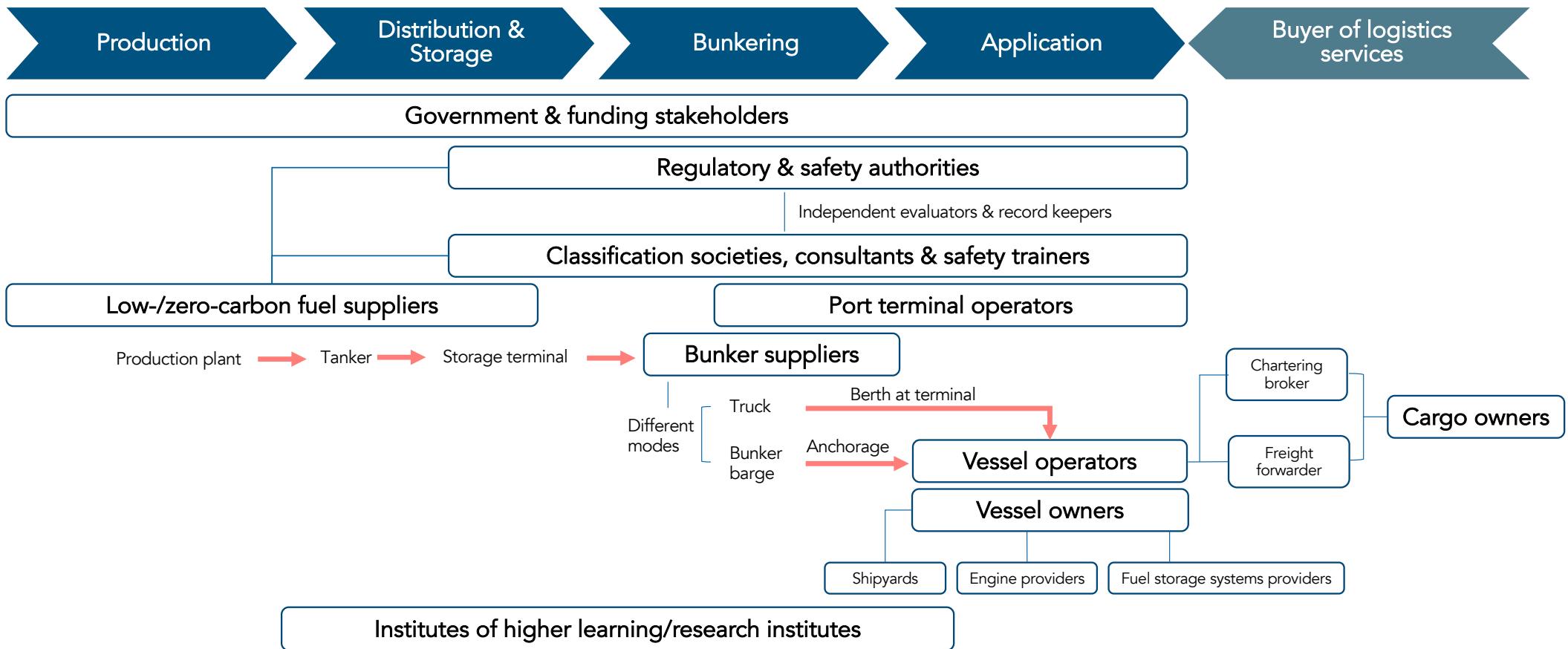
Develop competency standards for bunkering operations

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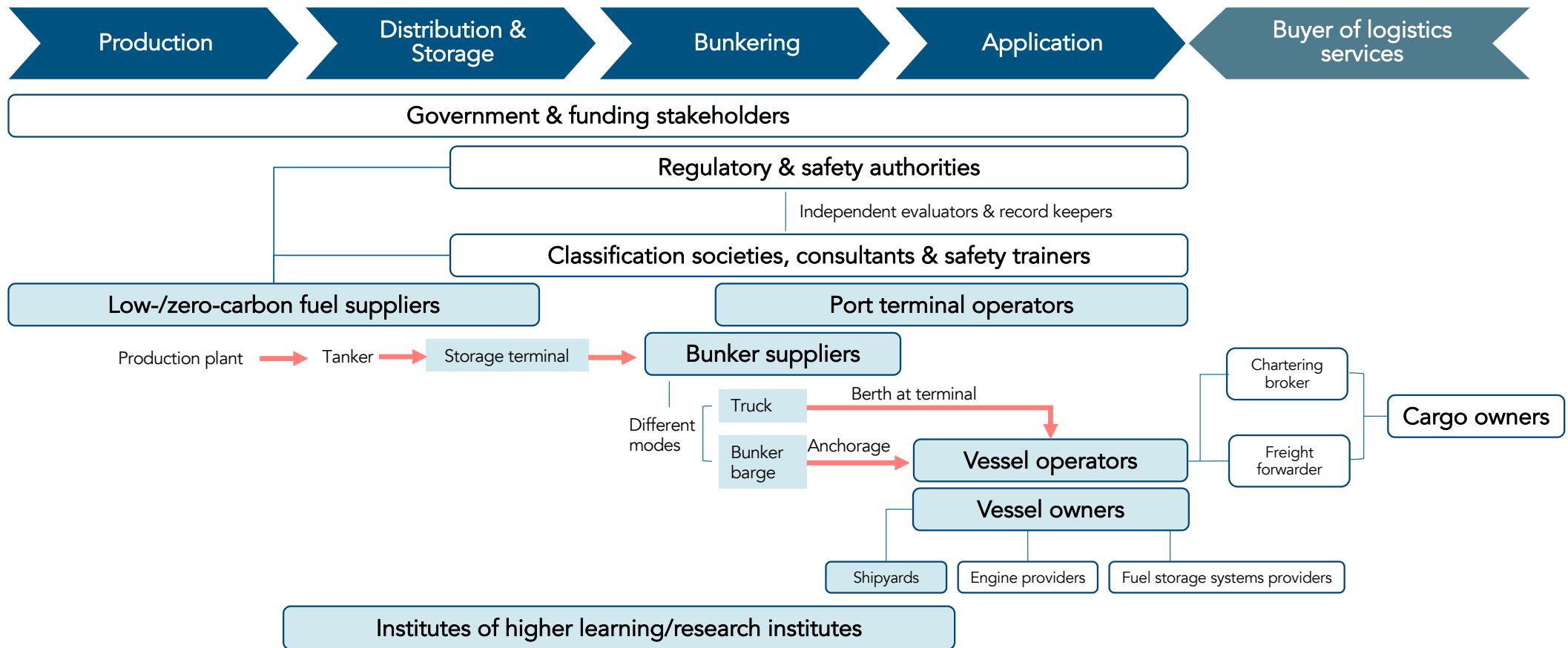
Validate & finalise findings with industry stakeholders

The expected outcomes will support the establishment of regulatory sandbox for pilots and demonstration projects

# Study focuses on transfer of ammonia



# Committed industry partners



# Study partners



						
Fuel producers	Fuel storage terminal operators	Bunker suppliers + barge operators	Port terminal operators	Vessel owners + operators	Shipyards	Fuel (quality + quantity) testing service providers
+ Yara	+ Oiltanking + Vopak Terminals	+ Fratelli Cosulich + Hong Lam + Kenoil + Pavilion Energy	+ Jurong Port + PSA	+ Asiatic Lloyd + EPS + MOL + Navigator Gas/BW + NYK + ONE + PIL	+ Keppel + Sembcorp Marine	+ National Metrology Centre + Viswa Lab + VPS

# Welcoming your participation



GCMD has set up an Industry Consultation and Alignment Panel (iCAP) to provide input to the recommendations of this study before the report is finalised.

Register your interest via:

Link: [iCAP registration](#)

QR code:





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