

The Study on the Comprehensive Port Development Plan in the Republic of Panama

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Project Outline

Client: Japan International Cooperation Agency

Period: August, 2006-December 2007

Objective: With an aim to promote the rural area, the study was carried out to elaborate a strategic national port development plan up to 2024. On the basis of the strategic plan, four (4) regions (Dalien, Panama, Chiriqui, Bocas del Toro) were chosen and development master plans were prepared for the provincial ports for the four regions (La Palma, Coquilla, Almuellas, Bocas del Toro ports) and priority projects to be implemented by 2014 were elaborated and their feasibility were examined.

Main Activities

Assigned fields: Port policy/Port administration, Port Planning, Operation and management, Economic and financial evaluation, Maritime transport and shipping operation

Summary of activities:

- Clarification of the hierarchy of the ports and roles and functions of ports
- Review of strong points of regions and existing regional development plans: free trade zone, export processing zone, agriculture, tourism
- Proposal of Port administration policy and development strategy correspond to scale, function and role of the ports
- Holding stakeholders meeting for local peoples' participation in the port planning stage
- Selection of priority region and ports for the development
- Preparation of master plan and priority projects
- Feasibility evaluation of priority projects
- Port management and financial strategy (public and private investment plan)

