



Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Report presented on behalf of the Commission by Peter Sparkes

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Meetings of the SAIHC between A2 and A3



SAIHC18 Maputo

SAIHC 17: Virtual Conference 2020, postponed to 2021. Held as a VTC meeting 3rd-4th February 2021

SAIHC 18: Hybrid Meeting 9-13th May 2022, Maputo. Attendees from ten member states, five states as observers and nine industrial partners. This was the greatest ever SAIHC attendance.

SAIHC 19: To be held August 2023 in Mauritius

Highlights of regional collaboration and follow up achievements

- Further development of an active Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group, led by UK
- SAIHC has established a Crowd Source Bathymetry (CSB) and Seabed2030 Coordinator
- Virtual two-day MSDI Awareness Training Course delivered, January 21
- Hydrographic Awareness Seminar delivered in May 22 improving regional engagement
- The African Great Lakes & Rivers Sub Working Group has been formed, with a meeting and practical demonstration 5-6th December 2022 in Lilongwe, Malawi



Activities contributing to the strategic goals and targets of the IHO

- Additional two Member States joined IHO within SAIHC region, Angola and Kenya
- Hydrographic Awareness Seminar led to a focused inter-sessional meeting to consider the Strategic Performance Indicators (SPIs) and Gap analysis across Member States
- The ICCWG continues to coordinate the INT charting coverage and reduce ENC overlaps and gaps.
- IHO Capacity Building Fund supporting training and Technical Assessment Visits in Comoros, Tanzania and Mozambique
- S100 implementation to be discussed at SAIHC19, August 2023





Assembly is invited to

- a) **take note the full report**
(SAIHC Report to 3rd Assembly)
- b) **consider the reported highlights of regional activities and the activities contributed to the strategic Goals and targets in their further deliberations**