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IRCC WORKSHOP ON CROWDSOURCED BATHYMETRY (CSB)
26 April 2024, IHO Secretariat - Monaco
Hybrid Event

Reference: *Council Decision C7/25 - The Council welcomed the proposal from the IRCC supported by the IHO Secretariat to plan two workshops on IBSC and CSB matters.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As requested in the reference, the IHO Council noted the information from IRCC to organize a workshop by the first semester 2024 on the benefit of crowdsourced bathymetry (CSB) and how to expand data contribution. The CSBWG Chair, in consultation with the IRCC Chair and IHO Secretariat, decided to schedule a hybrid workshop on the subject on 26 April 2024. The workshop will be recorded and posted online. The draft Agenda is available in the **Annex** and a dedicated webpage will be created under the CSBWG webpage.
2. The workshop will present an overview of crowdsourced bathymetry activities, legal considerations and experiences from the hydrographic community on CSB as a collaborative approach to gather and share depth data. As CSB data collection grows, hydrographic offices around the world may consider using these data to identify chart discrepancies, update charts, inform product development and revise hydrographic survey priorities. Mapping and scientific initiatives are seeing the value of CSB to help fill gaps where data are scarce, such as polar regions, around small island states and the open ocean. CSB has far-reaching implications for exploration, conservation, resource management and our overall understanding of our coastal waters and the world's oceans.
3. National Hydrographers, or their Deputies, are strongly encouraged to participate and attend. Other governmental officials working in the ocean sphere (e.g.: national focal points for the UN Decade) are also welcome to attend the workshop. Hydrographic Offices are kindly requested to report the names of their respective Government Officials to the IHO Secretariat (using the addresses samuel.harper@iho.int and sarah.jones.couture@iho.int) for the subsequent sending of the invitation to participate in this workshop – either remotely or in person at the IHO Secretariat.
4. All delegates intending to participate in the IRCC Workshop on Crowdsourced Bathymetry are invited to register through the IHO online registration system (using the address <https://online.iho-khoa.kr/registration>) **no later than 24 April 2024**. The GoToMeeting Link to participate at the workshop will be sent in the registration confirmation email.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely

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IRCC WORKSHOP ON CROWDSOURCED BATHYMETRY
DRAFT AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Hybrid event, 26 April 2024

Time (UTC +1)	26 April 2024	Action
1200-1300	System will be open to testing	All
1300	Opening of online system	All
1300-1310	Welcome & Opening Remarks	IHO Secretary General
1310-1320	Introduction to the Workshop: Purpose, Objectives, CSB data flow	Jennifer Jencks
SESSION 1		
1320-1335	How CSB is supporting the UN Decade, GEBCO, & The IHO Strategic Plan	Belen Jimenez Baron
1335-1340	Q&A	All
1340-1355	Legal Considerations & Misconceptions	Steve Keating
1355-1400	Q&A	All
1400-1415	BREAK	
SESSION 2		
1415-1430	Utility of CSB (The NOAA Example)	Anthony Klemm
1430-1435	Q&A	All
1435-1450	Implementation of CSB in waters of national jurisdiction: the FRANCE case.	Laurent Kerléguer
1450-1455	Q&A	All
1455-1510	CSB and the world of Yachting: the experience of the Yacht Club de Monaco (YCM)	YCM (speaker TBD)
1510-1515	Q&A	All
1515-1530	FINAL WRAP-UP AND DISCUSSION on Developing CSB inside and outside the IHO Community	IHO Secretariat Jennifer Jencks
END OF WORKSHOP		