

**THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE CBSC (CBSC13)**

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**Paper for information of the CBSC**

**Summary report of the MESO-American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC)**

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<b>Executive Summary:</b>	This paper provides a summary report of CB activities to CBSC13
<b>Reference:</b>	MACHC CB Plan 2013-2017

**Introduction - background**

1. A five year plan for CB activity in the MACHC region was approved by the membership in 2012. This plan covers the period 2013-2017 and is reviewed annually (during MACHC meetings) to ensure it meets regional requirements. The plan is based on assessing the phase of development of each of the coastal states within the MACHC region (as determined by the IHO's three phases of CB) and arranging training activity to build the necessary capability to meet SOLAS treaty obligations. There is a great deal of 'SOLAS awareness' required in this region.

**Activities completed since CBSC12**

2. A technical visit to *Nicaragua* was conducted in November 2014.

3. In conjunction with the IMO a sub-regional course on hydrography was delivered in Managua, Nicaragua in September/October 2014 for the following coastal states:-  
*Costa Rica (2), Cuba (2), Dominican Republic (2), El Salvador (2), Guatemala (2), Honduras (2), Panama (2) & Nicaragua (9)*

4. MACHC members were invited to participate in the SEPHC's technical workshop on hydro/cartography river survey which was delivered in Iquitos, Peru in October 2014. The following MACHC members participated:-  
*Brazil, Guyana & Suriname*

5. A two-day Hydrographic Awareness Seminar was organised to precede the main MACHC meeting in Manzanillo, Mexico. The following coastal states were funded to attend this Seminar :-  
*Antigua & Barbuda, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Haiti, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago and St Vincent & The Grenadines*

6. *Suriname* was awarded a place on the first IHO-NF CHART project at the UKHO September – December 2014.

7. The following activities are planned and funded for 2015:-

- Phase 1 Skills course for Spanish speakers
- Workshop on technical aspects of maritime boundaries
- A further seminar on raising awareness of hydrography to precede MACHC16

**Action Required of CBSC**

8. The CBSC is invited to take note of this report