

## THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE CBSC (CBSC13)

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### MBSHC CB Summary Report

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**Executive Summary:** This document provides a summary report of CB activities of the MBSHC for the period 2014-2015.

#### **Introduction - Background**

1. The MBSHC region comprises 27 coastal States. 20 (one suspended) are the IHO and MBSHC members, 4 are associated members and 3 are observers.
2. Awareness is generally high in the region but some coastal States need Capacity Building such as Technical/advisory visits and training;
3. In 2011 MBSHC CB Coordinator was designated by the Commission and 5 year MBSHC CB Plan (2015-2019) is approved in 2014. According to the 5 year plan relevant documents for 2016 were submitted to CBSC13 for approval.

#### **Activities since CBSC12**

4. Technical visit to Israel was paid the team comprised of Greece, Turkey and the IHB between 1-3 July 2014.
5. Georgia became the 83rd IHO member state and MBSHC member since CBSC12.
6. Technical visit to Montenegro and two workshops on MSI and Multi-beam Echosounder&Side Scan Sonar Systems will be carried out in 2015. The details will be discussed in MBSHC 19 which will take place in Georgia between 30 June-02 July 2015.

#### **Action Required of CBSC**

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