

IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

IRCC-10 Goa, India (4-6 June 2018)

MBSHC report to IRCC10



Introduction

Chair: Rear Admiral Luigi SINAPI (IT) since July 2017 - the vice-chair is only occupied during the Conference, by the representative of the host (statutes, article 6).

Members: Algeria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia (suspended), Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine.

Associate Members: Israel, Palestinian Authority, United Kingdom, United States of America.

Observers: Albania, Germany, Lebanon, CIESM, IOC, IC-ENC, PRIMAR.

Working Groups: F-ICCWG (FR), Black and Azov Seas WG (TR).



Analysis/Discussion - Status of IRCC actions

N.	Action (Agenda item)	Status
14	to encourage the Member States in the region to consider making all ENC data available through the RENCs (7)	All MS encouraged
15	to encourage the work of the IHO community to increase existence of ENC schemes at regional level (7)	Undertaken by the F-ICCWG
18	to encourage Member States in the region to nominate RHC MSDI Ambassadors to promote MSDI and to help Member States to prepare the national reports with respect to the status of MSDI (7)	Done. Italy volunteered to represent MBSHC at the MSDIWG
35	to invite Member States to provide technical resources to the DQWG and report back to IRCC (9)	All MS Invited. Italy and France attended



Analysis/Discussion – Agenda Items

- Cooperation with international organization: IMO - IALA - CIESM (Mediterranean Science Commission) – IOC (tsunami warning system);
- Cooperation with European Union (EU): The coordinating role of IENWG to present several national HOs of Europe in a joint consortium body has proved successful for winning contracts, this must be sustained (thanks to Greece, IENWG-MBSHC Coordinator, initiative a list of maritime related events, projects and tenders of interest for the MBSHC, including information on Member States (MS) and Associate Member States (AMS) intents to participate, will be available on HNHS website;)
- The MBSHC Chair attended some events (i.e. G7 High Level Meeting on Maritime Security, Nov. 2017; UfM Regional Stakeholder Conference on Blue Economy, Nov. 2017);
- Hydrographic survey status: synthesized through a regional GIS portal hosted by Spain;
- Status of ENC's in Region F: Concerned MSs were invited to liaise bilaterally to resolve ENC overlappings.



Analysis/Discussion – Agenda Items

MBSHC CB Activities since IRCC-9 (TR is Capacity Building Coordinator):

- Workshop on ENC Production and Distribution (Oct 2017): 6 participants;
- Workshop on Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundaries (Nov 2017): 9 participants;
- Technical Visit to Azerbaijan (Dec 2017).

Planned CB Activities for 2018:

- MSI Training (Sept 2018): 7 Participants planned;
- Port&Shallow Water Course (Sept 2018): 4/5 Participants planned;



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Submission for 2018 - 2019:

- Follow-up High Level Visit to Albania (2018);
- Law of the Sea Workshop (2019): 10 Participants planned;
- ENC Validation Workshop (2019): 11 Participants planned;
- Follow-up Visit to Lebanon (2019).



Analysis/Discussion – Difficulties and challenges

- Coordination of the INT chart schemes and ENC coverage;
- A significant amount of overlapping still exists mainly at Usage Band 1, 2 and 3;
- Discrepancies between new ENCs and existing INT charts;
- Reduced resources have restricted members ability to participate in IHO meetings.



Achievements and lessons learned Conclusions

- The enlargement of the MBSHC membership is beneficial;
- The role of subordinate BASWG is important to cement relationships in Baltic and Azov seas area;
- MBSHC is developing liaison with States bordering the Caspian Sea;
- Bilateral discussion is a prerequisite for the solution of ENC overlapping issues, also in BAS sub-region;
- It would be beneficial to establish a common set of criteria on which an individual recognition scheme should be based on (MBSHC CL 1/2018 - 24/01/2018);
- The ambassador of MBSHC at the MSDIWG is seeking information from MBSHC MS about their MSDI implementation at a national level (MBSHC CL 4/2018 - 03/05/2018);
- The MBSHC Region has been represented at the MGIWG (UNGGIM).



Action requested of IRCC

The IRCC is invited to:

- a) Note the report.

