

**9th MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
IHO-IRCC9
Paramaribo, Suriname, 12-14 June 2017**

SOUTH WEST ATLANTIC HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

HC report to IRCC9

1. Chair

Chair: Captain Gustavo Musso Solari (Uruguay) from IV/2017

Vice-Chair: Commodore Valentin Alejandro Sanz Rodriguez (Argentina), from IV/2017

2. Membership

Members: Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

Associate members: Paraguay.

Observers: Bolivia.

3. Meetings:

Following [RHC] meetings have taken place:

11th Meeting – Niteroi, Brazil (6-7 March, 2017)

4. Current [RHC] Working Groups:

Standardization of Nautical Publications Working Group. (SNPWG)
IHO Commission on Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings. (CPRNW)
Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN).
International Bathymetric Chart of the Southern Ocean. (IBCSO)
Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group.(MSDIWG)
World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub-Committee. (WWNWS)
E-Nav Committee of IALA (AISM-IALA).
Crowded Source Bathymetry Working Group (CSBWWG)
Meso-American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC)
Tide and Water Level Working Group (TWLWG)
Advisory Board on Law of the Seas (ABLOS)
S-100 Working Group (S-100 WG)
ENC Standards Maintenance Working Group (ENCWG)
Nautical Cartography Working Group (NCWG)
Nautical Information Provision Working Group (NIPWG)
Data Protection Scheme Working Group (DPSWG)
Data Quality Working Group (DQWG)
Tides, Water Level and Currents Working Group (TWCWG)
Hydrographic Dictionary Working Group (HDWG)
Navigation , Communication, Search and Rescue(NCSR)
Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC)

Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC)
Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC)
Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA)
World-Wide ENC Database Working Group (WENDWG)

5. Status of IRCC actions:

IRCC8/8 encourage closer engagement of the National MSI Coordinators of Member States with the relevant NAVAREA Coordinator

A contingency planning between NAVAREA V (Brazil) and NAVAREA VI (Argentina) to ensure that broadcast and monitoring of Maritime Safety Information (MSI) has been agreed from 2016, of such way warnings are not interrupted in case of a catastrophic failure.

6. Agenda Items:

SWAtHC 4-11a/9-14 and 11-05b: Agreements and coordination for ENC coverage.

SWAtHC 8-8: Monitoring progress of IEHG activities.

SWAtHC 10-11a: S-100 follow-up.

SWAtHC 10-13: Evaluation and implementation of risk assessment for hydrographic surveys.

SWAtHC 11-06d: Design and implementation of CB plan.

SWAtHC 11-07b: Implementation of SWAtHC geoportal.

7. [RHC] cooperation with stakeholders (organizations, industry, etc.):

Participation of industry representatives during SWAtHC meetings (Kongsberg, and IMS Consulting Group)

8. Difficulties encountered and challenges yet to be addressed :

The main difficulty encountered is the lack of qualified personnel availability versus the increase of workload.

The main challenge yet to be addressed is the implementation of S-100.

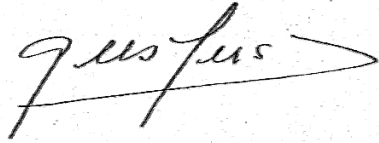
9. Achievements and lessons learned Conclusions:

SWAtHC is committed to carrying forward hydrographic and cartographic activities and cooperate in capacity building in straight alignment with IHO objectives and goals and to coordinate charts and ENCs production, harmonize boundaries and data and stimulate participation of all regional countries. The high level of harmonization, quantity of training performed and inexistence of overlaps in ENCs is a good indicator of the success of SWAtHC members efforts.

10. Actions required of IRCC:

The IRCC is invited to:

- a. endorse
- b. agree
- c. noteX.....

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Captain Gustavo Musso Solari

Chair