

IHO Capacity Building Sub-Committee Issues Review (CBSC)

1. Background

Capacity Building is one of the main measures to reach the strategic goals of the IHO. The related programme is well established and is working in close liaison with the Regional Hydrographic Commission via the CB Coordinators. Thomas Dehling as Chair of the CBSC acts as CB Coordinator for the BSHC. Although only few MS of BSHC have been supported by IHO CB activities, it is important to inform each other about bilateral or other activities beyond the supervision of the CBSC to harmonize the efforts in CB in hydrography.

This EN gives a general update on the CBSC status and developments. Details of the Capacity Building Work Programme are available at the IHO website (www.iho.int/cbsc).

Last meeting: CBSC 16 – 30 May – 01 June 2016, Goa, India.

Next meeting: CBSC 17 – 29 -31 May 2019, Genua, Italy

2. Capacity Building Fund

The Capacity Building Fund receives regular contribution from two sources:

- IHO budget (both regular annual contributions and eventual contributions from budget surplus).
- Donations made by governments, other international organizations, funding agencies, public or private institutions, associations or private individuals in support of IHO Capacity Building initiatives.

The annual funds allocated for CB assessment and CB provision reaches about 800.000 € per year.

The CB Fund does not include the direct contributions from MSs or other organizations. Their significant support either direct or through contributions to the CBWP is a very important part of CB not reflected in the CB Fund, except those from Republic of Korea and Nippon Foundation.

The direct funds have been growing but are limited and less than needed. In order to attract donor organizations the IHO will have to jump on comprehensive projects or to have decent projects already prepared before addressing donor agencies. One way forward for the acquisition of comprehensive projects could be to get support on a governmental level in consultancy via MS.

3. Publication C-55

The hydrographic status in C-55 currently is derived on a purely subjective basis and is not sufficiently provided. As this information is essential for the CB work, the CBSC establish a C-55 Review Project Team (C-55RPT). This group will

1. Evaluate the current limitations to input data related to Hydrographic survey status in C-55 as they are presently derived in a subjective manner by States.
2. Seek informal comments and suggestions from Member States on their current methods of populating C-55 and on the evaluation on the limitations identified by the C-55RPT.
3. Develop a proposal to address the above limitations taking into consideration the comments and suggestions from Member States.

The CBSC thus also considers as an interim solution introducing CATZOC information as an indicator for survey adequacy. CBSC invites the IRCC to support the use of CATZOC

information as an interim solution and to encourage Member States, via RHCs, to provide CATZOC information for C-55, directly or via RENCs.

The CBSC appointed Norway (Evert Flier), UK (Jeff Bryant) and France (Vincent Lamarre) as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for the C-55RPT, respectively.

4. Capacity Building Stakeholder Seminar in 2019

IHO secretariat plans to hold a Capacity Building Stakeholder Seminar in 2019. CBSC16 discussed this issue and suggests to hold the seminar on Monday and Tuesday before CBSC17.

5. The Commission is invited to

- a. note the report,
 - b. support the use of CATZOC information as an interim solution as an indicator for survey adequacy and to encourage Member States, via RHCs, to provide CATZOC information for C-55, directly or via RENCs as an interim solution introducing CATZOC information,
 - c. take action any further action as seen appropriate
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