

**MEETING OF THE MACHC 17th
BELEM, BRAZIL
12 TO 17 DECEMBER 2016**

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NATIONAL REPORT

I.- INTRODUCTION:

Regarding the National Report of the Dominican Republic, this is supported by the Training of the personnel, as well as training for new members to the Hydrographic Service of the Dominican Republic (SHARD), also including a meeting between the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) And SHARD with the objective of signing a Cooperation Agreement between both entities for Electronic Nautical Charts (ENC) of our country, among other considerations.

"In Navigable Sea, Sustainable Development".

II.- ACTIVITIES PERFORMED:

A.- TRAINING PROCESS:

In this year, (03) training course was held in Veracruz, Mexico, through the FOCAHIMECA Project, where our staff participated in these courses, which are:

- 1.- "III Mexican Convention of Hydrography", in Ciudad del Carmen, Mexico from 27 to 29 April 2016.
- 2.- "Workshop of Introduction to the Processing of Bathymetric Data", in Veracruz, Mexico from June 13 to 17, 2016.
- 3.- "Specialization Course in Electronic Nautical Charts" in Veracruz, Mexico from September 26 to 30, 2016.
- 4.- "Course IC-ENC Validation of Electronic Nautical Charts" in Veracruz, Mexico from November 7 to 11, 2016.

We carried out a Basic Hydrography course in the country, for our personnel and people from national entities for hydrography purposes, thus complementing what was proposed by SHARD.

B.- NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

At the national level, SHARD is still in the process of cooperation and collaboration agreements with national public entities.

At the international level, SHARD, through the Dominican Navy, held a meeting with the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), with the objective of implementing a Cooperation Agreement on Electronic Nautical Charts (ENC).

C.- TECHNICAL PROCESS:

The Dominican Navy is in the process of adapting SHARD with the necessary equipment.

D.- OTHER ACTIVITIES:

The SHARD is analyzing and monitoring the rescue of Punta Balandra Lighthouse in the Bay of Samana.

III.- CONCLUSION:

When I stated at MACHC 16 in Antigua and Barbuda, that plenary would be our spearhead, to achieve our proposed goals, and keep us perennial over time, therefore, we are walking step by step, to have an acceptable level in this community.

“Let's encourage a safer world through HYDROGRAPHY”.