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Paper for the Consideration by CBSC15

MBSHC report

Submitted by:	MBSHC CB Coordinator (Turkey)
Executive Summary:	This document provides a summary report of the CB activities at MBSHC.
Related Documents:	5-year MBSHC CB Plan 2013-2017 3-year MBSHC CB Plan 2018-2020

1. Introduction / Background

Current CB activities in MBSHC region are carried out according to the five-year MBSHC CB plan which was prepared and approved by MBSHC in 2013 and the plan covers the period 2013-2017. The plan is in line with the IHO CB Strategy and Procedures. MBSHC is the largest HC of the IHO in terms of the number of coastal states and CB is very important as there are many coastal states with limited hydrographic capabilities as well as some developing coastal states in the field of hydrography. The last MBSHC meeting in was held in Batumi/Georgia in 2015 and three-year MBSHC CB Plan covering the period 2018-2020 was approved.

2. Assessment of Capacity Building Phase Stage of Coastal States

The spreadsheet for the Assessment of CB Phase Stage of MBSHC Coastal States in accordance with the CB Procedure 11 (draft) is in Annex-A.

3. Activities completed since CBSC14

- a. Workshop on Multi-beam Echo-sounder and SSS Systems was held between 24-28 October 2016 in Istanbul/Turkey (2016 CBWP P-27 – former 2015 CBWP P-14). The workshop had a total of 7 participants from MBSHC Region, as follows: 2 trainees from Montenegro, 2 trainees from Romania, 2 trainees from Ukraine, 1 trainee from Tunisia. As the contribution of ONHO, 8 hours of training on board of Hydrographic Survey Ship TCG ÇEŞME and one day training in the premises of ONHO were given.
- b. Technical visit to the Montenegro was held between 28 and 30 November 2016. The visit was paid by the team comprised of representatives from Turkey (lead) and Greece IHO representative could not attend the visit due to busy agenda (2016 CBWP A-06 – former 2015 CBWP A-03).
- c. Technical visit to the Albania was held between 30 November – 02 December 2016. The visit was paid by the same team (2016 CBWP A-06 – former 2015 CBWP A-03).

4. Activities planned for 2017

- a. Workshop on ENC production and distribution is planned to be held during Istanbul/Turkey in the last quarter of the year with the participants from Algeria, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Romania, Tunisia and Malta (2017 CBWP P-13). The dates and the list of participants will be confirmed during the next meeting of MBSHC in July 2017.

- b. Workshop on Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundaries is planned to be held during Istanbul/Turkey in the last quarter of the year with the participants from 14 MSs and Non-MSs in MBS area (2017 CBWP P-23). The dates and the list of participants will be confirmed during the next meeting of MBSHC in July 2017.

5. Challenges faced in the region

Nil

6. Achievements and lessons learned

The CB activities, particularly workshops are very useful for the region. As the dates of workshops are arranged during the low season and contributed by the host nation, more trainees can be trained with less expenses (i.e. 7 trainees for the workshop on Multi-beam Echo-sounder and SSS Systems in 2016 with 10,251.62 €, 14 trainees for the workshop on Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundaries is planned in 2016 with 16 120,00 €)

7. Conclusions:

MBSHC is committed to carry out the capacity building activities in line with IHO Strategy and Procedures.

8. Actions required of CBSC:

The CBSC is invited to:

- a. note the report
- c. take any action consider appropriate.

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Annex: Assessment of CB Phase Stage of Coastal States (Excel file)