

INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION

NATIONAL REPORT FROM UNITED STATES TO THE NIOHC18

Executive summary

- 1. Hydrographic Office / Service:
- a) Name of the institution: National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Source Operations and Management Directorate, Foundation Group, Marine Safety Office (MSO)

 Description:

NGA provides nautical charts and related hydrographic information outside of the U.S. Economic Exclusion Zone and is the mapping and charting authority for the US Department of Defense and commercial mariners in areas the US is considered to be the charting authority.

b) Name of the institution: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of Coast Survey (OCS) Description:

NOAA provides nautical charts and related hydrographic information within the nation's Economic Exclusion Zone (EEZ).



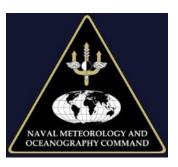
c) Name of the institution: U.S. Navy, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC)

Description: The Commander serves as the Hydrographer of the U.S. Navy. COMNAVMETOCCOM's Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) and Fleet Survey Team (FST) conduct

oceanographic, bathymetric, and hydrographic surveys worldwide to satisfy US Navy requirements.







Detailed information to update IHO Publication P-5 (Yearbook) is submitted in Annex A.2.

2. Surveys:

The US Navy surveys international waters outside the United States Exclusive Economic Zone and in the territorial waters of other nations through cooperative international agreements.

The NOAA Hydrographic Survey Priorities available at http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/hsd/NHSP.htm defines the methodology NOAA uses to identify survey priorities across the US EEZ.

a) Coverage of new surveys:

Survey Number Area Completed – To be filled out by US Navy

Survey Number	Area	Completed

b) New technologies and /or equipment:

NAVOCEANO has upgraded its Airborne Coastal Survey (ACS) capability with the Optech, Inc., Coastal Zone Mapping and Imaging LIDAR (CZMIL) system. The system is flown on a Basler BT-67, a refurbished DC-3. NAVOCEANO is currently using the new system to conduct airborne hydrographic surveys.

c) New ships:

Detailed information about surveys to update IHO Publications P-5 (*Yearbook*) and C-55 (*Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Charting Worldwide*) is submitted in Annexes A and B, respectively.

3. New charts & updates:

Paper charts 246
Digital Nautical Chart (DNC) 3 volumes
Electronic Navigational Charts (ENC) 0
Raster Navigational Charts (RNC) N/A

a) DNCs and ENCs:

The U.S. (NGA) produces three (3) DNCs in NIOHC waters. These DNCs are maintained by NGA with new source information from the U.S. and prime foreign hydrographic authorities.



Further information about DNC can be found on NGA's Maritime Homepage at https://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/DNC.portal

b) DNC and ENC Distribution method:

DNC is Limited Distribution and is not available for public sale or download. They are available via data sharing agreements with partner nations. Please contact the NGA Representative for additional details.

c) RNCs - N/A

d) INT charts:

NGA does not share INT chart responsibility within the NIOHC region. However, NGA does build its chart schemes and DNC library limits from these INT schemes, if practical.

e) National paper charts:

NGA produces 246 paper charts for the NIOHC region in their Region 6, 7 and 9 portfolio. Based on bi-lateral agreements NGA is withdrawing many of them from public sale. They are available via data sharing agreements with partner nations. Please contact the regional NGA Representative for additional details.

NGA Paper Charts published since the NIOHC17 Meeting		
Total	7	
New Charts	0	
New Editions	7	

NGA Paper Charts scheduled for publication in 18/19 FY		
Total	30+	
New Charts	3+	
New Editions	30+	



4. New publications & updates:

a) New Publications

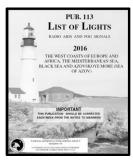
NGA publications are available from the NGA Maritime Homepage at http://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal

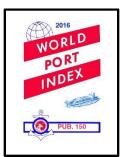
b) Updated NGA publications in NIOHC:

Publication Title Published: Edition











Publication	Title	Published	Edition
Pub 131	Western Mediterranean	Electronic copy only	2017
Pub 132	Eastern Mediterranean	Electronic copy only	2017
Pub 113	NGA List of Lights	2017	2017
Pub 150	World Port Index	Electronic copy only	2017
Pub 9	The American Practical Navigator Vol I	Electronic copy only	2017
Pub 9	The American Practical Navigator Vol II	Electronic copy only	2017

c) Means of delivery, e.g. paper, digital

All NGA Nautical publications are available for download on the NGA Maritime homepage. Digital updates can be downloaded from NGA at http://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal.

Detailed information to update IHO Publication P-5 (Yearbook) is submitted in Annex A.

5. MSI

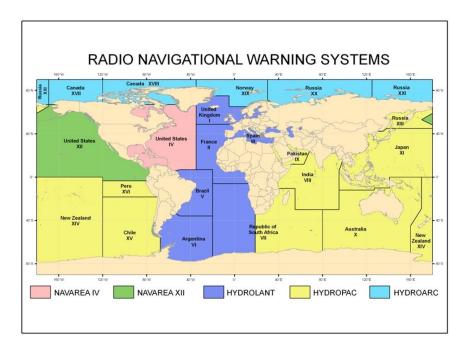
a) Existing infrastructure for transmission:

NGA produces Notices to Mariners for NGA charts in the NIOHC region. These are published weekly and available in digital format only from the Maritime Homepage http://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal.



NGA produces navigational warnings for the NIOHC Region in the form of HYDROLANTS. These are broadcast and uploaded every business day to:

http://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal?_nfpb=true&_st=&_pageLabel=msi_portal_page_63



Announced Jun 29, 2017

"E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE FOR BROADCAST WARNINGS.

- 1. THE MARITIME SAFETY WATCH AT NGA HAS SET UP A VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE FOR ALL BROADCAST WARNINGS (NAVAREA IV / NAVAREA XII / HYDROLANT / HYDROPAC / HYDROARC) AND US MARITIME ADVISORY/ALERTS.
- 2. THE AVAILABILITY OF NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS VIA THIS NGA SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE DOES NOT RELIEVE MASTERS / CAPTAINS OF THE REQUIREMENT TO RECEIVE NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS THROUGH IMO APPROVED BROADCAST SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (SOLAS). THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THOSE APPROVED SERVICES.
- 3. THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MARITIME SAFETY WEB PAGE (MSI.NGA.MIL) AND SELECTING 'SUBSCRIBE TO BW'. FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO SUBSCRIBE."

As it is both an IHO and IMO obligation per SOLAS, NGA requests the assistance of all member states within the NIOHC Region to relay pertinent maritime safety information for promulgation to navsafety@nga.mil as well as the NAVAREA IX and VIII coordinator.

NGA also was the promulgation agency for Special Warnings (issued by the Department of State) and Maritime Administration (MARAD) Advisories. These were issued infrequently and contain information about potential hazards caused by the global political climate. This system has been replaced by the U.S. Maritime Advisory System as outlined in the following message (Note: Special Warnings and MARAD Advisories still in effect have not been redesignated):

U.S. MARITIME ADVISORY 2017-001 Threat Type(s): N/A Geographic Area: Global

- 1. This message announces the launch of the new *U.S. Maritime Advisory System*, which represents the most significant update since 1939 to the U.S. government process for issuing maritime security alerts and advisories. The new system establishes a single federal process to expeditiously provide maritime threat information to maritime industry stakeholders including vessels at sea. In response to valuable feedback from stakeholders, the Maritime Advisory System was developed to streamline, consolidate, and replace maritime threat information previously disseminated in three separate government agency instruments: Special Warnings, MARAD Advisories, and global maritime security related Marine Safety Information Bulletins.
- 2. The *U.S. Maritime Advisory System* includes two types of notifications: A U.S. Maritime Alert and a U.S. Maritime Advisory. Maritime Alerts quickly provide basic threat information to the maritime industry. When amplifying information is available, a more detailed U.S. Maritime Advisory may be issued on a threat and could include recommendations and identify available resources. U.S. Maritime Alerts and U.S. Maritime Advisories will be broadcast by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, emailed to maritime industry stakeholders, and posted to the Maritime Security Communications with Industry (MSCI) web portal, at www.marad.dot.gov/MSCI.
- 3. The *U.S. Maritime Advisory System* is a whole-of-government notification mechanism. The Departments of State, Defense, Justice, Transportation, and Homeland Security, and the intelligence community, supported the development of this new system in coordination with representatives from the U.S. maritime industry through the Alerts, Warnings and Notifications Working Group.
- 4. Questions regarding the *U.S. Maritime Advisory System* may be emailed to MARADSecurity@dot.gov. Additional contact information is available on the MSCI web portal.
- 5. This message will automatically expire on July 6, 2017.

NGA is the NAVAREA IV and XII Coordinator within the IMO/IHO World-Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) and also acts as Chairman for the WWNWS-Sub-Committee (SC).

b) New infrastructure in accordance with GMDSS Master Plan: N/A

6. C-55:

The table with the latest information to update IHO Publication C-55 (*Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Charting Worldwide*) is provided in Annex B.

- 7. Capacity Building Offer of and/or demand for Capacity Building:
- a) Training received, needed, offered

The United States is an active participant in the IHO Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC), and the US/NGA directly supports the IHO Maritime Safety Information (MSI) training course.

Training opportunities are available at various institutions in the United States. Two Category A certified hydrographic programs are available through:

- The University of Southern Mississippi (USM)
 - o www.marine.usm.edu/hs.php
- The University of New Hampshire (UNH)
 - o www.marine.unh.edu/research/ccom.html

COMNAVMETOCCOM and NAVOCEANO have partnered with USM for their program and NOAA has a similar arrangement with UNH for their Category A program. CNMOC also offers a six-month category B International Hydrographic Management and Engineering Program via its Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Professional Development Center in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Capt. Andrew Armstrong, NOAA (ret.), the NOAA co-director of the Joint Hydrographic Center at UNH, is a member of the FIG/IHO/ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers. As a member of the board, Capt. Armstrong is available to advise institutions on establishing hydrographic training curricula and preparing submissions to the International Board for Category A or Category B recognition. (andy.armstrong@noaa.gov).

- b) Status of national, bilateral, multilateral or regional development projects with a hydrographic component. (In progress, planned, under evaluation or study): N/A?
- c) Description of requests to be considered by the IHO/CBSC: None?

8. Oceanographic activities:

a) General

The United States participates on the IOC-IHO Guiding Committee for GEBCO and hosts the IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry at NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information

b) GEBCO/IBC's activities

Seabed 2030, an initiative in development with the IHO, IOC, and the Nippon Foundation, would focus on the goal of compiling a high-resolution openly available bathymetric model of the World Ocean seabed at the highest resolution possible from the coast to the deepest trenches by the year 2030. This model should efficiently provide bathymetric information to end users and leave no features of the World Ocean floor smaller than 100 m unmapped by the completion of the program.

Member States are encouraged to provide bathymetric sounding data to General Bathymetric Chart of the Ocean (GEBCO) in support of mapping the world's oceans and become active participants of the IOC-IHO GEBCO Seabed 2030 project.

9. Other activities

a) Participation in IHO Working Groups: NEED TO ADD

b) MSDI Progress:

A Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) is a framework established at a common level (e.g., national, regional, international) that consists of people/organizations with policies/governance, information systems, and technical standards working together to promote the availability, accessibility, and interoperability of marine spatial data. Forward-leaning Hydrographic Offices (HOs) are evolving to a data-centric environment to produce Safety of Navigation (SoN) products where the greater potential exists to easily provide valuable hydrographic data to a broader user-base (e.g., natural resource exploration, scientific research, fisheries management, emergency management). This data-centric approach of "collect once, use many times" promotes the modern view of the HO as a data provider through a MSDI, which makes them a relevant and relied-upon, marine contributor to larger Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDIs). Without such relevance or reliability, support from a broader user-base is forfeited, and the destiny of the HO becomes uncertain in a rapidly advancing, open, technology- and data-driven society. Within the IHO, the Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group (MSDIWG) is responsible for monitoring "national, regional, and international SDI activities and trends" and supply information up to the organizational structure of the IHO to the IRCC. There has been a push among several IHO Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs) towards regional MSDIrelated working groups and projects for their respective regions:

- Arctic Regional Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (ARMSDWIG)
- Baltic Sea and North Sea MSDIWG (BS-NSMSDIWG)

- Meso American - Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission Marine Economic Infrastructure Programme Working Group (MACHC MEIP WG)

The United States has a strong focus on MSDI within their National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) and at regional levels. In particular, the United States is currently leading several of the IHO MSDI-related working groups:

- Vice-Chair, MSDIWG
- Chair, ARMSDIWG
- Chair, MACHC MEIP WG

Approaching MSDI at a regional level has been the trend within the IHO. MSDIWG is recognizing that "it is becoming more important to consider taking MSDI as a RHC agenda item therefore we hope to see a National MSDI report prepared by each MS for submission to every RHC incorporating the status of MSDI, plans for involvement in MSDI and challenges facing the HO." The MSDIWG has requested the IRCC "to endorse the need to include MSDI agenda items in National reports to RHC's and to nominate RHC MSDI ambassadors to provide such reports."

10. Conclusions

- a) Areas of significant achievement Progress globally on MSDI and consideration on implementation in the NIOHC
- b) Areas of particular concern Support GEBCO and open data policies to maximum extent within national policies to help expand customer base and support as well as expose to a broader audience the relevancy of hydrographic offices.
- c) Any other matters of interest to the RHC

The NIOHC is invited to:

- a. note the report;
- b. Participate as active members of the GEBCO Seabed 2030 project;
- c. Provide bathymetric data to the IHO DCDB to support mapping ocean areas at high resolution;
- d. Provide shallow water bathymetric data from Electronic Navigational Charts (ENC) to the IHO DCDB;
- e. Develop strategies to collect bathymetric data in ocean areas; and
- f. Take action as seen appropriate.

Annex A

Input to the IHO Publication P-5 (Yearbook)

Country information / Informations sur le pays/ Información sobre el país

Declared National Tonnage Tonnage national déclaré Tonelaje Nacional Declarado	25526217 tons (2016)
National day Fête nationale Fiesta nacional	4 July
Date first joined IHO Date d'adhésion à l'OHI Fecha de adhesión a la OHI	20/06/1922
Date ratification Convention Date de ratification de la Convention Fecha de ratificación de la Convención	10/06/1968 11/08/2016 (new protocol entry into force date)

Contact information/ Informations de contact / Información de contacto Official Representative to IHO (as designated by Member Government) (US represented by two agencies, Dept. of Commerce and Dept. of Defense) Représentant officiel à l'OHI (tel que désigné par le Gouvernement Membre)

Office of Coast Survey / National Ocean Service (OCS/NOS)

	,
Department of Commerce	Post: Director of NOAA's Office of Coast
Hydrographer Directeur du service	Survey
hydrographique ou équivalent	Rear Admiral Shepard SMITH
Director del Servicio	Postal address: 1315 East-West Highway
Hidrográfico o equivalente	SSMC-3 N/CS x 7,
	SILVER SPRING, Maryland, 20910-3282,
	United States of America
	Staff Point of Contact, Mr. Jonathan JUSTI
	Tel: + 1 (301) 713-2770
	Fax: + 1 (301) 713-4019
	E-mail: OCS.International@noaa.gov
Web site	http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov
site web	_
sitio web	

Date of establishment	1807	
	1007	
Date de mise en place		
Fecha de constitución		
Remarks	The Organic Act of 10 February 1807, (2 Stat.4134)	
Remarques	emarques authorized the	
Observaciones	President of the United States "to cause a survey to be	
	taken of the coasts of the United States"	
Top level parent organization	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	
Organisme mère	U.S. Department of Commerce.	
<u>C</u>	O.S. Department of Commerce.	
Organización asocieda de nivel		
superior	W. I	
Principal functions of the	Hydrographic surveys, Nautical charts, Geodetic surveys,	
organization or the department	Tides/Currents, Engineering and Systems Development.	
Attribution principales de	Specialized	
l'organisme ou du département	library: marine and earth sciences (NOAA library facility	
Principales funciones de la	related to	
Organización o el departamento	NOS activities).	
Number of INT charts	15(does not include NGA maintained INT Charts)	
published	,	
Nombres de cartes INT publiées		
Número de cartas INT		
publicadas		
Total number of paper charts	1032	
	1032	
published		
Nombre total de cartes papier		
publiées		
Número total de cartas de papel		
publicadas		
Number of ENC cells published	955 (Updated monthly, please refer to the website for	
Nombres de cellules ENC	recent postings.)	
publiées	http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/enc/index.htm	
Número de células ENC	7	
publicadas		
publicadas		
Type of publications produced	Sailing Directions.	
Type d'ouvrages produits	NOAA's Coast Pilot. For details, consult the following	
Tipo de publicaciones	website:	
producidas	http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm	
Productions	T O The state of the st	

Detail of surveying vessels/ Aircraft -Détail des bâtiments hydrographiques/aéronefs -Detalle de buques hidrográficos/Aeronaves	Displacement déplacement Desplazamiento		Commissioning Date date de mise en service Fecha de puesta en servicio	Crew équipage Personal
RAINER	1800		1967	62 (10*)
FAIRWEATHER	1800		1967	45 (7*)
THOMAS JEFFERSON	2054		2003**	31 (8*)
FERDINAND R	738		2012	14 (4*)
HASSLER				
BAY HYDRO II	45		2009	3 (1*)
6 Navigation Response Teams		27	ft launches, 3 person crews	
(Hydrographic Field Parties)		_		
2 Mobile integra	ited survey teams		Portable hydrographic survey equipment able	
	(MIST)		be installed on vessels of opp	•
			ring emergencies (SSS, VBES	s, and SSS
			aipped AUV)	in figure
			number of officers included = Thomas Jefferson was in U	_
			ssel launched in 1992, and	is inavy
			quired and recommissioned by	v NOAA in
		20	•	, 110/1/11

NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (NGA)

Contact information / Informations de contact / Información de contacto

Department of Defense Hydrographer	Senior GEOINT Authority, NGA
Director or equivalent	John E. Lowell Jr
Directeur ou équivalent	7500 GEOINT Drive
Director o equivalente	Springfield, VA, 22150 – 7500
	United States of America
	Tel: + 1 (571) 558 3558
	Email: MaritimeInternational@nga.mil
Other point(s) of contact	(Point of Contact (Nautical Products))
Autre(s) point(s) de contact	Director, Maritime Safety Office,
Otros punto(s) de contacto	CAPT Brian Connon
_	E-mail: MaritimeInternational@nga.mil
	_
Web site	http://www.nga.mil
site web	
sitio web	

Agency information / Information sur l'agence / Información sobre la agencia

	il rugenee / información sobre la ugeneia
Date of establishment	06/12/1830
Date de mise en place	
Fecha de constitución	
Top level parent organization	Department of Defense
Organisme mère	
Organización asocieda de nivel	
superior	
Principal functions of the	NGA provides: Nautical charts, Aeronautical charts,
organization or the department	Topographic maps, Sailing Directions, List of Lights,
Attribution principales de	Notices to Mariners, navigational and geodetic data, and
l'organisme ou du département	related products and services to the Armed Forces of the
Principales funciones de la	United States, other Department of Defense and federal
Organización o el departamento	agencies and to the Merchant marine and Mariners in
	general.
Total number of paper charts	Approximately 5 000 chart are contained in 3400 DNC
published	libraries
Nombre total de cartes papier	
publiées	
Número total de cartas de papel	
publicadas	
_	

Type of publications produ	uced	Paper charts (v	vorldwide folio of approx. 400	00).	
	Type d'ouvrages produits Digital charts		worldwide folio of 5000 Dig	*	
Tipo de publicacio		Charts in			
producidas		Vector Produc	Vector Product Format).		
•		Notices to Mariners.			
		Sailing Directions.			
		For details con	sult the WEB site:		
		General Inform	nation:		
		http://www.nga	a.mil		
		Marine Safety Information:			
		http://msi.nga.mil/NGAportal/MSI.portal			
		Digital Nautical Chart:			
		http://msi.nga.i	mil/NGAportal/DNC.portal		
Detail of surveying	Displacement		Commissioning Date	Crew	
vessels/ Aircraft	dé	éplacement	date de mise en	équipage	
-Détail des bâtiments	Des	plazamiento	service	Personal	
hydrographiques/aéronefs		_	Fecha de puesta en		
-Detalle de buques			servicio		
hidrográficos/Aeronaves					
	Ships	of the Naval O	ceanographic Office support N	NGA Nautical	
	-	t Production.	orangempant office support	, or a reaction	

Other Organizations providing national Hydrographic Services

Autre Organismes fournissant des services hydrographiques au niveau national.

COMMANDER, NAVAL METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY COMMAND (CNMOC)

Contact information / Informations de contact / Información de contacto

Contact information / Informations de contact /	
Director or equivalent	
Directeur ou équivalent	
Director o equivalente	Hydrographer of the US Navy
	RAdm Timothy C. GALLAUDET
	Postal address: Attention: Hydrographer of
	the Navy 1100 Balch
	Blvd., STENNIS SPACE CENTER,
	MISSISSIPPI, 39522-5001,
	United States of America
	Tel: +1 228 688 4301
	Fax: +1228 688 5037
	Deputy Hydrographer of the US Navy:
	Mr. Stanley HARVEY
	E-mail: Stanley.b.harvey@navy.mil
	Tel: +1 228 688 5082
Other point(s) of contact	Naval Oceanographic Office, Commanding
Autre(s) point(s) de contact	Officer:
Otros punto(s) de contacto	CAPT Greg IRETON, USN
	E-mail: greg.ireton@navy.mil
	Scientific and Technical Director:
	Mr Marcus JARRETT
	E-mail: marcus.jarrett@navy.mil
	Tel: +1 228 688 4205
	Fleet Survey Team, Commanding Officer:
	CDR John GARSTKA
	E-mail: john.garstka@navy.mil
	Tel: +1 228 688 5325
Web site	http://www.navy.mil/local/cnmoc
site web	
sitio web	

Agency information / Information sur l'agence / Información sobre la agencia

Date of establishment	06/12/1830		
Date de mise en place			
Fecha de constitución			
Principal functions of the	Collection, analysis and display of oceanographic (to		
organization or the department	include oceanographic, meteorological, hydrographic and		
Attribution principales de	geophysical) data to support Navy operations.		
l'organisme ou du département	Improvement of oceanographic prediction, data		
Principales funciones de la	collection, and data analysis methods. Assistance to other		

Organización o el departamento co		countries in meeting their oceanographic and			
		hydrographic r	•		
Detail of surveying	Displacement		Commissioning Date	Crew	
vessels/ Aircraft	déplacement		date de mise en	équipage	
-Détail des bâtiments	Desplazamiento		service	Personal	
hydrographiques/aéronefs			Fecha de puesta en		
-Detalle de buques			servicio		
hidrográficos/Aeronaves					
USNS PATHFINDER (T-	5000		1993	55	
AGS-60)					
USNS BOWDITCH (T-	5000		1996	55	
AGS-62)					
USNS HENSON (T-AGS-	5000		1998	55	
63)					
USNS BRUCE HEEZEN	5000		2000	55	
(T-AGS-64)					
USNS MARY SEARS (T-	5000		2003	55	
AGS-65)					
USNS MAURY (T-AGS-		5000	2016	55	
66)					
Compact Hydrographic					
Airbourne Total					
Survey (CHARTS) system					
deployed on					
contractor aircraft.					
2 Defender Class and 1 9-m					
rhib for					
Fleet Survey.					

Annex B Input to the IHO Publication C-55 (*Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Charting Worldwide*)

N/A

Annex C

National MSI Self-Assessment

N/A