

**4th ROPME SEA AREA
HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (RSAHC)
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Agenda item 12, RSAHC input to WEND-WG report to IRCC3

Status report on ENC coverage in the region

The UKHO has provided three graphics (see Annex A) showing gaps in ENC Bands 2, 3 & 4 in the RSAHC region, in order for RSAHC to fully support the IRCC tasking of the WEND-WG to:

1. Monitor progress in providing ENC coverage; identify and propose solutions to issues of concern such as gaps and overlaps.
2. Investigate and report on the significance of other areas of concern:
 - a. variation in licensing terms and conditions
 - b. reports of ENC quality and updating issues
3. Provide support to IHB in preparation of reports to IMO NAV Sub-Committee (June 2011)

There are several causes of gaps and overlaps in ENC coverage, such as:

Gaps

1. Accidental
2. Incorrect banding
3. No national chart of area
4. No INT chart of area
5. ENC not issued but planned for production

Overlaps

1. Accidental
2. Incorrect banding
3. Desire to have complete national coverage of waters that directly affect the nation state
4. Desire to have small scale coverage of areas of interest

The RSAHC chair would appreciate member states to comment on the adequacy of the ENC coverage in their waters; prior or during the meeting.





