

16TH MEETING OF BLACK AND AZOV SEAS WORKING GROUP GOVERNING BOARD (BASWG)

Video-conference, 1 March

Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2022

Task 3.2.1.6	MBSHC - Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission and BASWG16
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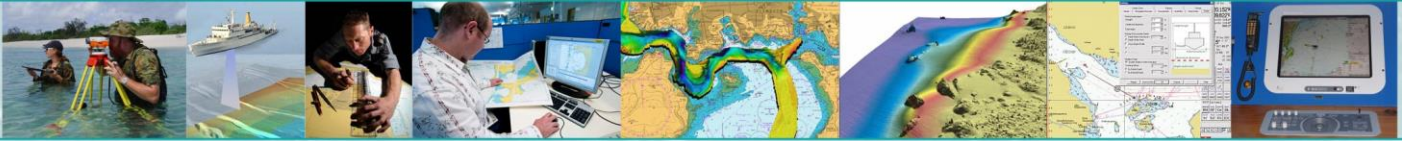
The 16th meeting of BASWG was held by video teleconference (VTC) on 1 March 2022 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, under the chairmanship of Turkey. The VTC was attended by representatives from two out of six Countries of the BAS Region (Georgia and Turkey). Spain participated as the Chart Region F Coordinator, NAVAREA-III coordinator and Chair of MBSHC. IHO Director Luigi Sinapi represented the IHO Secretariat.

The agenda of the meeting was mainly focused on IHO Capacity Building activities, INT charts and ENC scheme of the Black and Azov Seas, overlaps and gaps in ENC coverage, and the coordination of MSI in the region.

The MBSHC Chair revisited the minutes of MBSHC22 concerning the BASWG, with emphasis on the chart production responsibilities. The WG commented on the crucial parts of the National Reports from the two attending BASWG members (GE and TU).

The IHO Director highlighted the most important outcomes of C-5, with particular focus on the new IHO Strategic Plan and the measurement of the SPI assigned to IRCC, the S-100 Implementation Strategy, the outcomes of HSSC14 and IRCC14 meetings, the IHO Work Programme 2022, the establishment of an e-Learning Center by KHOA and the launch of the CANADA-IHO EWH project (the selected candidate for the Outreach Internship is Georgian). The WG attendees were encouraged to contribute to the maintenance and update of the repository of the version-controlled S-100 Implementation roadmap including resulting activities, to contribute with experience in developing and providing e-Learning contents to the progress of the established e-Learning Center, and finally to submit proposals on the appropriateness and applicability of the new Strategic Performance Indicators (SPI) through the MBSHC.

The consolidated 2022 Capacity Building Work Programme was presented by the IHO Director, with particular highlights on Capacity Building 2022 budget, the new Capacity Building Strategy (to be approved at the next IRCC14 meeting) and the courses sponsored by the Republic of Korea and Nippon Foundation. The MBSHC Capacity Building Coordinator explained in detail the activities funded for the year 2021 and the ones planned for 2022 and 2023.



The Region F INT Chart Coordinator briefed the Working Group on the status of INT Charts in the Region, acknowledging the increased use of INTGIS by producers, highlighting that after the last MBSHC22 the ICCWG Region F Coordinator's position was declared vacant.

The NAVAREA-III Coordinator provided information regarding the NAVTEX Coverage and the operational issues occurring in the Region. Since May 2020 the NAVAREA III navigational warnings are broadcast on Safety NET II. Finally, the NAVAREA III Coordinator requested to have valid and updated points of contact.

At the end of the meeting, it was unanimously agreed that Turkey will continue as the BASWG Chair for the next two years, and that the next BASWG17 meeting will be held in Istanbul (dates will be defined after the MBSHC23 meeting).



Participants of 16th Black and Azov Sea Working Group VTC