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HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES:

- 1- In 1982 the Transport Technical Department was created in the transport sector of the Ministry of Communications. The department was composed of 2 divisions, the Hydrographic division and the Aids to Navigations & Marine projects division. The hydrographic division was composed of the Hydrographic survey section and the Cartography section. The hydrographic division was responsible for handling Marine Safety Information (MSI).
- 2- The hydrographic survey division conducted 2 major surveys in 1986 and 1997 and 11 national charts were produced in Arabic language and 11 national charts in English language.

Surveys:

- 1- The hydrographic survey division carried out many small surveys for other government ministries and private sector.
- 2- Small surveys were conducted to update the charts that were produced in 1999.

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Status of Paper Charts			
Paper charts with depths in meters (%)			100
Paper charts referenced to a satellite datum (%)			0
Status of surveys	Adequate (%)	Resurvey (%)	No survey (%)
0-200m	25	75	0
> 200m	0	0	100

New Charts & Updates:

No new national charts produced after 1999

New publications & Updates:

A symbol and abbreviations booklet was produced in 1999 to assist users of Kuwaiti charts and explain all symbols and abbreviations used on the charts.

MSI:

The hydrographic survey section is active and up to date with issuing NTM's and Navigational warnings for Kuwait territorial waters. The section is in constant contact with MENAS, UKHO, and NAVAREA IX in exchanging NTMs.

MSI	Y/N	Comments on MSI:
Local warning	YES	
Coastal warning	NO	
Nav warning	YES	
Port warning	NO	
GMDSS	Y/N	Comments on GMDSS:
Master Plan	NIL	
Area A1	NIL	
Area A2	NIL	
Area A3	NIL	
NAVTEX	NIL	
SafetyNet	NIL	

Capacity Building:

The hydrographic survey division employees had many training courses on surveys and cartography inside and outside of Kuwait since it was created in 1982. Due to retirement and some employees transferring to other jobs, the division is in need for training the new ne employees. The division appreciate the IHO training program and intend to send few employees to attend in the future.

Oceanographic activities:

The hydrographic division participated with other governmental agencies and organizations in seminars and workshops about marine environment and projects.

Other activities:

- 1- The last IHO conference was attended in 2012
- 2- The last regional hydrographic commission meeting was attended in Oman in 2012