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SAIHC Letter No. 3/2011

To: Members of the IHO Southern Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission

(SAIHC)

Subject: 8TH SAIHC CONFERENCE ACTION ITEMS

At the 8th SAIHC Conference held in Walvis Bay, Namibia on 06 and 07 September 2011, agreement was reached on an Action List of 25 Items. The 8th SAIHC Conference Action Item List, with updated status, is enclosed for reference.

SAIHC Letter No 2/2011 of 26 September 2011 communicated the decisions of the 8th SAIHC Conference regarding the changes to the charting scheme of Charting Region H to the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB). As a result, the inclusions of the new INT 2656, INT 7723, INT 7745, INT 2612 and INT 2613 and cancelling of INT 2611 in the scheme are reflected in the IHO Publication S-11.

The long-standing action, Action Item 3, to determine the responsibility for the production of INT 7746, with specific coverage of Heard and MacDonald Islands, has been discussed with Australia and agreement in principle has been obtained that Australia would be prepared to become the producer nation for INT 7746 in Charting Region H.

Agreement is therefore requested to accept the offer from Australia, keeping in mind that, in accordance with the SAIHC Statutes, consideration should be given to invite Australia to become a full member of SAIHC. Your recommendations and comments are invited at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Chairman Southern Africa & Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Enclosure: 8th SAIHC Conference Action Item List

8th SAIHC CONFERENCE ACTION ITEMS

Serial	8" SAIHC CONFEREN	Action	Status
No			
1	Signing of the statutes by member countries. Letter to be sent by Chair to responsible authorities explaining the importance of signing the statutes.	Chairman Angola	
2	Latest surveys carried out in Tanzanian waters to be forwarded to UKHO once appropriate administration procedures have been finalised.	Tanzania	
3	Check with Australia the status of charts for Heard and MacDonald Islands in order to seek clarity on the responsibility for producing chart INT 7746.	UK	Completed
4	Countries in the SAIHC region to provide CB inputs by end of February each year in accordance with CB procedures. (Note: requirements can be forwarded at any time or brought to SAIHC meetings).	Chairman, Angola, Comoros, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania	Ongoing
5	Response to Marine Disasters. All are to ensure that contact details are provided and kept up to date. Contact list will be placed on the IHO - SAIHC website.	Chairman, Angola, Comoros, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania.	
6	Implement actions to accelerate the process of ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention in order to meet the end of 2011 deadline.	South Africa/ Mozambique	Ongoing
7	Encourage the approval of pending applications (Haiti and Montenegro) for IHO membership.	Mozambique/Mauritius	
8	Report to IRCC chair-SAIHC strategies to involve non-IHO MS in RHCs activities.	Chairman	Completed
9	Provide CBSC Chair with proposals to be included in the 2013-2017 IHO Work Programme and Budget.	Chairman	Completed
10	INT Chart Number 2656 for Bouvet Island as a stand alone chart. Approval letter to be forwarded to IHB.	Chairman	Completed

11	International chart numbers 7722 and new chart 7723 (approaches) for Tamatave (Toamasina) Harbour-Madagascar. Approval letter to be forwarded to IHB.	Chairman	Completed
12	Marion and Prince Edward Island stand alone chart INT 7745 - Approval letter to be forwarded to IHB. (Also see Action Item 3).	Chairman	Completed
13	New Harbour and Approach charts for Walvis Bay INT 2612 and 2613. Approval letter to be forwarded to IHB.	Chairman	Completed
14	Completion of Capacity Building Requirements spreadsheet.	UK/ Chairman	Completed
15	Reminder to all states. All survey data to be forwarded to relevant charting authorities.	Angola, Comoros, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania.	Ongoing
16	USA to investigate and ensure that Kenya and Mozambique receives territorial waters surveys.	USA	
17	Mozambique to supply survey data and charts to Malawi from joint survey project. Malawi to reciprocate. (data exchange).	Mozambique/ Malawi	
18	Capacity Building - Malawi recommended to request a technical expert to assist with getting survey system operational once R.V. TIMBA is operational.	Malawi	
19	Comoros details to be forwarded to IHB for entry into IHO Yearbook.	Chairman	Completed
20	Emergency contact list for Marine Disaster Management. Compile and circulate for comment and approval.	Chairman	
21	SAIHC Statutes to be changed to accommodate annual meetings. Investigate change to be made to the venues of meeting to be held outside the SAIHC region. To be reflected as Amendment 4.	Chairman	Completed
22	Mauritius. Date and Venue of 9 TH SAIHC meeting to be confirmed.	Mauritius/ Chairman	

23	All MS and associate MS within SAIHC region to respond to IALA questionnaire.	ALL. MS & Associate MS	
24	SAGNEP Draft agenda to be created for input, constitution (TOR) and proposed participant list to be forwarded to Chairman to be forwarded to SAIHC members.	SAMSA/ Chairman	
25	Portugal. Date and Venue of 10 th SAIHC meeting in 2013 to be confirmed.	Chairman/ Portugal	