

Agenda Item

RHC

Report to IRCC14

Denpasar - Bali, Indonesia + VTC (Hybrid Meeting)

6 – 8 June 2022

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Background

- Chair: Croatia
- Vice Chair: Vacant
- Memberships: 23 members (2 suspended)
- Associate Members: 4
- Observers: 7



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Key Achievements

- The new MBSHC Statutes was adopted during the MBSHC23 and is in the force from the 01st April 2022.
- New member states and the enlargement of the MBSHC memberships is beneficial. Lebanon is a good example of improving capacities and its capabilities in Hydrography and Cartography, with the support of the Member States and IHO CB programmes.
- Albania became a new member of the IHO. The IHO Secretariat has been informed by the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Government of Monaco that the Government of the Republic of Albania deposited its Instruments of Accession to the Convention on the IHO on 3rd May 2022.
- Related to Recommendation 10- IRCC to apply Resolution 1/2005 in case of disasters occurred to support the affected States in their Regions MBSHC created Disaster Response Framework and it was approved at the MBSHC23 (March2022).
- MBSHC creation of a working group dedicated to S-100 roadmap implementation within the MBSHC region.
- Greece and Turkey offered their candidatures for the Region F ICCWG Coordinator. It was agreed that Greece would be designated as Region F ICCWG Coordinator and Turkey as Vice-Coordinator on a rotating basis for a period of four years, two years each. This is a step forward since that place was vacant for one year, after Italy resigned (Spain performed as acting Coordinator for urgent and relevant actions related to cartography coordination in the region.)



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Important Findings (RHC top 3 challenges)

- MBSHC is a region with the largest number of countries and improving cartographic coordination between them is important and permanent ongoing task.
- To get more active participation from most MBSHC members.
- In order to enhance better results and ensure continuity of the work and implementation of the assigned tasks to the MS in the region, IHO/MS need to find a way to motivate MS for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the MBSHC (other RHC). Vice- Chair position is vacant.
- To motivate MBSHC MS to improve knowledge of the seafloor by promoting the sharing of data with the IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry (DCDB) – according to their national law policies and regulations.
- The main challenge in the MBSHC region is the implementation of the S-1xx framework services, and for that reason additional effort and cooperation among Member States in the region is required.



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Lessons Learned

- Capacity building plays a key role in the Region.
- Bilateral discussion is the only way for the solution of ENC overlapping issues and is only way for the step forward.
- The coordination role of the IENWG is a great example of the cooperation between European HOs in large EU funded projects (Coastal Mapping, European Ocean Observation System (EOOS), European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODNet), Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP), EU Directive on Public Sector Information)..
- Better collaboration across RHC and exchange of knowledge and experiences among the MS – especially on the implementation of the S-100 roadmap in their HOs (trainings, assistance to less developed MS etc.) is important if we want to be in line with the S-100 roadmap.



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Proposals

- Note the report.
- Take any action consider appropriate.
- If you have any questions related to the report and presentation please send it by e-mail to the MBSHC Chair vinka.kolic@hhi.hr
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