

Proposal on the development of Chinese version of B-12

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SUMMARY

Executive Summary: China MSA proposes to undertake the translation of the IHO publication B-12 into Chinese under the framework of CSBWG.

Action to be taken: paragraph 4

Related documents: IRCC12-08A.2; Action IRCC12/13

1. Introduction/Overview

According to Action IRCC 12/13 and IRCC12-08A.2, IRCC encourages member states to support the CSB initiative with positive actions.

2. Discussion

Crowdsourced bathymetry (CSB) can play an important role in filling gaps in global bathymetric coverage. The B-12 “Guidance on Crowdsourced Bathymetry” developed by CSBWG is a significant IHO publication which provides guidance to mariners to help them collect and contribute crowdsourced bathymetric data in a format that is useful to the broadest possible audience.

Many IHO publications are available in multiple languages, which not only promotes the application of those IHO publications and the development of hydrographic technology, but also supports the safety of navigation and expands the global influence of IHO.

The development of the Chinese version of the B-12 will help attract more vessels, organizations and researchers to pay attention to or join the international CSB initiative, and expands the global influence of B-12 publications and IHO, thus promoting new progress in global CSB efforts.

3. Recommendations

China MSA is glad to respond to Action IRCC12/13 on encouraging member states to support the CSB initiative with positive actions, and undertake the development and maintenance of Chinese version of B-12 under the framework of CSBWG.

4. Action

The CSBWG is requested to:

- a. **Note** the information provided;
- b. **Approve** the translation of B-12 into Chinese.