

OUTCOMES OF IRCC13

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SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document provides details on outcomes of the IRCC13 meeting held remotely 23-25 June 2021.

Action to be taken: 3

Related documents: IRCC13 meeting report, IRCC13 List of Actions, Decisions and List of Recommendations

Introduction/Overview

1. IRCC13 was held as a remote VTC meeting 23-25 June 2021. The Chair CSBWG provided a comprehensive report, in which a number of actions were requested of the IRCC. The relevant outcomes of the meeting, as reported in the IRCC13 meeting report are provided below.

Discussion

2. Report extract:

7. Crowd Sourced Bathymetry (doc. IRCC13-07G)

CSBWG reported on the last meeting and the new elected Vice-Chair. The Circular Letters (IHO CL21/2020 and IRCC CL 1/2020) to request MS to indicate their positions on the provision of CSB data received 30 positive replies. The Meeting was informed on the current CSB efforts and projects. On the outreach, CSBWG10 discussed how the engagement with the RHC and HO can be improved. The draft of the CSB Summary Guides and the update of IHO B-12 were described. It was highlighted that many coastal states continue to misunderstand the objectives and focus of the CSB initiative, which are to collect data in poorly surveyed or unsurveyed areas. Also, there continues to be concern over the apparent lack of dedicated resources available within national HOs to process data available via DCDB.

The importance of liaison with other IHO bodies, as well as appropriate engagement with industry to progress the work items, continues to be a key enabler for the project. The quality of data has grown considerably in the last years having now more than 60TB. The Centre has about 25 GB of CSB data from 185 contributing vessels. DCDB implemented a geographic filter considering MS positions on the collection of CSB data in the areas of jurisdiction. The result is that data from only 13 CSB-supporting countries are currently discoverable and accessible via the DCDB. DCDB now hosts the GEBCO Gazetteer, a web tool that allows the public to search for, view, and download information. IHO MS and stakeholders were invited to contribute and encourage the provision of bathymetric data regardless of its origin or reason for gathering.

Actions:

4. CSBWG, IRCC Chair and IHO Secretariat to consider ways to streamline the updates of B12 after the next CSB WG meeting.

Recommendations:

14. RHCs to encourage all Member States to actively contribute with new data to GEBCO and to discuss how MS can share existing data.²¹ Encourage all Coastal States to review and respond to IRCC CL 1/2020
15. Encourage RHCs and relevant Bodies to contribute to the recommendations provided by Shell to increase the cooperation between HO's and Natural source Regulators and reduce permitting requirements for transits through countries EEZ's.

Action

3. The CSBWG is requested to:
 - a. **Note** the information provided; and
 - b. **Take** any other actions, as appropriate.