

## REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION MEETINGS

Submitted by Secretariat

### SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document provides details of forthcoming IHO Regional Hydrographic Commission meetings.

Action to be taken: See paragraph 4

Related documents: CSBWG ToRs and RoPs dated 18 June 2018

1. The current Terms of Reference (ToR) and Rules of Procedure (RoP) for the Crowdsourced Bathymetry Working Group include, in the objectives, the CSBWG is to:
  - b. Monitor Member State and Regional progress regarding development of best practices and CSB initiatives and incorporate into B-12 as appropriate;
  - c. Investigate and [highlight / promote] ways to increase data contributions and incentives on how and why mariners should become involved.
  - d. Define potential uses of CSB for Hydrographic offices (HOs) with examples and useful land equivalents;
  - f. Liaise with other relevant IHO subordinate bodies involved with CSB data to promote its use and development; and
  - g. Liaise closely with the IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry (DCDB) as it continues to develop technology to collect and distribute CSB to the public.
3. The Secretariat of the IHO encourages targeted participation of appropriate CSBWG personnel in Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC) meetings to achieve these objectives. Details of recent and forthcoming RHC meetings are at Annex A.
4. The CSBWG is invited to:
  - a. **Note** the information provided;
  - b. **Identify and prioritise** RHC meetings at which participation is deemed advantageous;
  - c. **Identify** appropriate individuals and **coordinate** their participation with GGC and Seabed 2030; and
  - d. Take any other **Action** deemed appropriate.

Annex:

- A. Table of recent and forthcoming RHC meetings.

Commission	2018			2019			2020		
	Location	Date	Attending	Location	Date	Attending	Location	Date	Attending
Arctic	<i>Svalbard, Norway</i>	<i>11-13 Sep</i>		Russia	17-19 Sep				
Baltic Sea	<i>Aalborg, Denmark</i>	<i>28-30 Aug</i>		tbd	10-12 Sep				
East Asia	<i>Putrajaya, Malaysia</i>	<i>18-20 Sep</i>		-	-				
<i>East Atlantic</i>	<i>Lagos, Nigeria</i>	<i>17-19 Oct</i>		-	-		Lisbon, Portugal	28 Sep-2 Oct	
Meso American and Caribbean	Cartagena, Columbia	26 Nov-1 Dec							
<i>Mediterranean and Black Sea</i>	-	-	-	Cádiz, Spain	18-20 Jun		-	-	-
Nordic	<i>Norrköping, Sweden</i>	<i>10-12 Apr</i>	No	Helsinki, Finland	9-11 Apr	No			
North Indian Ocean	<i>Goa, India</i>	<i>9-12 Apr</i>	Yes (tbc)	Muscat, Oman	25-28 Mar	Yes (tbc)			
North Sea	<i>Ostend, Belgium</i>	<i>27-28 Mar</i>	Yes BODC	-	-	-	Reykjavik, Iceland	Mar	
ROPME Sea Area	-	-	-	Islamabad, Pakistan	18-20 Feb	Yes (tbc)	-	-	-
South Africa and Islands	<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>27-30 Aug</i>		Nairobi, Kenya	Aug				
South East Pacific	-	-	-	Chile	tbc		-	-	-
South West Atlantic	<i>Montevideo, Uruguay</i>	<i>5-6 Apr</i>	Yes (tbc)	Buenos Aires, Argentina	11-12 Apr				
South West Pacific	<i>Nuku'alofa, Tonga</i>	<i>21-23 Feb</i>	Yes (tbc)	Alofi, Niue	13-14 Feb				
USA and Canada	<i>Victoria, BC, Canada</i>	<i>26 Mar</i>		Biloxi, Mississippi, USA	19-22 Mar				
Antarctica	<i>Niterói, Brazil</i>	<i>26-28 Jun</i>		Prague, Czech Republic	3-5 Jul				

*Meetings in italics have already taken place.*