

## CSBWG Work Item E

### ***Support CSB/SB2030 Coordinators in their RHC engagement***

Submitted by Belen Jimenez Baron

#### **SUMMARY**

Executive Summary: This document provides a description and progress on activities related to support the CSBWG WI E, CSB/SB2030 Coordinators in their RHC engagement.

Action to be taken: See below

Related documents:

[IRCC 14 \(2022\) Proposal to Stand Up a CSB Team;](#)  
[IRCC 11 \(2019\) Paper on Inclusion of Seabed 2030 in RHC workplans](#)  
[IRCC 12 \(2020\) Paper on raising the awareness of CSB](#)  
[RHC Coordinators Spreadsheet](#)  
[IHO RHC Website](#)

### **Work Item Background**

Regional Hydrographic Commissions are a key point of contact to the many hydrographic offices. This has been recognised by the WG and the IHO since 2020, when the role of the CSB regional coordinator was added to the pre-existing Seabed2030 coordinator – see related documents section.

During the creation of the CSBWG workplan, it was decided to dedicate a WI to the task, recognising the importance of coordinating the activities related to supporting the CSB/SB2030 Coordinators in their RHC engagement.

Acknowledging the diversity in the hydrographic commissions, it is deemed important to provide both global and custom regional support to Cos to facilitate the execution of their task and to maximise the impact of their role.

Since the Co role was established, a lot of experience has been gained on what works and what doesn't, and it has been clear that in different regions, Cos have different needs and degrees of autonomy. Furthermore, many MSs have the challenge of frequently changing personnel and not always having resources available to attend CSBWG, this intensifies the need for support.

By better supporting the coordinators, the impact of their engagement with the RHC's can be maximised.

Furthermore, it was acknowledged that the work done so far to support the coordinators was mostly ad-hoc. Therefore the need to systematize the task making it less vulnerable to changes in human resources involved.

## Current Work Item Purpose

The purpose of this work item is to provide support to the coordinators, including but not limited to

- Providing clarity around the role
- Ensuring there is a coordinator for each RHC
- Ensuring there is someone presenting about CSB/Seabed2030 at each HC meeting
- Providing support and materials to Cos to present at the meetings and other activities
- Find alternative ways to promote CSB within IHO members to increase the number of states who support CSB.

## Work Item Update

<b>Work Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Priority</b> <i>H-high M-medium L-low</i>	<b>Next milestone</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Status</b> <i>P-planned O-ongoing C-completed S-Superseded</i>
E-1	Revisit and update (if necessary) the original intent of the CSB/SB2030 Coordinator (Co) role.	H	Revisit current definition(s) of Co role & draft a simple & clear role description.	2023	December 2023	C
E-2	Work with each Co to develop a regional strategy to aim to achieve the goals of the CSBWG and SB2030	H	Make a plan on how we will support Cos	2023	NA	O
E-3	Raise awareness of CSB in IHO Capacity Building Subcommittee	M	Presentation at CBSC meeting	2024	June 2024	C

## Progress Since Prior Meeting

### **E-2: Ongoing support to coordinators**

- Successful presentations on CSB in the following HC's
  - EAtHC
  - NIOHC
  - USCHC
  - MBSHC
  - ARHC

- BSHC
- SAIHC
- Establishment of a system to track the progress and draft the strategy. Still some level of ad-hoc and a lot of work, but more systematised and efficient.
- 1-1 meetings with most coordinators.

### **E3: Presenting at CBSC**

- “How CSB can support Hydrographic Offices” was presented at CBSC as a way for HOs to have low cost access to data and capacity building.
- Presentation was well received

### **Reporting**

Progress in the ongoing support to HCs is monitored via excel file  
 Number of new MS who adhere to the CL is considered a success criteria  
 Having Coordinatos in all HCs is the main priority, and it already is a big task

### **Planned Work & Timeline**

Need to define new tasks and timelines  
 E2 is an ongoing task, need to define smaller milestones.

### **Issues/Risks/Concerns/Barriers**

The process of supporting coordinators is still very time consuming, ad-hoc and depending on chair and vice chair.  
 Very vulnerable to changes in coordinators.

### **Proposed Changes to Work Item**

No major changes are proposed.  
 Need for a meeting to define what are the tasks for the future

### **Action to CSBWG**

The CSBWG is requested to:

- A. **Note** the information provided;
- B. **Take** any other actions, as appropriate.