

COOKBOOK EDITORIAL BOARD REPORT

Submitted by the interim Chair of the Editorial Board (France)

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This report summarizes the status of the IHO-IOC GEBCO Cookbook since the GGC40 meeting in December 2023.

Action to be taken: As described in paragraph 3

Related documents: IHO-IOC GEBCO Cookbook (IHO #B-11)

1. Status of the Cookbook

The last IHO-IOC GEBCO Cookbook last update was published in Oct. 2019. Since then, the GEBCO cookbook Editorial board was formed in 2022. Out of 56 chapters, seven have been updated (not published yet). Success has been limited because numbers of authors have moved responsibilities or jobs and were not in a position to allocate time, on a voluntary basis, to update their initial writings. Likewise, members of the editorial boards have had difficulties to commit to their mission. However, in the meantime, some members of the EB have investigated some technical solutions (InDesign software) in order to propose a more modern and easier to read/explore edition of the Cookbook. Considering this situation, the proposition made here is to strategically set the priority activities of the Editorial Board by focusing explicitly on the needs of the readers/users of the Cookbook. In order to do so, it is thought that TSCOM and the Editorial Board have to gather this information directly from the community through a questionnaire. This questionnaire should focus on the following points (typology of the readers, information needed in association with the other GEBCO products (content), preferred editorial format, complementary with other IHO/IOC documentations. The agenda for the coming year will concentrate on the realization and analysis of this questionnaire.

Actions to be taken in 2024-2025 by the editorial board:

1. Elaborate a questionnaire (Jan 2025)
2. Release the questionnaire and communicate largely (IHO website and associate email groups, IHR, Hydrographic review, other,...) – (Feb 2025 – May 2025)
3. Analyze the questionnaire (August 2025)
4. Propose viable strategies (October 2025)

2. **Chair Editorial board**

In April 2024 Christie Reiser, after leaving NOAA, resigned from the position of Chair of the Editorial Board. No candidate is found so far to continue the work as described in the terms of reference of the editorial board. Thierry Schmitt (SHOM, France) kindly offered to act as interim Chair to lead the process described in 1 above. Through this report, the Cookbook Editorial Board thanks Christie for the excellent way she chaired this group of experts and wishes her well for the future.

3. **Action**

The GGC41 is requested to:

- **Note** the contents of this report;