

19th April 2013

**HCA Hydrography Priorities Working Group
Letter No. 1/2013**

To: Members of the Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA)

Subject: **IHO Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica. HCA12.
Decisions and actions Item No 12/15.**

Dear Members,

Reference: IHO HCA action item No 12/15.

1. This circular letter refers to the Decisions and Actions resulting from the HCA12 meeting in Uruguay.
2. Action item 12/15 requests: *HCA members to provide details of their planned surveys for 2013 to the HPWG Chair as soon as possible; required details to be based on Australian Hydroscheme format. Deadline: mid-November 2012.*
3. Unfortunately due to a minimal response to this action item, I have been unable to collate a database for the 2012/13 season. Therefore, I propose to generate a database for the forthcoming season (2013/14). This, I intend to present at HCA13 in December, which will be held in Cadiz, Spain. I am writing to you, members of the HCA, to ask for your input into this database. I would kindly request that you supply me with your planned surveying activities for next season, rendered in a format similar to the Australian Hydroscheme.
4. To maintain momentum, **responses, by E-mail, are requested by 19th August 2013.** Thank you for your support and I look forward to your submissions.



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