

13th MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
IHO-IRCC13
VTC, 23-25 June 2021

Report of the SOUTH EAST PACIFIC REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

<i>Submitted by:</i>	Chair, SEPHRC
<i>Related Projects:</i>	IHO Strategic Plan; IHO S-100 Implementation Roadmap; GEBCO-Seabed 2030

<i>Chair:</i>	Rear Admiral Sandro JIMENEZ Torreblanca, Perú, from 01 January 2021 to present Rear Admiral Jorge PAZ Acosta, from 15 October 2020 to 31 December 2020
<i>Member States:</i>	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Perú
<i>Observer State:</i>	Panama
<i>Expert Contributors:</i>	None

1. Meetings Held During Reporting Period

For purposes of this report, the Reporting Period is considered from IRCC 12 (October 2020) to the current IRCC meeting (IRCC 13) with information as of May 2021.

The following SEPRHC VTC have taken place:

- 1st VTC 15th December 2020
- 2nd VTC 17th March 2021

2. Work Program

- Articles for the International Hydrographic Review were sent in accordance of SEPRHC XIII List of Actions.
- Implications of the S-100 Roadmap and WEND-100 services for SEPRHC.
- MSs finally proposed RHC Seabed 2030 Coordinator.
- Panama, an Observer State, informed to the Chair that they are carrying out the necessary procedures to join the IHO.
- Evaluation of the adoption of the New IHO Strategic Plan and implications specific to the SEPRHC.
- The workshops were considered between all MS to applied in CBSC19
- The WHD and IHO Centenary were celebrated by MS with webinar seminars the 21st June 2021
- The coordination in Capacity building between MS is being continued through navies commanders
- CO and EC achieve to solve the overlapping in ENC border cells following the principles WEND



3. Progress on IRCC Action Items

IRCC-12 was convened by VTC October 2020 where a list of actions was developed. Despite the restrictions put on all Member States by the COVID-19 pandemic, the SEPHRC continues to take steps to advancing IRCC priorities in the region, including MSDI and the UNGGIM initiatives, WEND-100, crowd sourced bathymetry, Seabed 2030 and ocean mapping. Lack of personnel assigned to other tasks remains a challenge to overcome.

4. Problems Encountered

- The COVID-19 pandemic has forced the HRC to arrange all meetings as VTC since march 2020.
- Budget reallocation due to navies prioritization, has forced member states to rethink their use.
- Communication problems between state members are persistent. The main cause is the lack of update of contact lists when hand-over / take-over of jobs and positions occur. In this matter, members are requested to keep their contact details regularly checked and updated.

5. Any Other Items of Note

Nothing to report.

6. Conclusions and Recommended Actions

- National priorities have exceeded the capacity for interaction between member states, but supported by adequate individual hydrographic development.
- SEPRHC looks forward to hearing from the IRCC and other RHCs on how they are adapting to the IHO Strategic Plan and the S-100 Roadmap, both on terms of its implementation and achieve the goals of these Plan.


7. Justification and Impacts


Not applicable.

8. Action Required of IRCC

The IRCC is invited to:

- Take note of this report.
- Provide any feedback to the Chair and Member States of the SEPHRC on any of the topics discussed.
- Reiterate to MSs that RHCs are technical meetings and should not be used as a vehicle for geo-political statements.


Consecramente
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Annex A

Membership of SEPHRC
(Based on SEPHRC 14 participation, and may 2021 updates)

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