

Agenda Item 06.1E

RHC

Report to IRCC13

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Work on Strategic Plan and Gap Analysis (top 3 aspects)

- Need of guidance on the determination of SPI values in regions
- Need to establish a method for measuring percentages of areas adequately surveyed by member states harmonized with other RCHs. (SPI 1.2.2)
- To achieve greater involvement of the member states in objective 3.2 to improve knowledge of the seafloor by promoting the sharing of data with the IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry (DCDB).



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Important Findings (RHC top 3 challenges)

- MBSHC is a RCH of small geographic size but with the largest number of countries. Improving Cartographic Coordination in the region is an ongoing task.
- Required effort and cooperation among Member States to face the challenge of implementation of the S-1xx framework of services.
- Successful response of countries in the region to the explosion in the port of Beirut in August 2020 highlights the importance of a good disaster action plan in the HCRs, as well as conduct capacity building webinars/workshops on disaster response.



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MBSHC support for Lebanon after the Beirut explosion



- UK – FR – IT:

- Joint surveys of Beirut quays and basins
- Production of temporary charts
- Updates charts and ENC



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Proposals

- **Note** the report.
- **Consider** the harmonization with other RHCs, the best way possible, to monitor adequately the national survey coverage through the IHO-GIS.
- **Consider** the need to establish guidelines for ICCWGs for the implementation of the S-1xx framework of services, and the role of this WG regarding the workload that this new standard will entail



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