

Southern African and Islands Regional Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Report to IRCC13

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Work on Strategic Plan, Gap Analysis and Achievements

- Goal 1- UK delivered an online 2-day MSDI Awareness Course January 2021
- Goal 2- South Africa are coordinating a data logger initiative
- The SAIHC have a mature MSDIWG identifying activity and consequently gaps in capability
- Goal 3- South Africa Cdr. Theunissen was appointed CSB/SB2030 Coordinator, and we hosted a specific SAIHC CSB/Seabed2030 session to precede plenary
- Creation of an African Great Lakes & Rivers sub Working Group (AGLR subWG)



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Important Findings (RHC top 3 challenges)

- The provision of survey data and reports of changes that may affect safety of navigation in national waters by coastal states to INT Chart producer nations remains problematic
- Effective exchange of information and communication to better inform Capacity Building Plan
- The active participation of Associate Members of SAIHC



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Proposals

The IRCC is invited to:

- Note the SAIHC report
- Read the full report on the IRCC webpage ([IRCC13-06.1K](#))
- Reiterate to MS that RHC's are technical meetings and should not be used as a vehicle for geo-political statements



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