Agenda Item

BSHC

Report to IRCC14

Denpasar - Bali, Indonesia + VTC (Hybrid Meeting)
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Key Achievements

- Revised BSHC Re-survey plan adopted and included in the Baltic Sea Action Plan, signed at HELCOM Ministerial Meeting by HELCOM MS and the EU Commission.
- Ongoing implementation of the Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000 (BSCD2000).
- Decision taken to coordinate the S-100 implementation within the BSHC Region.
- Strategic Correspondence Group established to ensure that the Commission is in line with the IHO Strategic Plan.
- Pilot project established, initiated by the Baltic Sea North Sea MSDI WG, to test Marine Protected Areas in S-122.

Important Findings (RHC top 3 challenges)

- As a consequence of the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation the BSHC took the decision to suspend its meetings until further notice. This severely hampers the work of the Commission.
- The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has hindered the Commission to conduct face-to-face meetings since 2019. It is crucial to be able to conduct physical meetings the coming year to successfully continue close and productive cooperation within BSHC.
- A major challenge is the implementation of S-100 products in the region. Currently the BSHC has prioritized to coordinate implementation of the route monitoring products, as pointed out in the IHO S-100 Roadmap. Appointed WGs will start up discussions on timelines, technical coordination, dissemination strategies and identifying need for knowledge building.

Lessons Learned

- Achievements can be made also with only VTC Meetings, though
- Face-to-face meetings are needed now to be able to resolve pending issues and let new colleagues establish an international network
- International cooperation is vulnerable and nothing that we should take for granted.

Proposals

The IRCC is invited to:

- note the BSHC report, and
- take any further action as it may consider appropriate







