



Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

Report to IRCC15

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Key Achievements

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- African Great Lakes & Rivers Sub Working Group (AGL&RsWG)
- ICCWG – INT charting coverage
- Capacity Building – Nippon Foundation GeoMAC course, Technical Assessment Visits



Technical Assessment Visit, Tanzania, October 2022

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Important Findings (RHC top 3 challenges)

- Data collection in remote locations is still a huge challenge
- There is a lack of data coverage to meet the Seabed 2030 goals
- Varying level of technical maturity within the digital and S-100 space





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Lessons Learned

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The African Great Lakes and Rivers sub Working Group demonstrated:

- Successful partnership with industry to deliver a practical demonstration alongside a plenary meeting
- The importance of collaborative solutions to maximise limited resources



The African Great Lakes & Rivers Sub Working Group



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- S100 will continue to be a topic of focus for the SAIHC region and further discussion on the implementation of S-100 will be had at SAIHC19
- Member states are being encouraged to support the CSB initiative, with South Africa as representatives for CSB and Seabed 2030

