



ROPME Sea Area Hydrographic Commission

Report to IRCC15
Tokyo, Japan
12 – 14 June 2023

By Captain Yahya Al Balushi
RSAHC Chair



IHO

Key Achievements

International
Hydrographic
Organization

- Iraq became a member in IHO and will become full Member of the RSAHC after Iraq sign the RSAHC statutes IAW RSAHC statutes article 2a.
- During the period from the Commission Meeting (RSAHC8) in February 2018 to the most recent Commission Meeting (RSAHC9) in November 2022, there has been an improvement in ENC coverage in the region. This improvement has led to better coverage of un-surveyed areas within the RSAHC region.
- Technical visit to Iran, was planned to be conducted in 2nd half 2023 by IHO/IALA and members from RSAHC and there will be High-Level Technical Implementation Visit to Iraq.



IHO

Key Achievements

International
Hydrographic
Organization

- MSI Course planned to be conducted as a joint activity between RSAHC and NIOHC Regions in Oman on October 2023.
- The RSAHC encourage nomination of a coordinator to promote establishment of MSDI working group and S-100 Services Coordinator for RSAHC.



IHO

Important Findings (RHC top 3 challenges)

International
Hydrographic
Organization

- According to encouraging member states to improve cooperation and effectiveness in order to achieve the goals of IHO, there has been no communication with the hydrographic sector of the United Arab Emirates to encourage their participation in the region's meetings. Additionally, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar did not attend the 9th RSAHC meeting. This lack of communication and enthusiasm among member states is obstructing the hydrographic development of the region.
- With regards of MSI received, NAVAREA-IX Coordinator highlighted that there is no information received from Somalia, Djibouti, Eritrea, Sudan and Jordan in last three years, and urged all to establish and maintain effective communications with NAVAREA IX Coordinator to ensure the timely provision of MSI.
- The implementation of MSDI and S-100 series in the region will require Member States to undergo training to properly prepare for these changes.



IHO

Proposals

International
Hydrographic
Organization

- The IRCC is invited to take note of RSAHC report.