



# South West Pacific RHC

Report to IRCC16

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- Workshops – MSI, S-100 progress, S-100 benefits



Figure 12 – MSI Capacity Building Training, Fiji



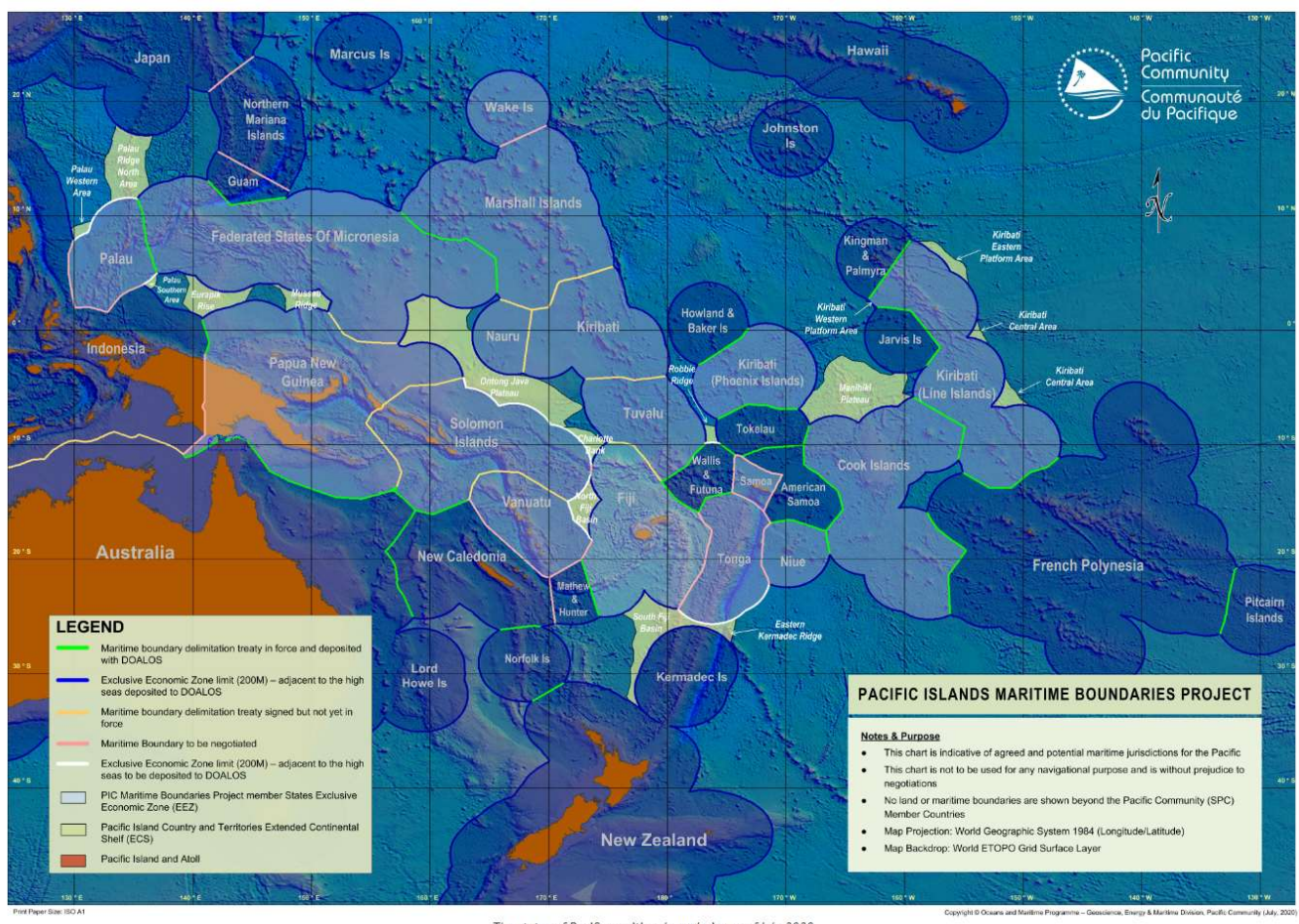
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The status of Pacific maritime boundaries as of July 2020

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- SWPHC invited (by SPC) to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pacific Heads of Maritime Meeting and be part of the inaugural Steering Committee formed to deliver the Pacific One Maritime Framework (POMF)
- POMF to be delivered to Pacific Regional Transport and Energy Ministers at their 2026 meeting



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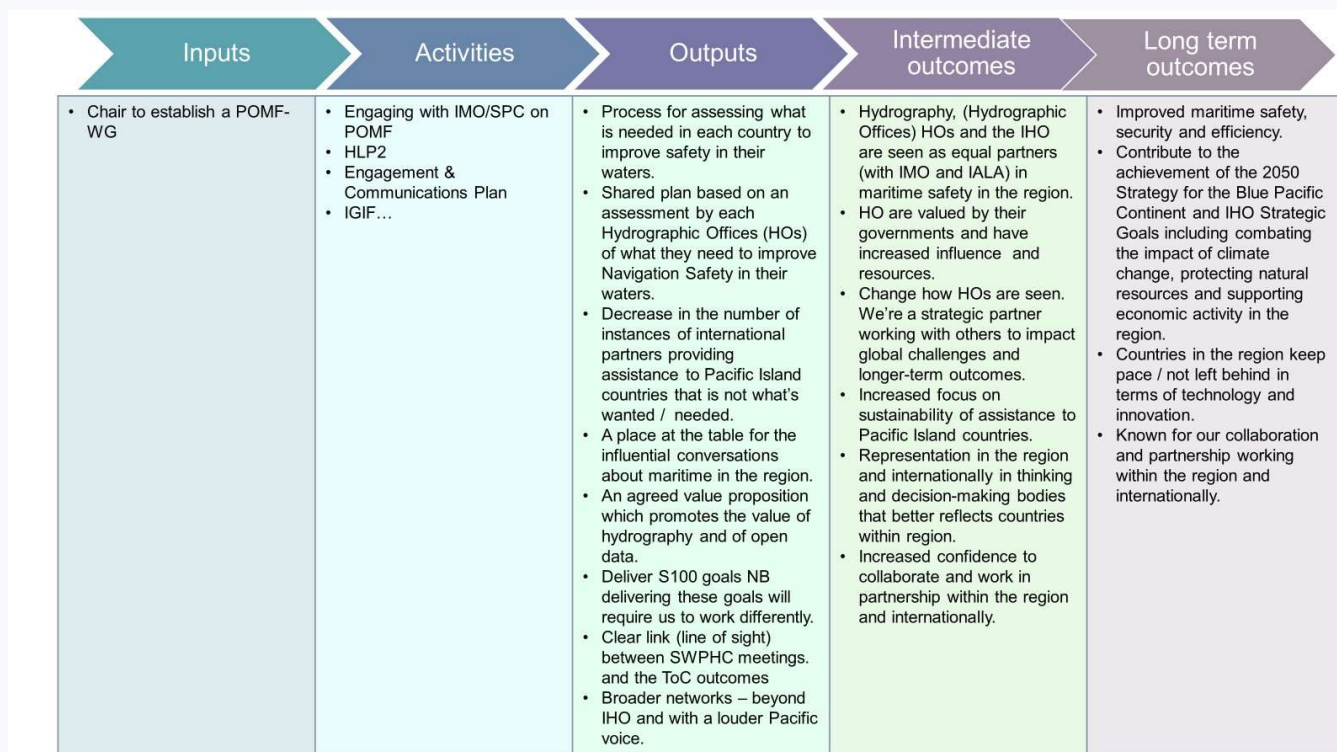


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## Work Plan development - Theory of Change (ToC)



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## SWPHC WP & Theory of Change (ToC)

### DRAFT Theory of Change Narrative

- This Theory of Change (ToC) describes the next 3–5 years of the development of hydrography in the South-West Pacific region.
- This is a time of significant opportunity given the platform we have built through our work in the last 3 years to increase our influence within the IHO (2 seats on Council) and increase representation from Pacific Island Countries in IHO Working Groups and decision-making bodies.
- The ToC is co-created and has meaning for all SWPHC Members. It will support more effective regional collaboration; promote the value of hydrography and open data; and provide a strategic framework and pathway to ensure a place at the table as an equal partner to deliver maritime safety outcomes in the region.
- We recognise that the ToC is ambitious. In translating this into a workplan we will need to agree what is feasible, realistic and establish priorities, working in partnership with regional organisations.
- We know that working in partnership with the Pacific Island Countries includes providing assistance in a sustainable way, based on their needs. This includes ongoing support and mentoring, adapted to their absorptive capacity and helps them increase the hydrographic influence of Maritime Administrations in country and share experiences across the region.



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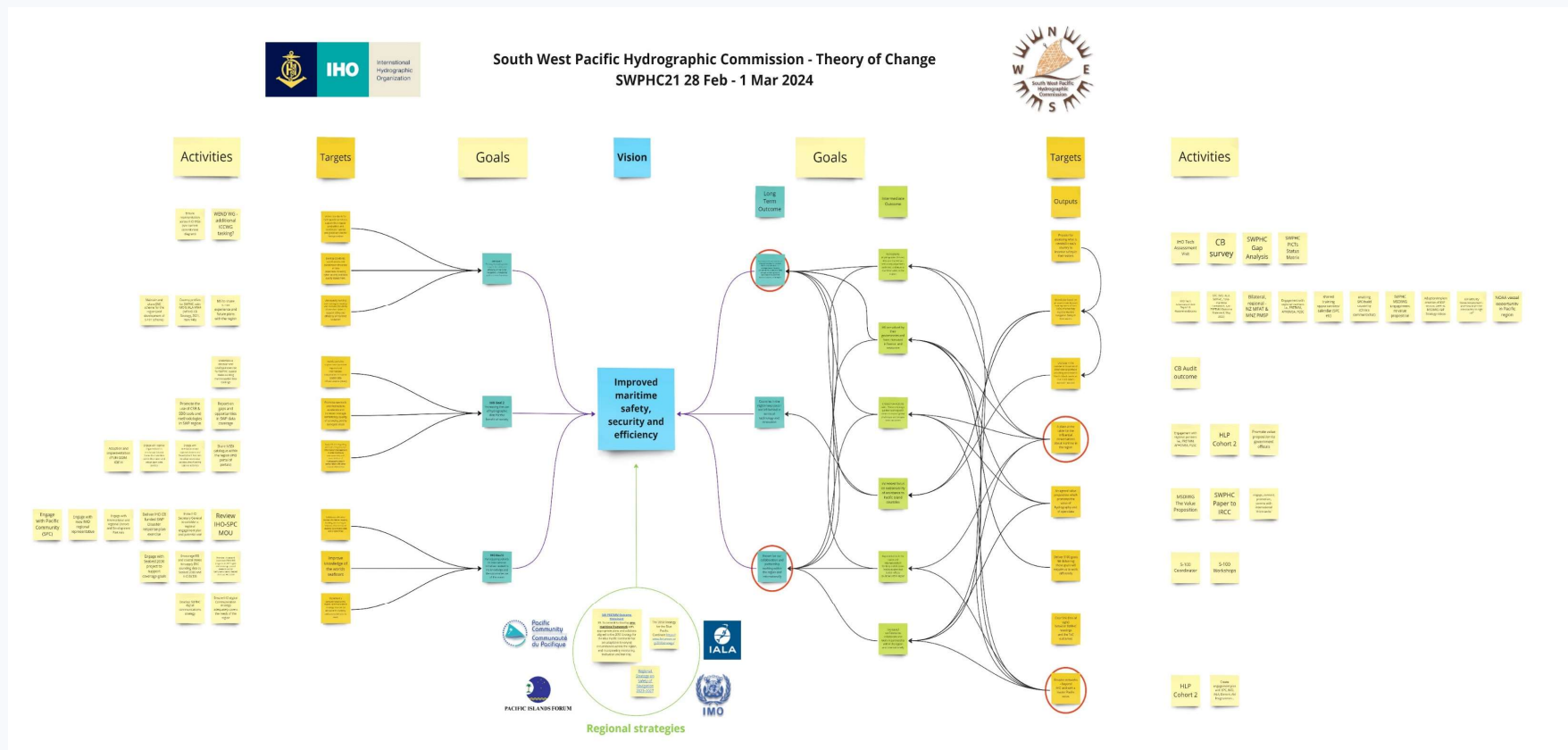


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As presented at SWPHC21



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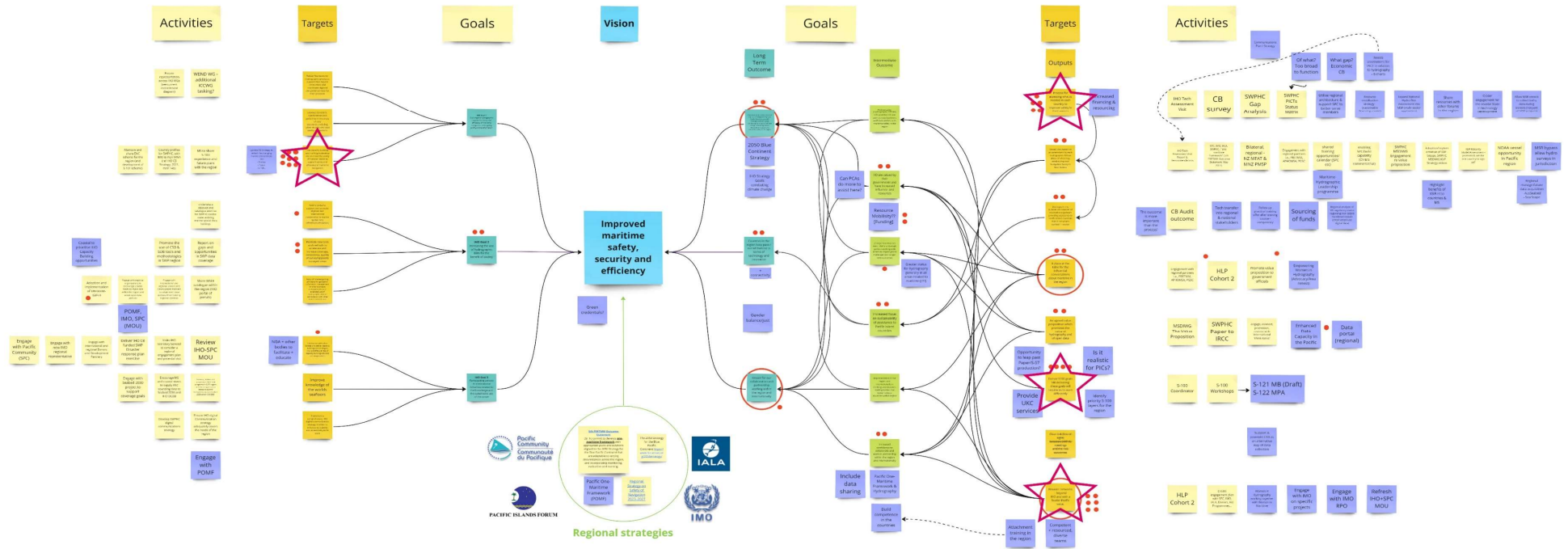
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## Post SWPHC21 kinetic activity

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### South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission - Theory of Change SWPHC21 28 Feb - 1 Mar 2024



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## Next stage of development

Activities	Intermediate Outcomes					
	Hydrography, (Hydrographic Offices) HOs and the IHO are seen as equal partners (with IMO and IALA) in maritime safety in the region	HOs are valued by their governments and have increased influence and resources	Change how HOs are seen. We're a strategic partner working with others to impact global challenges and longer-term outcomes	Increased focus on sustainability of assistance to Pacific Island countries	Representation in the region and internationally in thinking and decision-making bodies that better reflects countries within region	Increased confidence to collaborate and work in partnership within the region and internationally
HLP#2	✓	✓	✓			✓
CB strategy				✓		✓
Engaging with IMO/SPC on POMF	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Coordinate S-100 Implementation		✓				
Supporting coastal States develop data sharing agreements						
IGIF Maturity Assessment						
Maintain current & encourage new IHO Membership and engagement within the Region						
Ensure representation across IHO WCs						
Maintain and share ENC scheme for the region (and development of S-101 scheme)						
Country profiles for SWPHC, with IMO & IALA WWA (ref IHO CB Strategy, 2021, Item 14b)						
MS to share S-100 experience and future plans with the region						
Undertake a discover and catalogue exercise for SWPHC coastal states existing marine spatial data holdings						
Promote the use of CSB & SDB tools and methodologies in SWP region						
Report on gaps and opportunities in SWP data coverage						
Engage with regional organisations to encourage Coastal States to share data within the region and adopt open data policies						
Engage with international and regional Donors and Development Partners to adopt open data policies when funding regional activities						
Engage with Pacific Community (SPC)						

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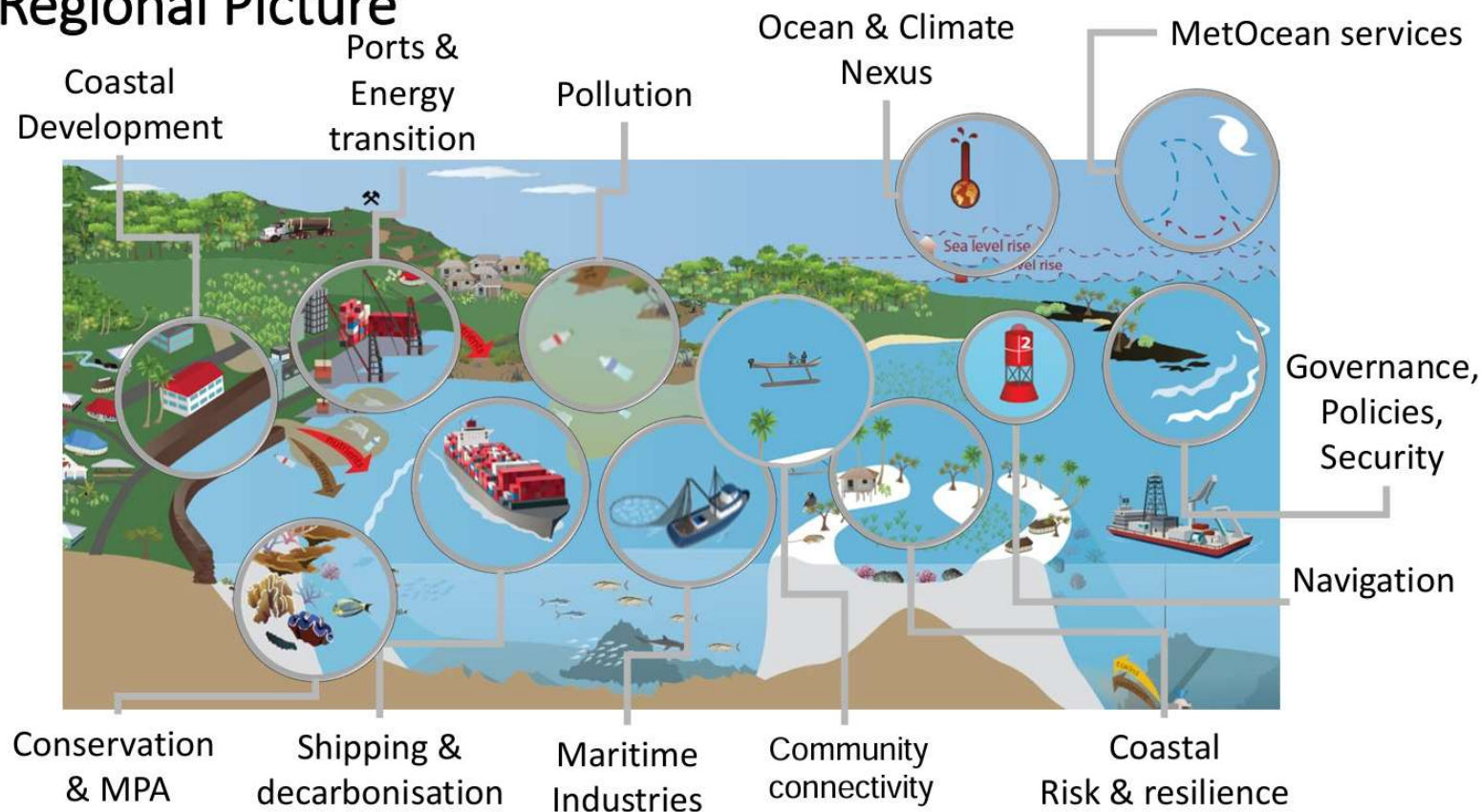
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# Important Findings (RHC Challenge 1)

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- Coordination of activity
- Blue Pacific 2050 and implementation plan
- Pacific Community Regional Strategies

## Regional Picture



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## Important Findings (Challenge 2)

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What members told us their top 4 priorities:

- Process for assessing what is needed in each country to improve safety in their waters (links to CB strategy)
- Deliver S-100 goals
- Broader networks – beyond IHO and with a louder Pacific voice
- Use capacity building and training to develop and increase the ability of member states to support safety and efficiency of maritime navigation



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## Important Findings (Challenge 3)

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- Virtual sessions for the group on release of important IHO CL for MS to better understand and respond
  - CL18 – Call for Edition S-100 5.2.0 to be approved

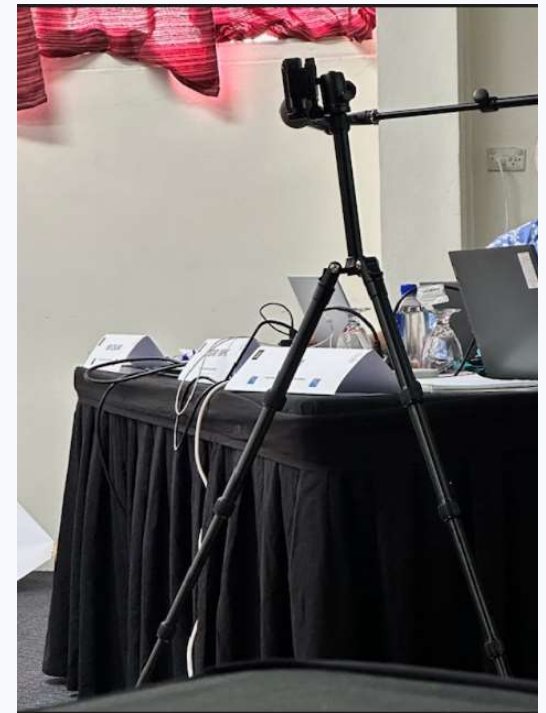


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## Lessons Learned

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- Secretariat working towards building an enduring platform – own email, Youtube etc and procedures
- Tracking progress of Ad hoc drafting group for making IHO Events more inclusive – regional concerns with cost, time and carbon of travel for face to face meetings



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## Proposals

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- Note SWPHC is supportive of IHO-SPC MOU being refreshed
- Note with work achieved to date on SWPHC Work Plan and Capacity Building Strategies
- Note SWPHC Hydrographic Leaders Program Cohort 2 in initial stages
- Note this report
- Take any actions as deemed necessary