



IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

IRCC Circular Letter 1/2021

10 November 2021

Subject: IHO Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 – Procedure for measuring the Strategic Performance Indicator (SPI) allocated to IRCC.

References:

- A. IHO Strategic Plan for 2021 2026 - Ed. November 2020
- B. A-2 Decision 20 - The Assembly tasked the Council to monitor closely the appropriateness and applicability of the proposed Strategic Performance Indicators and amend them if deemed necessary
- C. Action IRCC13/5 - IRCC members involved to develop measurements to the SPI allocated to them and report back to IRCC14
- D. IHO CL 34/2021 - IRCC Workshop on the Strategic Plan - 7 October 2021 VTC event
- E. C-5 Actions 42a and 42b - SPI metrics - IRCC

Dear IRCC Members,

With the approval of the IHO Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 (Ref. A and B), the Council tasked the Secretary-General, HSSC and IRCC (Chairs/Vice-Chairs), and RHCs (Chairs/Vice-Chairs) to experiment the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

During IRCC13, the Strategic Performance Indicators (SPI) were allocated to the relevant IRCC bodies, and the RHCs were engaged to identify appropriate metrics for the SPI (cfr. Ref. C).

The first IRCC Workshop on the IHO Strategic Plan was a good opportunity to share experiences at national and regional level, discuss on the appropriateness and applicability of the proposed SPI and on possible measures and numbers to apply to SPI (cfr. Ref. D).

Following the report of the IRCC Chair on the SPI allocated to IRCC and the introduction on the proposed metrics, the Council agreed to the SPI metrics as proposed by the IRCC and invited the IRCC to engage with the RHCs to design relevant implementation procedures as appropriate and to provide tentative values and comments to the Council Chair for the preparation of the Annual Report by the end of January 2022 (cfr. Ref. E).

In view of the above, procedures for measuring the SPI allocated to the IRCC have been set out in Annex A. My aim has been to find figures that are as easy to derive as possible and still provide the desired information for the Strategic Plan. The Chairs of IRCC subordinate bodies and the Chairs of the RHCs are kindly requested to elaborate appropriate procedures to identify the figures/values needed to measure the SPI where necessary, or to provide such figures/values where available to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the IRCC and to the IHO Secretariat (through the IHO representatives at the IRCC

subordinate bodies and the RHCs) by the end of December, reporting the need for possible extensions due to objective difficulties in meeting the requirements of the Annex.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the IRCC, in collaboration with the IHO Secretariat, will summarize, in accordance with the actions outlined in Reference E, the information received and provide the figures and values identified to the Chair of the Council for the preparation of the Annual Report (section Implementation of the Strategic Plan) as decided at C-5.

Our findings with these initial metrics will be reflected and improved at the next IRCC Workshop, which is planned in March or April next year. This will allow us to decide on a solid procedure at IRCC14 and a subsequent report to the 6th Council Meeting and the 3rd session of the Assembly.

Finally, I would like to thank all IRCC members and RHC representatives for the strong interest shown so far in the implementation of the IHO Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 and in finding acceptable solutions to measure the SPIs allocated to the IRCC. The definition of appropriate metrics will allow, together with the ongoing work of the IHO Secretariat and the HSSC, the measurement of the level of implementation of the IHO Strategic Plan for 2021-2026, providing the IHO Member States with the possibility to implement corrective measures to adapt the Strategic Plan to the actual needs and requirements of the International Hydrographic Community in the years up to 2026.

Best personal regards,



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- Chairs and Vice Chairs of the IRCC subordinate bodies
- Chair of HSSC (for the extension to the Chairs of HSSC subordinate bodies)
- Chair of the Council