

Paper for Consideration by the IHO-MSDIWG

Maintenance of IHO Publication C-17

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Executive Summary:	Discussion paper on the future of the IHO publication C-17
Related Documents:	C-17
Related Projects:	

Introduction / Background

This paper is a discussion paper about the future of C-17, and the below mentions items should be seen as a framework for the discussion at the IHO MSDIWG10 meeting.

Analysis/Discussion

- Future editions should not be a rewrite of the document, but serve as an opportunity to:
 - update sections
 - add additional new information
 - potentially remove sections which are no longer required.
- Audience:
 - More practical guidance targeted at particular communities could be included.
 - Need to define the target audience and how it is anticipated C-17 may be used.
- ePublication
 - The GEBCO Cookbook might provide an example of how to maintain and manage the C-17 as a web based ePublication as the rate of development and change in technology made a traditional document less appropriate.
 - Can we as the IHO MSDIWG develop a web-based version of C-17 and what will be the consequences?
 - Should the MSDIWG Chair approach IRCC for approval for allow C-17 to be a living document similar to e.g. B-11 (IHO-IOC GEBCO Cook Book).
- Do we need an Outreach strategy, as the document will not gain a wide readership alone?

Conclusions

There is a need for updating the way we present and maintain the IHO publication C-17.

Recommendations

MSDIWG is recommended to use this paper for a discussion on the way forward.

Justification and Impacts

An improved C-17 will provide insight and knowledge for the implementation and development of MSDI around the world.

Action Required of Data Quality Working Group

The MSDIWG is invited to:

- a. note this report;
- b. take appropriate actions.