

**29th Meeting of the
Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission (BSHC)
Tallinn, Estonia, 17 - 19 September 2024**

**IHO Secretariat's Report
on
recent developments of relevance for the
Baltic Sea Region**

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- Cabo Verde became the 99th IHO Member State (4.033 km²) in 2023

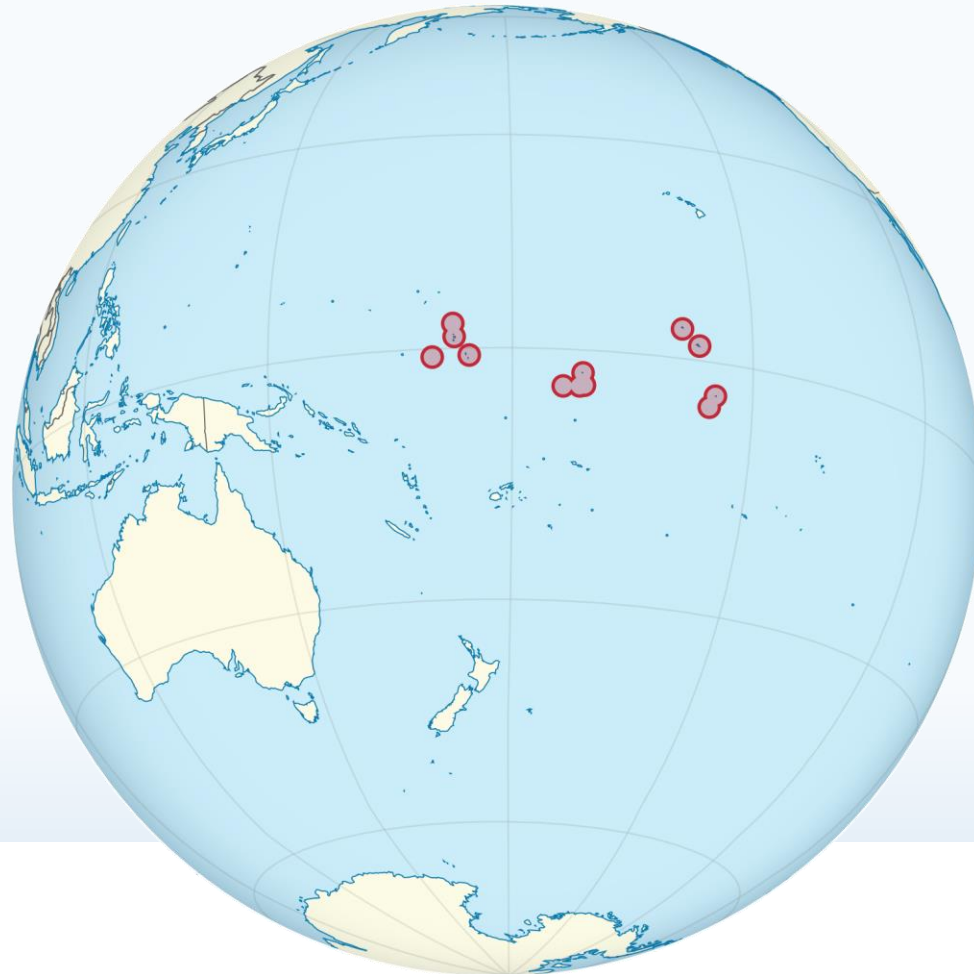


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Kiribati became the 100th IHO Member State (811 km² Land , 5,1 Million km² Sea) in 2024



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Forthcoming 8th Council, October 2024

- All major items to be addressed by the report of the BSHC Council representative – note [BSHC29 B2 SE Council Report](#)
- HSSC and IRCC chairs are present and will report on the most recent developments of the respective Committee meetings under [BSHC29 C1](#) and [BSHC29_D2](#)



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8th Council Agenda highlights

- Update on the S-100 Roadmap including the interrelation to IMO's regulatory framework
- Update on the establishment of the S-100 Infrastructure Centre
- Preparatory process of IHO Strategic Plan 2027-2032
- Report on inclusive participation in IHO meetings
- Bathymetry proposed to become IOC recognized Essential Ocean Variable(hydrography to the Global Ocean Observation System)
- Proposal by Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Türkiye and Ukraine: Consideration of the definition of Hydrographic Interest.

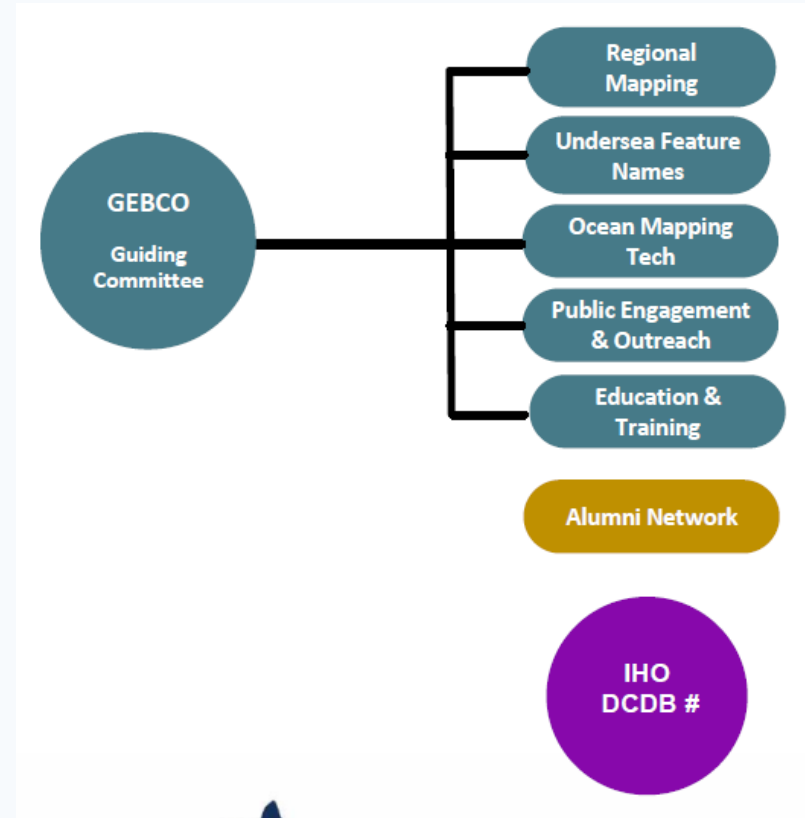


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GEBCO related activities



- The revision of the GEBCO strategy
- The GEBCO Governance review
- Triennial Review of GEBCO User Requirements

were positively received and endorsed by the IOC Executive Council

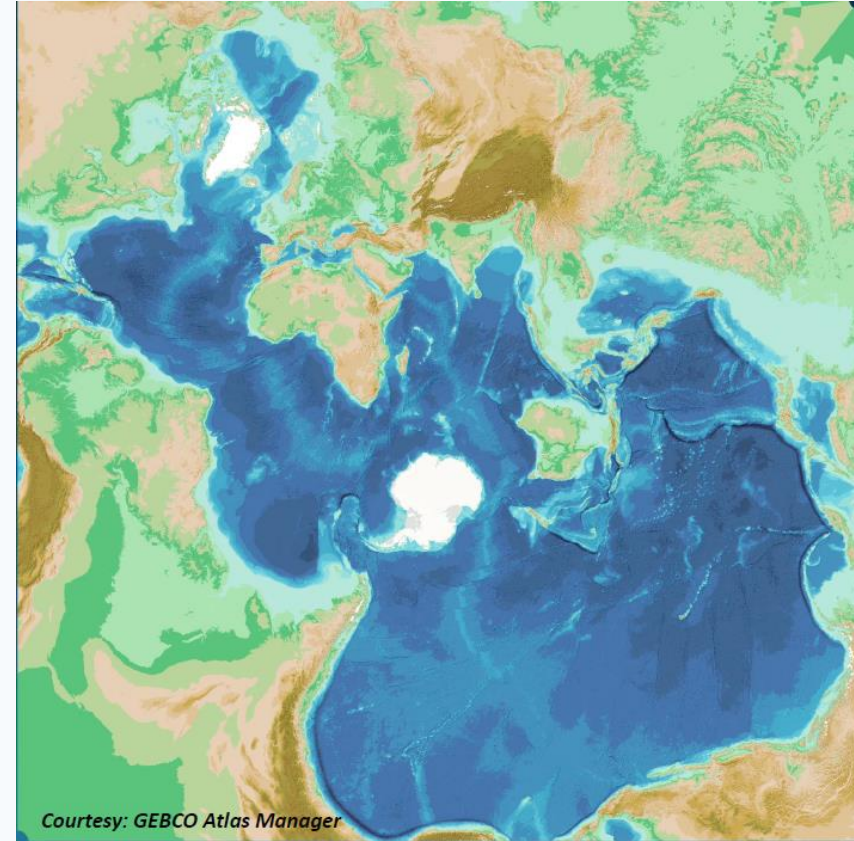


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- The 2024 GEBCO grid now covers 26,1 % of the Oceans in good resolution.
- Dialogue between IHO, IOC and Nippon Foundation on the continuation of Seabed2030 after 2030 has begun.



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IHO Secretariat' domestics in liaison with KHOA and RHCs

- Work has continued on INTToGIS III to include tools for RHCs scheming/planning S-100 Phase I Products and Data Services... and then be able to provide a synoptic view of S-100 implementation to stakeholders (IMO in particular), on an annual basis. Testing by some RHCs in progress.

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29	S-124	S124KRSAMP	K	KR			Produced	other	false
22	S-129	S129KR01	K	KR			Schemed	other	false



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**BSHC is invited
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