

**10th MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING
COMMITTEE**

IHO-IRCC10

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EASTERN ATLANTIC HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

Resume report IRCC10

IRCC9 took place in Goa past June 2018. Most important issues treated were:

1. Maritime Safety Information, MSI.

- Encourage the use of the Joint Manual on MSI to ensure correct terminology and formats are used in MSI messages. (IRCC9)
- Encourage closer engagement of the National MSI Coordinators of Member States with the relevant NAVAREA Coordinator(s).
- Encourage close liaison between regional CB Coordinators and the Chair of the WWNWS-SC on programming and candidate selection for MSI training. (IRCC9).

2. Categories of zone of confidence, CATZOC.

- Member States to provide CATZOC information for C-55, directly or via RENCs as an interim solution introducing CATZOC information.
- Share their internal guidelines and Best Practices on the population of CATZOC values through the DQWG.

3. Electronic Navigational Chart, ENC.

- Overlapping ENCs create confusion onboard ships and that IHO community should work to eliminate overlapping data; and note that this issue is worthy of further discussion at IRCC10 and C2.

Note that RHCs should make their own assessment of the level of navigational risk for ENC overlaps using one of the RENCs' Policy on Risk Assessment as a first step where applicable.

- Encourage RHCs to provide updated reports on the implementation of ENC Schemes to the WENDWG in advance of the yearly WG meeting.
- WENDWG conviction that all ENC data should be made available to the RENCs not only for ensuring Quality Control in general but also importantly for risk assessment of overlapping ENCs.

4. DATA.

- Encourage IHO Member States to release datasets or subsets into the public domain via the IHO DCDB. (IRCC9)
- CSB: IHO Members are requested to:
 - State their policy on data gathering restrictions within their maritime areas of jurisdiction to enable CSB activities to be undertaken.
 - Support the CSB initiative with positive actions, such as requiring all research vessels collect bathymetric data for late uploading, when on passage or when it does not interfere with other research activities.
 - Promote a scaled trial of CSB data collection as a follow on to earlier pilot programs.

5. General Bathymetry Chart of the Ocean, **GEBCO.**

- Continue to encourage RHCs to organize contribution of bathymetric data in shallower coastal areas from their member states to GEBCO in order to support the production of higher resolution gridded data products of GEBCO.
- Encourage RHCs to invite and communicate with GEBCO members to their meetings.

6. Tides.

- Encourage RHCs to use the tides, water level and currents training material developed and the training resource offered by the TWCWG in their capacity building work programmes.

- Invite RHCs to encourage States in the region to contribute to the inventory of tide gauges and current meters.

7. Actions.

- **Action 3:** submit draft IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended (Annex C) to the RHC Members for comments and report back to IRCC.
- **Action 7:** to investigate the possibility to translate the MSI training material developed with resources from the CB Fund from French to Spanish and report back to IRCC.

8. Others.

- IRCC11: 3-5 June 2019 – Italy (Genoa).
- Encourage Member States to provide material to the IHO Secretariat for the promotion of the centenary of the IHO (deadline: IRCC11).

ACRONYMS

- WWNWS-SC: World-Wide Navigational Warning Service.
- IRCC: Inter-Regional Coordinating Committee.
- RHC: Regional Hydrographic Committee.
- MSI: Maritime Safety Information.
- CB: Capacity Building.
- DQWG: Data Quality Work Group
- UN-GGIM: United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.
- WENDWG: World-Wide Electronic Navigational Chart database.
- CATZOC: Category of Zone of Confidence.
- CSB: Crowd-Source Bathymetry.
- GEBCO: General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans
- TWCWG: Tides, Water level and Currents Working Group.