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*16<sup>ème</sup> Conférence de la CHAtO*

**IRCC13 Report**

(include Actions and Recommendations arising from IRCC13)

**Agenda Item EAtHC16-02.1B**



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- The IRCC13 was held in VTC format between 23 and 25 June 2021.
- The meeting was chaired by Mr Thomas Dehling (Germany) and attended by 80 participants from 30 Member States (MS).
- All Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHC) and Subordinate Bodies of IRCC were represented.
- The IRCC reviewed the reports and activities of its subordinate bodies and the RHCs. IRCC also considered the outcomes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IHO Council (C-4).
- Documentation available at <https://iho.int/en/ircc13-2021>



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## Most important topics and developments discussed:

- IHO Revised Strategic Plan including Strategic Performance Indicators (SPIs) and gap analysis  
[https://iho.int/uploads/user/About%20IHO/Strategic%20Plan/IHOSP2021\\_2026\\_final.pdf](https://iho.int/uploads/user/About%20IHO/Strategic%20Plan/IHOSP2021_2026_final.pdf)
- The S-100 Implementation Strategy
- WEND100 Principles
- IHO e-Learning Center
- Qualification of personnel
- Cooperation in R&D, IHO-Singapore Innovation Lab
- Seabed 2030 and related geospatial data retrieval and management
- Regional and inter-regional cooperation



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## **Chairs focused the Regions' reports on three main topics:**

- Work on Strategic Plan and Gap Analysis
- Important Findings
- Proposals to IRCC

## **Main concerns:**

- The need of guidance on the determination of SPI values at regional level
- Collaboration and coordination in the implementation of the S-100 Roadmap
- Need to increase Capacity Building (VTC Seminars open to all, E-Learning, etc...)
- Others: communication issues between Member States, low productivity of VTC, the difficulty in recruiting new Member States, the implementation of MSDI initiatives, the postponement of Capacity Building projects and the importance of online training



- List of IRCC Recommendations:

Recom.	Description	EAtHC Action
1	Upon the recommendations based on the proposals made by the NCWG on the Future of the Nautical Paper Chart, RHC to encourage Member States to focus on ENC Schemes, but still follow applicable IHO Resolutions and Standards for any continuing INT chart production	Assign to ICCWG
2	RHCs to recommend Member States to Note the information on ECDIS anomalies and support the implementation of the recommendations given by the ENCWG.	Assign to ICCWG?
3	RHC and MS to advise the IHO Secretariat of any update/change to their position in relation with the CSB questionnaire (IHO CL 21/2020) <a href="https://iho.int/uploads/user/Inter-Regional%20Coordination/CSBWG/MISC/B-12_2020_EN_Acceptance_of_CSB_Data_in_NWJ_v3.0.pdf">https://iho.int/uploads/user/Inter-Regional%20Coordination/CSBWG/MISC/B-12_2020_EN_Acceptance_of_CSB_Data_in_NWJ_v3.0.pdf</a>	<b>New Action.</b> Cameroon and Portugal already answered.
4	RHC to identify regional coordinators to act as a point of contact for CSB/Seabed 2030 and to raise the profile of data gather and provision within their respective Region.	CDR João Vicente until MSDI WG is created
5	RHC to encourage MS to participate in the Empowering Women in Hydrography project. <b>CL 35/2021: Joint CANADA-IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography</b> <a href="https://iho.int/en/basic-cbsc-ewh">https://iho.int/en/basic-cbsc-ewh</a>	Action list
6	RHC to encourage MS to submit Articles and Notes for publication in the IHR.	Action list. It is already there.
7	RHCs to consider extend the role of Charting Regional Coordinators for the implementation of the S-100 Implementation Roadmap.	TOR of ICCWG
8	RHCs to try to plan at least one face-to-face meeting between the 2nd and the 3rd Session of the IHO Assembly.	No action required



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9	RHCs to coordinate the efforts on the implementation of S-100 and promote the cooperation and exchange of experiences	EAtHC Statutes. Actions: <b>This will be addressed on item: 04.1A</b>
10	RHCs to apply Resolution 1/2005 in case of disasters occurred to support the affected States in their regions	Statutes and Disaster Response Framework Proposal <b>Agenda item EAtHC16-03.1G</b>
11	RHCs to invite relevant Member States to report to the IMO Secretariat and the Chair of the EGC Coordinating Panel on the progress and status of implementation of newly recognized mobile satellite services by MSI providers.	Assign to MSI Action List
12	Member States and submitting institutions are encouraged to engage with the IHO Secretariat early in the process of them preparing submissions for programme recognition.	Action list
13	Member States and submitting institutions are encouraged to consult the Guidelines, the FAQs and the White Paper early in the process of preparing submissions for programme recognition.	Action list
14	RHCs to encourage all Member States to actively contribute with new data to GEBCO and to discuss how MS can share existing data	MSDI Action list
15	Encourage RHCs and relevant Bodies to contribute to the recommendations provided by Shell to increase the cooperation between HO's and Natural source Regulators and reduce permitting requirements for transits through countries EEZ's	Aligned with RECOM 3 MSDI Action list Crowdsource bathymetry



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- IRCC Actions:

Recom.	Description	EAtHC Action
Action 5	IRCC members involved to develop measurements to the SPI allocated to them and report back to IRCC14.	Action list Will be discussed
Action 6	RHCs and WGs to include the measurement of the SPI attributed by IRCC in their annual Work Plans (Permanent).	Action list Will be discussed

This will be addressed on item: 05.1A



- **Actions and Decisions from EAtHC16**

1. Take note of the Report and:

