

February 16, 2022.

MACHC Letter 2/2022

To: MACHC Members

Subject: **MACHC IHO Strategic Plan Gap Analysis**

References: a) IHO Strategic Plan 2021-2026;  
b) MACHC22 List of Actions; and  
c) SWPHC18.

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

The IHO Strategic Plan approved by the IHO Assembly in November 2020 for the period 2021-2026 (Annex A) establishes the strategic direction of the IHO and provides its high-level planning and priorities. This plan includes a number of challenges that Hydrographic Offices are facing and sets goals and targets to face these challenges, to be reached by 2026.

In response to MACHC22 Action 22.2.1.1.7, I would be grateful if you would review the IHO Strategic Plan and complete a high-level gap analysis for your coastal State for each goal. The gap analysis will help the Commission answer the following questions and others you consider relevant to this process:

- a. Where are we now?
- b. What is the gap?
- c. What is the role of the MACHC to meet the goals/targets of the IHO Strategic Plan?
- d. How do MACHC collectively meet the challenges and achieve the goals and targets of the IHO Strategic Plan?


The UN Statement of Shared Guiding Principles for Geospatial Information Management is attached in Annex B to support the gap analysis you will need to apply in Goal 1 of the IHO Strategic Plan.

Please complete the gap analysis in the template provided in Annex C and send to me at [machc.chair@marinha.mil.br](mailto:machc.chair@marinha.mil.br) copying to Mr. Rodrigo Obino ([obino@marinha.mil.br](mailto:obino@marinha.mil.br)) by April 25, 2022. Do not hesitate to contact me if you require further guidance or you may seek assistance direct from your Primary Charting Authority.

In order for you to understand the process, I share with you the summaries of the gap analysis for each goal consolidated by the South-West Pacific Hydrographic Commission (SWPHC) in 2021 to SWPHC18, which represent Annexes D, E and F.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
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Attachments:

Annex A - IHO Strategic Plan 2021-2026 Summary

Annex B - UN Statement of Shared Guiding Principles for Geospatial Information Management

Annex C - MACHC IHO Strategic Plan Gap Analysis template

Annex D - SWPHC Goal 1 Gap Analysis Summary

Annex E - SWPHC Goal 2 Gap Analysis Summary

Annex F - SWPHC Goal 3 Gap Analysis Summary

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