

24th Conference of the Meso American - Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

IHO Strategic Plan Working Group

SPRWG Members



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Established Goals:

Goal 1: Evolving the hydrographic support for safety and efficiency of maritime navigation, undergoing profound transformation

Goal 2: Increasing the use of hydrographic data for the benefit of society

Goal 3: Participating actively in international initiatives related to the knowledge and the sustainable use of the Ocean

Implementing Framework:

- Standardization;
- Coordination & Cooperation;
- Capacity Building; and
- Communication.



Background

- Current IHO Strategy is for the period of **2021-2026**
- Assembly decision 8 e) tasked the Council for the development of a revised Strategic Plan
 - Delivery of update SP to be adopted at A-4 in 2026
 - Council empowered to establish a Working Group as appropriate
- Council 7 decision 38 established a correspondence group to prepare the next IHO Strategic Plan 2027-2032
 - Chair: JP (also VP of Council), with **BR**, DE, DK, **FR**, **GB**, HR, NO, NZ, SE and **US**

Highlighted Member States of the SPRWG are Member States of MACHC



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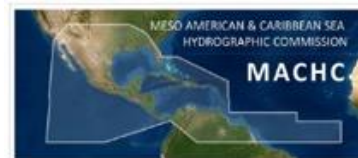
Key Issues Identified at Assembly 3

- Decision C7/36 acknowledged the current structure as relevant and Existing
 - SoN production, inc S-100 framework - (priority focus area)
 - Wider use of maritime data (beyond SoN products)
 - Build awareness within other organizations regarding hydrographic services
- Development and implementation of the S-100 framework
- Alternative Funding
 - Increase Capacity Building and infrastructure investments (S-100 etc)



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Current Status

- In November 2023, The SPRWG Chair (JP) reached out to the identified WG members, and the Group is officially moving forward.
- The Chair is drafting a propose three-year revision process that will identify the deliverables and timelines.
 - Draft process to be shared with WG by mid January 2024
 - Final Draft process to be proposed to Council 8 in October
- WG members expect routine VTC meetings for the next several years to progress the draft Strategic Plan, and will keep the MACHC region informed



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Role of Regional Commissions

- RHC's have an implementation role in the Current Strategic Plan through the framework (standards, coordination, CB and coms)
 - Have all Member States considered impacts of the existing SP on their operations?
 - Has the MACHC reviewed activities as a region, against the existing SP?
- RHC's will be strongly represented in the new Strategic Plan
- Feedback from RHC's is needed, both to the existing, and the future Strategic Plan
 - Can the MACHC identify what is working, and what could be improve?



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Requested Actions for the MACHC

- Member States
 - Review and consider how the existing SP has affected your operations
 - Identify what has helped, and what can be improve (MS perspective)
 - Consider submitting views to the SPRWB Chair (JP)
- MACHC
 - Review and consider how the existing SP has affected the region
 - Identify what has helped, and what can be improved (regional perspective)
 - Consider standing up a short-term Project Team to review above.
 - Consider submitting feedback to the SPRWG



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