

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

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Top Achievements During the Year

- Strengthened programme of delivery of support (in terms of planning support and substantive actions) for the regional Overseas Territories and nations for which the UKHO acts as the Primary Charting Authority. Has included supporting two IHO Technical Visits, licensing support and provision of equipment
- Delivery of a Data Improvement Programme to enhance the usability of GB ENC's, resolve user pain-points and enhance safety for the mariner; includes accelerated gridding implementation
- UKHO Training Academy support to Nippon GeoMAC Cat B training for regional players



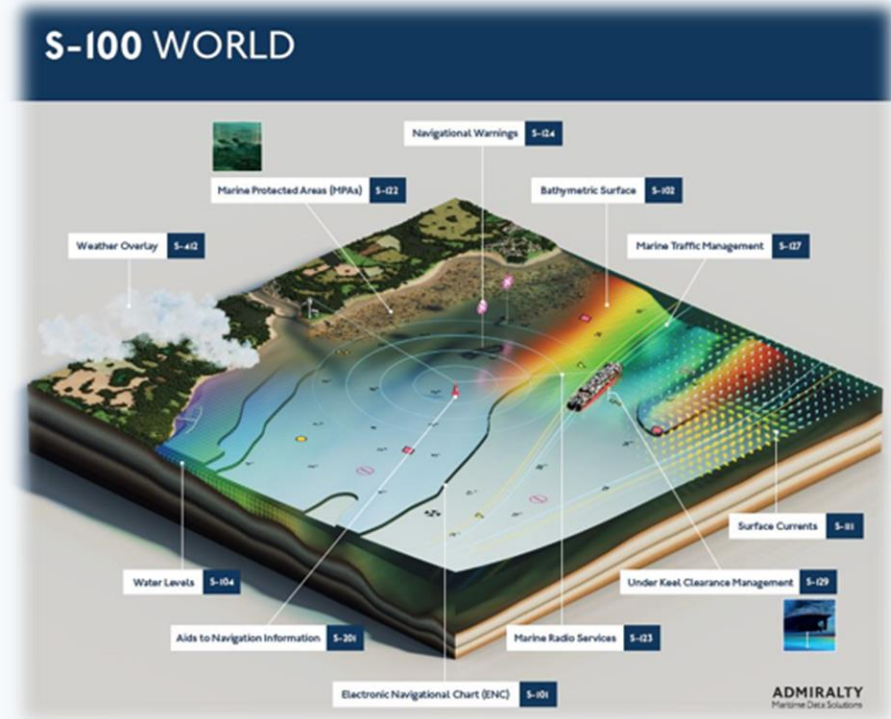
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Top Challenges and/or Obstructions

- Maintaining business as usual activities (i.e., quality, assessment and production of SNC/ENCs and publications at the drumbeat demanded by the mariner) whilst still finding time to transform the business for the S-1XX era to stay on the bow wave and not be left in the stern wake
- Achieving cross UK government understanding and agreement on Crowd Sourcing Bathymetry policy and supporting actions, so UKHO can respond to CL 21/20 - we are supportive as an organisation
- Challenges with committing further resources to IHO and own Capacity Building and Training



Top Plans that Affect the Region

- Delivery of second-generation digital products - focus on the development and production of S-1XX related products and service and sourcing of data to support them as well as rolling out new format for Sailing Directions
- UKHO plans to remain in paper chart production whilst safe navigation depends on it. This will require us to look at how we produce and maintain paper charts to identify where we can make changes which improve efficiency, whilst still meeting mariner needs for safe, compliant navigation
- Support to the development of 'greening' maritime focussed initiatives such as Voyage Optimisation, Green Corridors and development of the Digital Twin concept into products that will be of substantive value to the mariner



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