

STRUCTURE FOR NATIONAL REPORTS TO REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSIONS

- References:
1. IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended.
 2. IHO ACL 27/2020 dated 25 June 2020 – approval of the second tranche of proposals originally for consideration by the 2nd session of the assembly.
 3. Decision No.9 of A-2, 2020.

The following structure is to be used for National Reports made to RHC meetings:

Executive summary

1. Hydrographic Office / Service:

Description: Hydrographic Unit (HUTT) – provision of hydrographic data outside of port boundaries which include; water depths, tides, obstructions and currents.

Name of the institution: Ministry of Agriculture Land and Fisheries, Surveys and Mapping Division, Hydrographic Unit.
2. Surveys:

Coverage of new surveys. Investigation of Wrecks within the Gulf of Paria for updating of charts.

New technologies and /or equipment.: Multibeam Echo Sonder

Challenges and achievements

Funding for procurement of a Survey vessel.

Writing specifications for Port Surveys and conducting check surveys. There is a new Collaboration between Hydrographic Unit, Maritime Services Division and Bridge Control Trinidad and Tobago to Survey areas within the Gulf of Paria for updating of Charts.
3. New charts & updates: UKHO conducts charting on behalf of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. They maintain and distribute charts
4. New publications & updates: UKHO
5. MSI: MSI is disseminated by the Maritime Services Division, Ministry of Works and Transport

6. C-55: Note: Use the WWNWS template for this section.
Latest update.
Note: use the available template to update C-55 or the online system.
7. Capacity Building: Offer of and/or demand for Capacity Building.
Training needed - CAT A and CAT B needed for staff.
8. Oceanographic activities: General.
GEBCO/IBC's activities, GEBCO Seabed 2030 activities.
Tide gauge network.
There is a Tidal gauge network managed by the Hydrographic Unit
9. Spatial data infrastructures: Status of MSDI.
There is currently no MSDI for Trinidad and Tobago
10. Innovation: Use of new technologies.
Risk assessment.
Policy matters.
11. Other activities:
12. Conclusions: With the acquisition of the MBES system and the collaboration with MSD the Hydrographic Unit intends to conduct Surveys withing the Gulf of Paria in 2025