

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEAS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

08 May, 2023

MBSHC CIRCULAR LETTER No 04/2023

Subject: Lebanon Proposal for a change in the ENC Scheme and Production Responsibilities.

Reference:

- A. Region F ICCWG Letters CL 03/2022 and CL 05/2022
- B. Coverage Change Proposal to Lebanese ENCs dated 14th June 2022 (Annex A to this CL)
- C. Art. 7.d of the Statutes of MBSHC (9th Edition, April 2022)

Dear colleagues,

1. Region F Circular Letters from Reference A invited members of the Region F ICCWG to provide their feedback on the Lebanon Proposal for ENC Coverage Change available in Annex A to this CL (Region F ICCWG CL 03/2022). Outcome was three positive reactions received from France, Italy and United Kingdom; hence the Proposal was forwarded to the MBSHC level for approval (Region F ICCWG CL 05/2022).
2. *Noting* that Lebanon and France have reached an agreement related to the details of the transition plan for the production of nautical products between the two countries, including the change in ENC coverage,
Considering that the two interested parties have reached an unanimous agreement to move forward,
Considering that it is in the interest of the mariners that the new ENCs produced by Lebanon are distributed as soon as possible via the RENCs,
Noting that it would be counter-productive to wait for the next Conference of the MBSHC in 2024,
As Chair of the MBSHC, I am in the opinion that the conditions for a positive consensus by MBSHC Members on the new ENC Scheme and Production Responsibilities, as proposed by Lebanon, have been reached.

3. Unless there is any objection reported to MBSHC Chair **no later than 15 May 2023**, I will inform the interested parties that the new ENC Scheme and Production Responsibilities as proposed by Lebanon have been formally approved by the MBSHC in the inter-session.

Best regards,



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Coverage Change Proposal to Lebanese ENC

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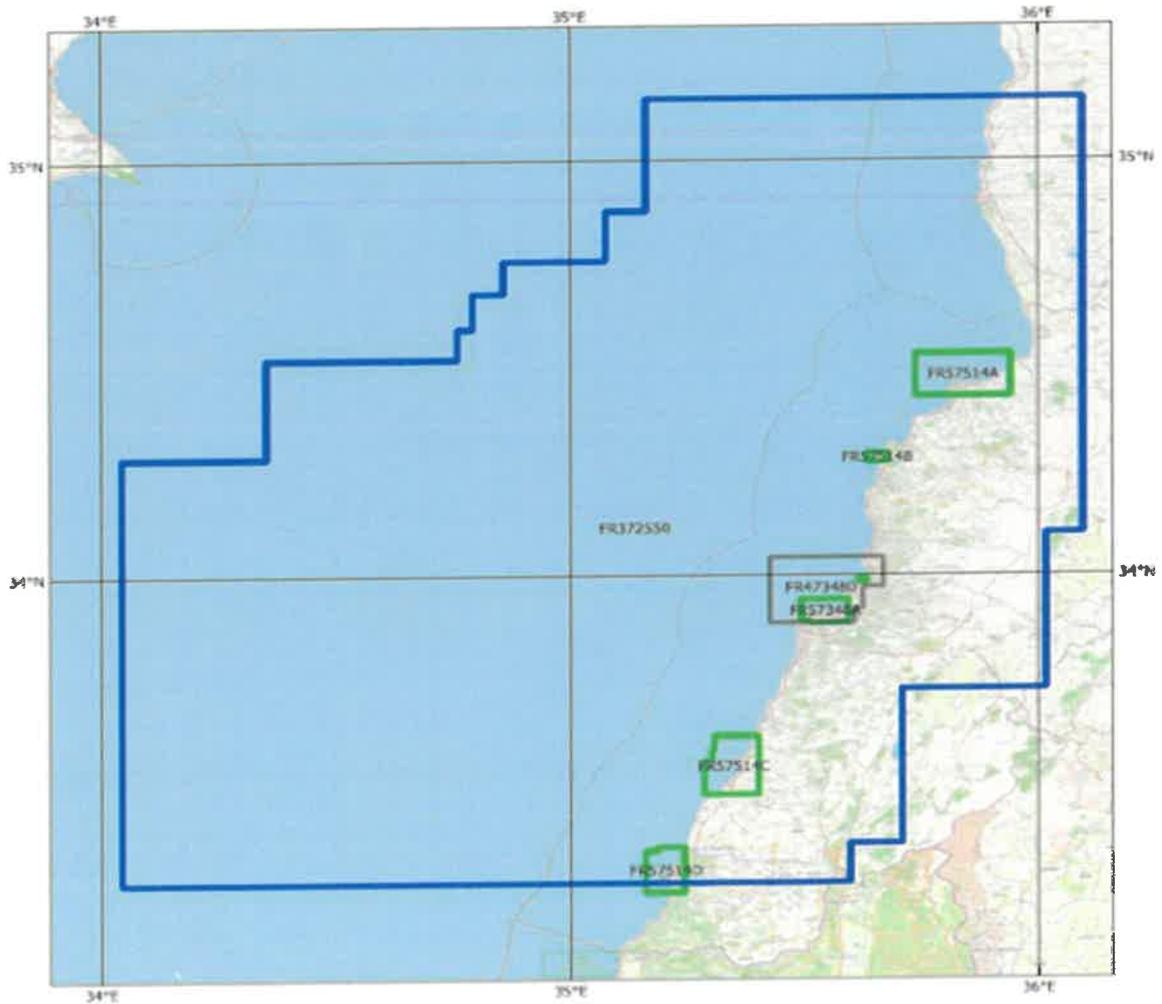
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Background

Lebanon became a member of IC-ENC in May 2022 with the intention to provide ENC Coverage of Lebanese waters of the Mediterranean. The current ENC coverage is provided through 8 ENC in usage bands 3, 4 and 5 produced by the French Hydrographic Office (SHOM), additionally band 1 coverage is provided through an Italian and Turkish ENC.

The Lebanese National Nautical Charting Plan proposes 12 New ENC covering usage bands 3 to 5.

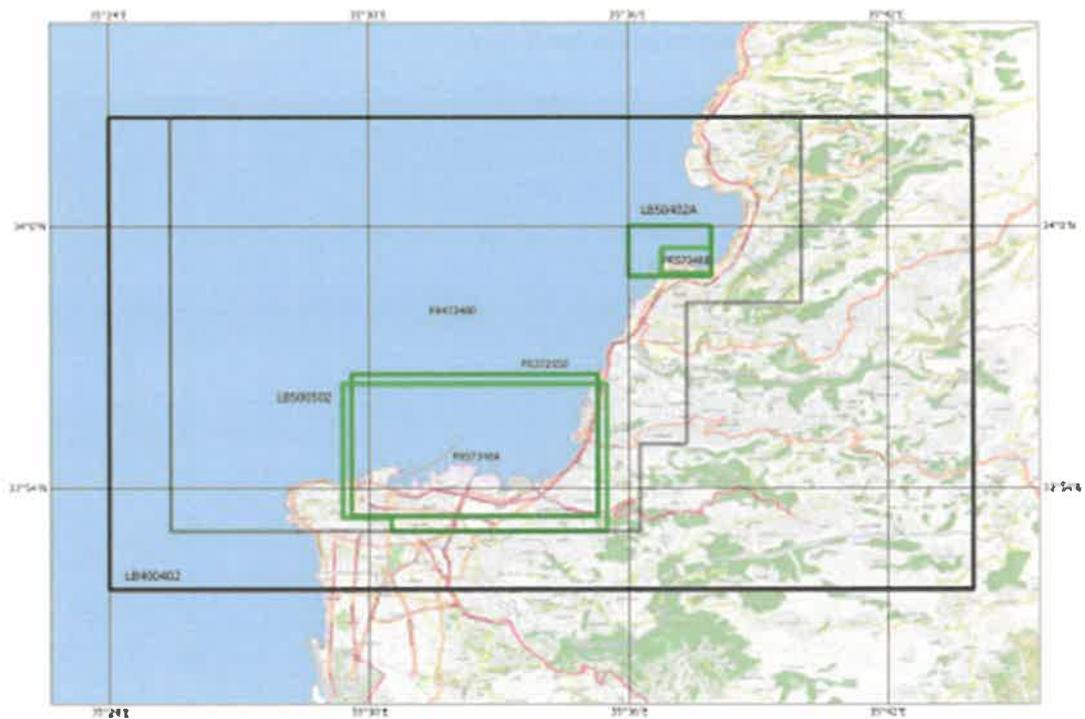
Figure 1: Current ENC Coverage in Usage Band 3 – 5.



Proposed ENC Coverage Changes – Phase 1

IC-ENC has received 3 ENC's from Lebanon, these are listed below, IC-ENC propose the following changes to the ENC coverage to enable the distribution of these ENC's while avoiding introducing overlapping data coverage in line with WEND principles.

Lebanese ENC	Lebanese Scale	French ENC	French Scale	Proposal
LB400402	1:45000	FR473480	1:22000	FR473480 cancelled on release of LB400402
LB50402A	1:12000	FR57348B	1:8000	FR57348B cancelled on release of LB50402A
LB500502	1:8000	FR57348A	1:12000	FR57348A cancelled on release of LB500502



Future Planned Coverage

The following three ENC's are planned to be produced as a second batch of Lebanese ENC's, the current target is to complete these cells for the end of 2022.

Lebanese ENC	Lebanese Scale	Chart Title
LB40401A	1:45000	Approach to Tripoli
LB40401B	1:22000	Approach to Selaata
LB500501	1:8000	Port of Tripoli

The remaining 6 ENC's are planned for future productions.

Lebanese ENC	Lebanese Scale	Chart Title
LB300301	1:90000	Tripoli to Ras es Saadiyat
LB300302	1:90000	Ras El Maameltein to Ras Al Naqourah
LB300303	1:180000	Baniyas to Akka
LB400403	1:22000	Approach to Sidon
LB400404	1:22000	Approach to Tyre
LB500503	1:4000	Port of Sidon

Next Steps

1. Lebanon will share this proposal with the following parties for comment as detailed in S-11 Part A.
 - All members of the ICCWG and, where appropriate, members of the RHC.
 - Hydrographic offices producing ENC's in the region. (France)
 - RENCs. (Primar)
 - The IHO Secretariat.
2. Following the resolution of any comments raised the intent is for the Regional Coordinator to submit to the RHC for approval. However, we expect this to be done via correspondence or by the RHC chair assuming that any comments have been resolved.
3. Once this is complete and the cells are ready for release IC-ENC will contact SHOM and Primar to agree a plan and timeframe for the release of the LB cells and cancellation of FR coverage.