

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEAS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

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MBSHC CIRCULAR LETTER No 03/2024

Subject: MBSHC permanent actions

Reference:

- A. List of Permanent Actions as updated and approved at MBSHC23.
- B. Art. 3.d of the Statutes of MBSHC (9th Edition, April 2022).

Dear colleagues,

1. Bearing in mind that the 24th MBSHC Conference is less than half a year away, the MBSHC Chair, acting in accordance with reference B, recalls the list of permanent activities updated and approved at MBSHC23, shown in annex A (Ref. A).
2. MBSHC Member States are requested to review the actions and take the necessary measures for their implementation.
3. MBSHC Member States are encouraged to submit information on the status of implementation of a specific action in the last column of the table ("Status/Comments") by the **end of March 2024**.
4. If there are any questions regarding the attached list of ongoing activities, the Chair of the MBSHC is ready to provide support with the help of the IHO Secretariat and the Croatian MBSHC Secretariat.

Best regards,

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List of Permanent Actions as updated and approved at MBSHC23

Number	Subject	Action	Who	Status/Comments
MBSHC PA/01	INToGIS II	Member States are invited to take acknowledgement of the new IHO-GIS services progresses and to use INTToGIS II. Login and password can be asked to IHO Secretariat	MS	
MBSHC PA/02	IHO Pubs C-55 and P-5 "Yearbook"	Member States are invited to submit information for updating C- 55 and P-5 "Yearbook" annually (including reports of "no changes") using the digital form stack for modifying/update (see IHO CL 20/2019)	MS	
MBSHC PA/03	IHO Online Form System	Member States are invited to respond to IHO CL using the digital form stack (see IHO CL 20/2019)	MS	
MBSHC PA/04	IALA RM Toolbox	Member States have to be aware of IALA risk management toolbox endorsed by IMO in SN 1/Circ. 296	MS	
MBSHC PA/05	Tidal Data	Member States are encouraged to densify sea level networks and share real-time sea-level data relevant to tsunami detection and alerts	MS	
MBSHC PA/06	Maritime Related Projects IENWG	Member States are encouraged to check and update, on a regular basis, the list of maritime related events, projects, and tenders of interest for MBSHC. Member States to inform IENWG focal point for MBSHC (Greece) and the MBSHC Chair of their intention to eventually participate to an event or project (see act. MBSHC20/11-12).	MS	
MBSHC PA/07	CIESM Oceanography	Member States are encouraged to liaise with CIESM under the IHO-CIESM MoU umbrella, for the benefit of the oceanography in the Mediterranean Sea and participate to CIESM events.	MS	
MBSHC PA/08	MSDI	Member States are encouraged to inform MSDI Ambassador (Italy) about National MSDI initiatives.	MS	
MBSHC PA/09	ENC Overlaps	Concerned Member States to liaise bilaterally to resolve ENC overlapping, keeping the MBSHC Chair informed.	All	
MBSHC PA/10	ENC Overlaps	MBSHC Chair to inform IRCC on the results achieved at regional level on ENC overlapping issues	MBSHC Chair	
MBSHC PA/11	Port Priority List	Member States are encouraged to use the IHO online port database to update their port priority list and report to the Regional Charting Coordinator (RCC)	MS	
MBSHC PA/12		<i>Left blank intentionally</i>		
MBSHC PA/13	RENCs ENC Overlaps Support	RENCs are kindly invited to provide periodically a report in order to collect the evaluation of risk level on ENC overlaps from the MS in the frame of the WENDWG risk assessment.	RENCs	

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MBSHC PA/14	MS ENC Overlaps Risk Assessment	Member States to use the RENCs' template report to provide the RCC with: - Evaluation of risk level on the most critical ENC overlaps based on the IC-ENC risk assessment regional database (level beyond or equal to MEDIUM). - Their technical views and comments, in compliance with IHO Publication S-11 PartA.	MS	
MBSHC PA/15	ICCWG	RCC to disseminate the draft minutes of the ICCWG.	RCC	
MBSHC PA/16	Capacity Building Needs	Member States have to provide their needs in terms of CB to the CB Coordinator (Turkey), copy to the MBSHC Chair.	MS	
MBSHC PA/17	MS Check of INTToGIS Metadata	Member States to check and, if necessary, update their INT charts metadata (chart limit, title, year, format, scale, etc...) included in the region F INT Catalogue, using their INTToGIS national account.	INT Chart producers	
MBSHC PA/18	ICCWG, New INT Charts Producers	New INT Charts producers to provide RCC with the INT charts for technical review by ICCWG.	New INT producers	
MBSHC PA/19	MBSHC24 Submissions	Member States to send their documents (submission papers, report, presentation) to the Chair, with a copy to the IHO Secretariat, prior to meetings of MBSHC (iaw MBSHC Statutes).	MS	
MBSHC PA/20	CATZOC MS to Populate	Member States are encouraged to populate the CATZOC values (1 to 5) of their ENCs cells.	MS	
MBSHC PA/21	IH Review Contribution	Member States are invited to contribute to the International Hydrographic Review as an important means of sharing information on their activities and developments.	MS	
MBSHC PA/22	CB Programme e-Learning	Member States are invited to follow and evaluate the possibility to contribute to the CB Programme and providing e-learning contents to share their resources and experiences to the e Learning PT.	MS	
MBSHC PA/23	Nipon Found GEBCO-Seabed2030	Members States are invited to deeper cooperation and support to the Nippon Foundation GEBCO-Sabed2030 project, and encourage to make more detailed and comprehensive seabed data available to GEBCO grids (vital need to map the entire seabed).	MS	
MBSHC PA/24	IHO-CIESM Agreement, MS active	Member States are encouraged to have an active role under the umbrella of the renewed IHO-CIESM (International commission for the scientific exploration of the Mediterranean Sea) Agreement.	MS	
MBSHC PA/25	ICC, INTToGIS MS Updates	Member States are encouraged to continue to support the RCC and provide the IHO Secretariat with regular updates of the INT chart and ENC schemes through INTToGIS	MS	
MBSHC PA/26	Crowdsourced Bathymetry MS to Support	Member States are encouraged to support the CSB initiative with positive actions, such as requiring all research vessels to collect bathymetric data for later uploading, when on passage or when it does not interfere with other research activities or national policies (for instance regulated areas).	MS	

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MBSHC PA/27	DCDB, MS Data Release	Member States are encouraged to release datasets or subsets into the public domain via the IHO DCDB.	MS	
MBSHC PA/28	UN Ocean Decade	Member States are encouraged to participate in actions of the UN Ocean Decade, matching with IHO.	MS	
MBSHC PA/29	WEND, ENCs	Member States are encouraged to follow WEND principles and guidelines with specific regards to the ENC charts production and maintenance responsibilities (https://iho.int/en/basic-wg-documents-1)	MS	
MBSHC PA/30	MS, Reuse of Data	Member States are encouraged to allow the reuse of data, related to goal 2 of the IHO strategic plan 2021-2026 "Increasing the use of hydrographic data for the benefit of society."	MS	
MBSHC PA/31	Industry, Stakeholders, RENCs News	Member States are encouraged to browse industry/stakeholders/RENCs webpages to be updated in the challenges we have in this decade (S-1XX, S-2XX, S-4XX and S-5XX new products and services).	MS	
MBSHC PA/32	NAVAREA	Member States are encouraged to use only NAVAREA warning for safety of navigation purposes as stated on IMO Res A. 706 (17).	MS	
MBSHC PA/33	SDI/MSDI/MSP	Promote the discussion of any item with relevance to SDI/MSDI/MSP and to take appropriate actions.	All	
MBSHC PA/34	ENC Scheme	Member States are encouraged to liaise with the RCC to coordinate the development and maintenance of ENC scheme.	MS	
MBSHC PA/35	MS ENC Production Plan	Member States to complete the ENC scheme and provide RCC with their ENC production plan, especially for UB 4-5-6.	MS	
MBSHC PA/36	ICCWG Meeting	To schedule an ICCWG side-meeting alongside the next MBSHC conference.	MBSHC Chair, ICC	
MBSHC PA/37	Industry MBSHC Participation	MBSHC Chair to invite industry to MBSHC conferences.	MBSHC Chair	
MBSHC PA/38	Disaster Response Framework	MS will update annually tables 1 & 2 of Disaster Response Framework.	MS, MBSHC Chair	Updated for 2023