

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEAS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

31 January 2024

MBSHC CIRCULAR LETTER No 04/2024

Subject: Egypt proposal/re-submission for introduction to the new INT chart scheme

Reference:

- A. Region F ICCWG Letters CL 08/2023
 - B. Egypt proposal/re-submission – attachment to the Region F ICCWG CL 08/2023
 - C. Region F ICCWG CL 01/2024
 - D. Egyptian e-mail as an evidence that UK and EG agreed the UK INT Charts withdrawal, mail sent on January 17, 2024 at 12:43 p.m.
 - E. S-11 Part A, Ed. 3.1.0, Section 100 paragraph 3.10.
 - F. Art. 7.d of the Statutes of MBSHC (9th Edition, April 2022).
1. Region F ICCWG Circular Letter No 08/2023 from Reference A invited members of the Region F ICCWG to provide their feedback on the Egypt re-submission for introduction to the new INT chart scheme, accordingly to IHO Pub. S-11, Section 100, paragraph 3.8.3. According to Egypt, agreement with UK in regards of “withdrawal” of the UK charts is reached. The proposal/re-submission is attached as Annex A to this circular letter as described in Reference B.
 2. *Noting* that one positive reaction was received from Spain, and 2 comments received from Croatia and France were answered, with no objections to the proposal (Ref. C, attached as Annex B to this circular letter),

Considering that Egypt has informed the Region F ICCWG coordinator by correspondence that it has reached a unanimous agreement with UK regarding withdrawal of UK INT charts to move forward (Ref. C and D.),

Noting that the proposal was endorsed by the Region F ICCWG (Ref. C),

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 adoption of Egypt proposal/re-submission have been reached, hence it is forwarded to the MBSHC level for formal approval (Ref. E).

3. Unless there is any objection reported to MBSHC Chair **no later than 1 March 2024**, I will inform the interested Member States that the INT Chart scheme as proposed by Egypt have been formally approved by the MBSHC in the inter-session according to the Art. 7.d of the Statutes of MBSHC (9th Edition, April 2022) as mentioned in reference F.

Best regards,

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MBSHC Chair
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Annex A to MBSHC CL 04/2024



December 28, 2023

Ref: FICC CL 02/2023

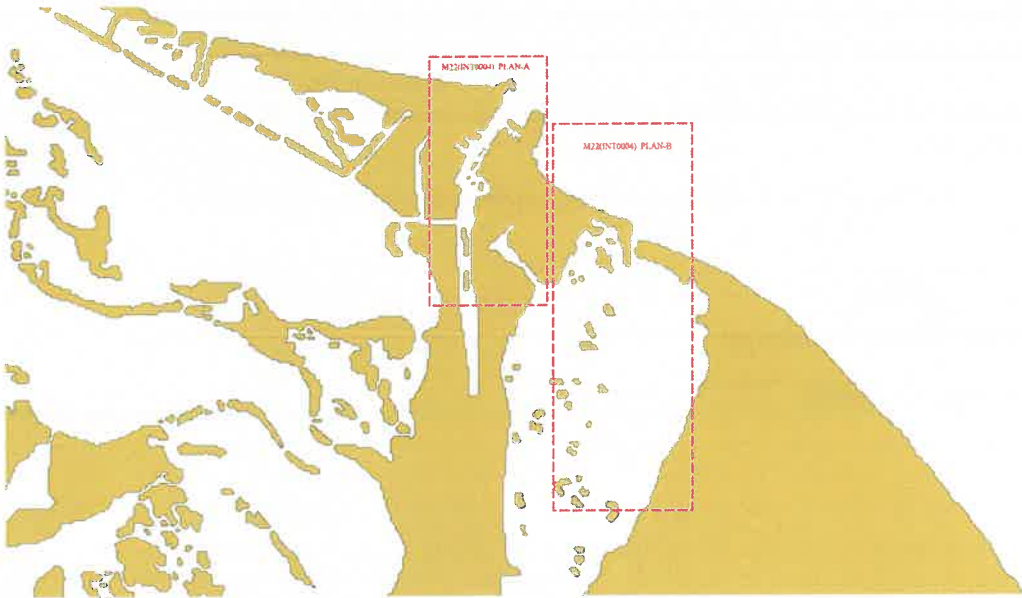
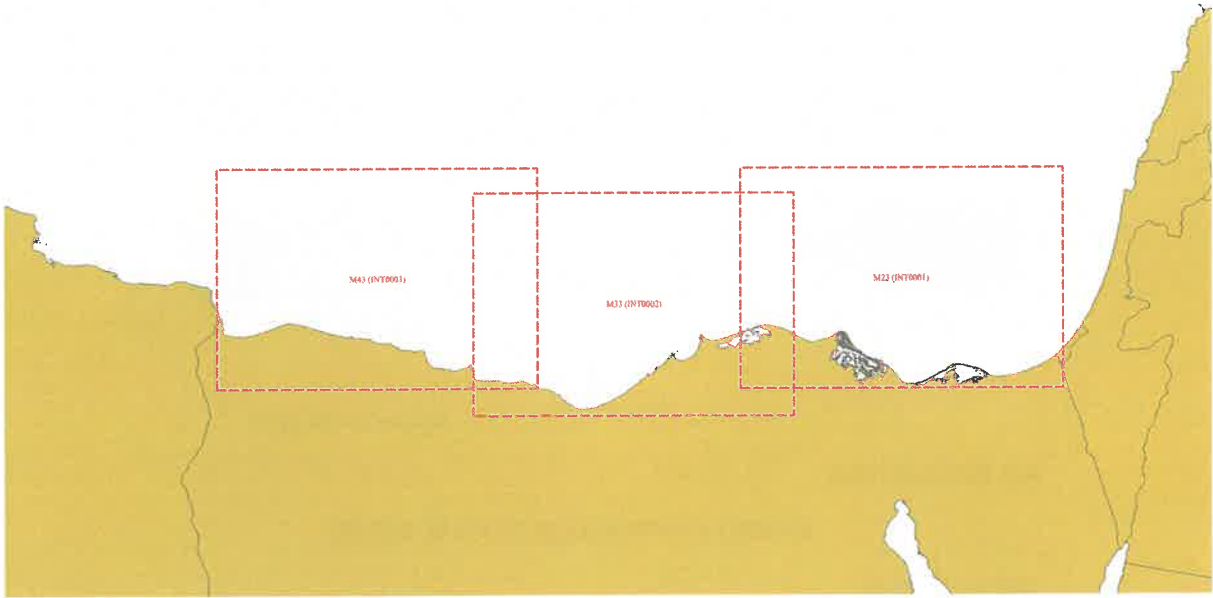
REGION F ICCWG CIRCULAR LETTER No 08/2023

Dear Colleagues,

we would like to draw your attention on Egypt proposal regarding the attached files that has been re-submitted following the referenced CL. The respective charts have been produced in collaboration of Egypt and the UK. This collaboration has been triggered by a comment received from France on the referenced CL on the basis of correcting the submitted charts in the first place. The re-submission has taken into account France's comment. It is noted that apart from France there has been received no further comments or objections.

We invite members of the Region F ICCWG to provide their feedback on the review of the attached charts, by January 12 ,2024.


Commander Nektarios Roditis HN
Region F Coordinator



Annex B to to MBSHC CL 04/2024



January 16, 2024

REGION F ICCWG CIRCULAR LETTER No 01/2024

Subject: Responses received regarding FICC CL 08/2023 proposal

Dear Colleagues,

according to F ICCWG circular letter 08/2023 it was requested feedback on the reproposal of Egypt.

We received one positive reaction from Spain while two members France and Croatia commented on the proposal.

Regarding the comments received from Croatia, at an earlier communication the UK has stated that the likely scenario is that they will relinquish the INT status of INT3500, INT3502, INT3504 and INT3549 retaining national coverage only. We recon that this answers Croatia's comment.

On the objection raised by France regarding the dimensions of the charts, the Coordinator agrees that the dimensions of the charts are acceptable since the issue has been elaborated by UKHO.

Thank you all for considering the requested proposal. This proposal is forwarded to the forthcoming MBSHC for approval.


Commander Nektarios Roditis HN

Region F Coordinator