

**24th Conference of Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic
Commission (MBSHC)**

02 July - 04 July 2024

LIST OF ACTIONS & DECISIONS

LIST OF MBSHC24 DECISIONS

Decision N°	Decision
MBSHC 24/01	Confirmation/Adoption of the Agenda for MBSHC24 in line with the MBSHC CL 12/2024 noting the statements from Greece and Türkiye.
MBSHC 24/02	Confirmation of Romania as Vice Chair for the MBSHC24.
MBSHC 24/03	Election by acclamation of France as Vice Chair (taking effect at the end of MBSHC24) and host for the MBSHC25.
MBSHC 24/04	Approval of the TORs and ROPs for the F ICCWG including final amendments on Article 3.6 (Virtual meetings).
MBSHC 24/05	The MBSHC confirmed the designation of Türkiye as Region F ICCWG Coordinator.
MBSHC 24/06	The MBSHC noted the quorum was met (18/24 member states). Apologies received from Lebanon and Algeria.
MBSHC 24/07	MSs are encouraged to keep MBSHC informed on the S-100 implementation.
MBSHC 24/08	Noting some objections, MBSHC decided not to amend the Annex to the Statutes regarding the allocation of one seat at Council to BASWG members.

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Action N°	Action	Responsible	Deadline
MBSHC24/1	MBSHC members to respond to IHO CL28 2024 (survey for making IHO Events more inclusive).	All	31 August 2024
MBSHC24/2	MBSHC members to consider submitting inputs to the revised Strategic Plan prior to C8.	All	15 July 2024
MBSHC24/3	MBSHC will consider DRF updating.	MBSHC	MBSHC25
MBSHC24/4	MBSHC members are encouraged to update information in the IHO Information Management System (Bulgaria to update the contact detail in the IHO Yearbook as requested by HSSC).	All, Bulgaria	ASAP
MBSHC24/5	Noting the proposal from 5 nations of BASWG, MBSHC invited interested members to submit consolidated proposal on the evolution of the hydrographic interest (criteria).	5 nations of BASWG	15 July 2024 (refer doc.C4-02.3A)
MBSHC24/6	Region F ICCWG and MBSHC S-1xx WG Chairs to consider participating in the RHC testing phase of INTogIS III.	Türkiye, France	July/August 2024

MBSHC24/7	MS are invited to take acknowledgment of the new IHO/GIS services progress and to use INTOGIS III when commissioned.	All	from November 2024
MBSHC24/8	MBSHC to consider becoming member of MBSHC S-1xx WG.	All	5 July 2024
MBSHC24/9	MBSHC to send comments to the MBSHC S-1xx WG ToRs and RoPs.	All members of the MBSHC S-1xx WG	1 September
MBSHC24/10	MBSHC to consider request from Cyprus for advice in resurvey policies.	All	Done by IHO Secretariat
MBSHC24/11	To support Egypt initiative by circulating survey from Egypt to MS and Associate MS.	MSDI Ambassador	15 July 2024
MBSHC24/12	Noting the situation in the Black and Azov Seas at the date of the MBSHC24 (July 2024), the MBHSC agreed to carefully monitor the situation in that part of the Region (MSI, disaster response, charting...), in order to provide any potential contribution to maintain the safety of navigation and to safeguard the protection of	MBSHC	MBSHC25

	environment in the area.		
MBSHC24/13	Region F ICCWG supported by the BASWG, to reconsider the INT and ENC charting scheme in the Black and Azov Seas globally when the situation in the region is stabilized.	ICCWG	MBSHC25
MBSHC24/14	DZ to update the RCC about the new ENC scheme implementation and RCC to provide support.	DZ, UK, RCC	MBSHC25
MBSHC24/15	ES/DZ to inform the RCC about the co-production of INT3106.	ES, DZ	MBSHC25
MBSHC24/16	MBSHC welcomed the offer from IFHS to be included in the DFR, thus raising the overall capacity (experts and equipment) for HADR.	Chair	MBSHC25
MBSHC 24/17	MBSHC noted the intention of UK to grid their ENC coverage in the Region F (information paper).	Region F ICCWG	MBSHC25 (or intersession vtc)
MBSCH 24/18	MBSHC CB coordinator to liaise with Eastern Atlantic CB coordinator when	MBSHC CB Coordinator	MBSCH25

	there are free seats at the MSBCH/EAtHC CB activities.		
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LIST OF MBSHC24 recommendations

No	Recommendation	Responsible	Deadline
1	MBSHC Members are encouraged to liaise bilaterally to solve overlaps in the Region.	All	Permanent ongoing recommendation
2	MBSHC is requested to provide the IRCC Chair with its contribution to continue the measurement of those SPI of regional interest allocated to IRCC.	MBSHC	IRCC17
3	Consider the impacts of the increasing global societal and United Nations (UN) driven need to complete the picture of the seafloor as well as the potential benefits to individual coastal States.	All	Permanent ongoing recommendation
4	Make data freely available for inclusion in the DCDB and the widest possible use, in accordance with IHO Resolution 1/2017.	All	Permanent ongoing recommendation
5	MBSHC is invited to take note of the engagement of the IHO Secretariat in the UN initiatives and the items for further consideration.	All	Permanent ongoing recommendation
6	Region F ICCWG- to have at least one meeting yearly in person, at least 2 meetings in person during the period of 2 years.	F ICCWG	Permanent ongoing recommendation
7	MBSHC Members are kindly requested to monitor IHO Circular Letters distribution and vote accordingly at their earliest convenience.	All	Permanent ongoing recommendation
8	MBSHC Members are encouraged to support the continuation of the EWH project through financial and / or in-kind support.	All	Permanent ongoing recommendation
9	MBSHC noted the request from Greece for IHO Secretariat's advice to be provided regarding 8 INT Chart Scheme in the Aegean Sea (advice to be sent back to Greece, cc to MBSHC Chair). ¹	IHO Secretariat	Mid-September

¹ Objection from Türkiye was noted.

LIST OF PERMANENT ACTIONS

Action N ^o	Action	Responsible
MBSHC PA/01	Member States are invited to take acknowledgement of the new IHO-GIS services progresses and to use INToGIS II. Login and password can be asked to IHO Secretariat.	All
MBSHC PA/02	Member States are invited to submit information for updating C-55 and P-5 “Yearbook” annually (including reports of “no changes”) using the digital formstack for modifying/update (see IHO CL 20/2019).	All
MBSHC PA/03	Member States are invited to respond to IHO CL using the digital formstack (see IHO CL 20/2019).	All
MBSHC PA/04	Member States have to be aware of IALA risk management toolbox endorsed by IMO in SN 1/Circ. 296	All
MBSHC PA/05	Member States are encouraged to densify sea level networks and share real time sea level data relevant to tsunami detection and alerts	All
MBSHC PA/06	Member States are encouraged to check and update, on a regular basis, the list of maritime related events, projects and tenders	All

	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 action MBSHC20/11-12).	
MBSHC PA/07	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.	All
MBSHC PA/08	Member States are encouraged to inform MSDI Ambassador (Italy) about National MSDI initiatives.	All
MBSHC PA/09	Concerned Member States to liaise bilaterally to resolve ENC overlapping, keeping the MBSHC Chair informed.	All
MBSHC PA/10	MBSHC Chair to inform IRCC on the results achieved at regional level on ENC overlapping issues.	MBSHC Chair
MBSHC PA/11	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).	All
MBSHC PA/12	<i>Left blank intentionally</i>	
MBSHC PA/13	RENCs are kindly invited to provide periodically a report in order to collect the evaluation of risk level on	RENCs

	ENC overlaps from the MS in the frame of the WENDWG risk assessment.	
MBSHC PA/14	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 Part A.	All
MBSHC PA/15	RCC to disseminate the draft minutes of the ICCWG.	RCC
MBSHC PA/16	Member States have to provide their needs in terms of CB to the CB Coordinator (Türkiye), copy to the MBSHC Chair.	All
MBSHC PA/17	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 producers
MBSHC PA/18	New INT Charts producers to provide RCC with the INT charts for technical review by ICCWG.	New INT producers
MBSHC PA/19	Member States to send their documents (submission papers, report, presentation) to the Chair, with a copy to the IHO Secretariat, prior to	All

	meetings of MBSHC (iaw MBSHC Statutes).	
MBSHC PA/20	Member States are encouraged to populate the CATZOC values (1 to 5) of their ENC's cells.	All
MBSHC PA/21	Member States are invited to contribute to the International Hydrographic Review as an important means of sharing information on their activities and developments.	All
MBSHC PA/22	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.	All
MBSHC PA/23	Members States are invited to deepen cooperation and support to the Nippon Foundation GEBCO-Seabed2030 project, and encourage to make more detailed and comprehensive seabed data available to GEBCO grids (vital need to map the entire seabed)	All
MBSHC PA/24	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	All

	Mediterranean Sea) Agreement.	
MBSHC PA/25	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 INTOGIS.	All
MBSHC PA/26	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).	All
MBSHC PA/27	Member States are encouraged to release datasets or subsets into the public domain via the IHO DCDB.	All
MBSHC PA/28	Member States are encouraged to participate in actions of the UN Ocean Decade, matching with IHO.	All
MBSHC PA/29	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).	All
MBSHC PA/30	Member States are encouraged to allow the reuse of data, related to goal	All

	2 of the IHO strategic plan 2021-2026 “Increasing the use of hydrographic data for the benefit of society.”	
MBSHC PA/31	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).	All
MBSHC PA/32	Member States are encouraged to use only NAVAREA warning for safety of navigation purposes as stated on IMO Res A. 706 (17).	All
MBSHC PA/33	Promote the discussion of any item with relevance to SDI/MSDI/MSP and to take appropriate actions.	All
MBSHC PA/34	Member States are encouraged to liaise with the RCC to coordinate the development and maintenance of ENC scheme.	All
MBSHC PA/35	Member States to complete the ENC scheme and provide RCC with their ENC production plan, especially for UB 4-5-6.	All
MBSHC PA/36	To schedule an ICCWG side-meeting alongside the next MBSHC conference.	MBSHC Chair
MBSHC PA/37	MBSHC Chair to invite industry to MBSHC conferences.	MBSHC Chair

MBSHC PA/38	MS to update annually tables 1 & 2 of DFR.	All
MBSHC PA/39	Designate Region F coordinator and MBSHC S-1xx coordinator as MBSHC representatives in WENDWG.	ICCWG F, MBSHC S-1xx (in accordance with WENDWG ToRs and RoPs).