



17th Meeting of Black and Azov Seas Working Group (BASWG17) (Report to MBSHC24) (Version 2)

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BASWG17



- In the BASWG17 meeting, five members of BASWG were present (RF did not participate).
- Additionally, IHO Director, FICCWG Region F Coordinator and NAVAREA-III Coordinator attended.

Attendees of BASWG17



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24th MBSHC Meeting Constanta, 2-4 July 2024

Highlights of the Meeting-1

- IHO Director updated MSs on IHO CB Activities and the Work Programme following the 3rd Assembly and 7th IHO Council Meetings.
- NAVAREA-III Coordinator discussed NAVTEX Coverage and operational issues in the region.
- MSs presented their National Reports outlining activities since the last meeting.
- MBSHC CB Coordinator briefed MSs on current and planned CB Activities in the region.
- Challenges include the implementation of S-100 products and services, requiring more capacity building activities and training.



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Highlights of the Meeting-2

Some remarks regarding the national reports provided by the five countries:

- Bulgaria: Faces personnel shortages for IHO-sponsored hydrography courses.
- Georgia: Expects a new hydrographic vessel soon.
- Romania: Shares NAVTEX stations with Bulgaria and transitions to S-100 NAVDATA.
- Türkiye: Hosted two National S-100 Working Group meetings and joined the Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA) in 2023.
- Ukraine: Struggles with war-related challenges, including NAVTEX station deployment and infrastructure destruction in the Black Sea.



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Highlights of the Meeting-3



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CIRCULAR LETTER 21/2024
22 April 2024

Ukraine's Request for Assistance IHO CL 21/2024

UKRAINE'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

References:

- A. Letter from SHSU received 04 April 2024 - *Provision of Technical Assistance and Support to Ukraine as the IHO Member State.*
- B. IHO CL 16/2022 – *Ukraine's request for assistance.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine (SHSU), a subordinate body of the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and Shipping of Ukraine, functioning as the national hydrographic service and the national lighthouse authority, has informed the IHO Secretariat about the critical situation with the provision of their services for national coastal waters and inland waterways.
2. The Letter in Reference A (enclosed), indicates that SHSU would appreciate any possible financial and technical support to properly fulfill its functions, including educational and training opportunities for the SHSU staff, from the International Hydrographic Organization and its respected Member States.
3. The Annex to the Letter include the lists of urgent and priority needs of the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine for the fastest restoration of its normal functioning and performance of its key functions.
4. While the IHO Budget, being bound by Member States approval along the Annual Work Plan, does not offer options to cover the requested financial assistance, similar to what has already been requested with IHO CL 16/2022 in Reference B, Member States are invited to consider how to respond to the requested support in the interest of safety of navigation through continued conduct of hydrographic services under military conflict conditions.



Highlights of the Meeting-4

Türkiye presented two discussion papers respectively;

- Consideration of the definition of Hydrographic Interests
- Involvement of BASWG Representative in the Composition of the Council

BASWG17-09A	18 March	<u>Consideration of the definition of <i>Hydrographic Interests</i></u>
BASWG17-09B Rev1	26 March / 1 April	<u>Involvement of BASWG Representative in the Composition of the Council Rev1</u>



Actions-1

No	Action
BASWG17/A01	To inform Region F ICC and BASWG Chair regarding the status of INT3812.
BASWG17/A02	To liaise with RU and UA regarding the co-production of INT3812.
BASWG17/A03	To liaise with GE and RU regarding the co-production of INT3810.
BASWG17/A04	To clarify the production of INT3897, INT3899, INT3903, INT3818 and inform BASWG Chair.
BASWG17/A05	ToR & RoP of BASWG will be evaluated and revised if necessary in accordance with the revision of the ToR & RoP of MBSHC.
BASWG17/A06	MBSHC CB Coordinator will present a paper in next MBSHC meeting about “inclusion of New Generation MSI Releasing Mechanism (NAVDAT, S124) in following MSI trainings”.



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Actions-2

No	Action
BASWG17/A07	To provide MBSHC CB Coordinator with comments on the CB plan for 2025.
BASWG17/A08	To provide MBSHC CB Coordinator with short term training/activity needs/requests regarding especially S100 transition period.
BASWG17/A09	BASWG MSs will provide their feedbacks/comments to Türkiye regarding the proposal of “hydrographic interests and interest in hydrographic matters in relation to the composition of the Council”.
BASWG17/A10	BASWG MSs are agreed on proposing a paper regarding “To quato allocation from MBSHC to a member state of BASWG for representation in the Council.” in next MBSHC Meeting.



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Decisions & Recommendations

No	Decisions
BASWG17/D01	Türkiye will act as the Chair of the BASWG.
BASWG17/D02	BASWG18 will be held in March/April/May 2025 (date and location TBD).
No	Recommendations
BASWG17/R01	Nations are encouraged to establish “National S100 Working Group” in order to raise awareness and identify the responsible organizations regarding S100 transitions at the national level.
BASWG17/R02	All MSs are recommended to use only NAVAREA warning request for Safety to Navigation purposes as stated on IMO Res A.706 (17).
BASWG17/R03	All MSs are recommended to respond the CLs of FICCWG Coordinator in timely manner.



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26 - 27 March 2024

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All documents are uploaded to the BASWG-17 portal.

Actions Requested from MBSHC Member States

- Note this report,
- Consider addressing the issues that require attention.



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Thank You!
Any Questions?

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Permanent Actions

No	Permanent Actions
BASWG17/P01	To check and update own information in IHO publications (P-5 and C-55).
BASWG17/P02	To check and, if necessary, update own INT charts' metadata (chart limit, title, year, format, scale, etc.) included in the Region F INT Chart Catalogue, via their national account.
BASWG17/P03	To use INTToGIS to submit INT chart proposals.
BASWG17/P04	To provide respective submissions, presentations and national reports to BASWG Secretary at least one month before the meeting.
BASWG17/P05	To ensure that the information on any requirements for ECDIS back-up arrangements using paper charts have been posted on the IHO website, and to update or give confirmation of no change at least once a year.
BASWG17/P06	To use the IHO online port database (based on the NGA NP 150) to update own port priority list and report to Region F ICC.



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