

**19TH MEETING OF THE NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC
COMMISSION (NIOHC19)
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NATIONAL REPORT FROM EGYPT TO THE NIOHC19

Reference: IHO Resolution 2/1997 as amended

Executive summary

1. Hydrographic Office / Service:

a) Name of the institution: Egyptian Navy Hydrographic Department (ENHD)

b) Description:

The Egyptian Navy Hydrographic Department (ENHD) was established in 1950, originally formed to serve the Egyptian fleet, and following the chain of command of the Egyptian Navy HQ. ENHD has evolved considerably throughout the years to become an active participant in the field of hydrography and serving in the provision of the hydrographic services to both military and civilian sectors.

ENHD is the national hydrographic office of Egypt, and the official representative of the Egyptian government in the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the respective hydrographic commissions of the Mediterranean (Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission (MBSHC)) and Red seas (North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC)).

ENHD`s Experience has been gained by over 70 years of rigorous survey practice, and the implementation of a well-balanced strategy aiming to mix practice and education of all involved personnel to build upon the office`s strong foundation. This went along with the support of the Egyptian Government in providing the most up to date hardware and software to ensure reliable and consistent hydrographic service.

Considering the missions of ENHD, and in order to grant the highest possible service efficiency, it has been structured to include several divisions as follows:

- The Hydrographic division.
- The Navigation Division.
- The Meteorological and Oceanographic Division.
- The Logistics Division.
- The Technical Support Division.

Key missions of ENHD:

- Collecting hydrographic data according to related IHO standards, primarily fed into the navigational charts data base. Also used to ensure the safety of surface navigation and the protection of the marine environment.
- Paper and Electronic charts production, distribution and updating for the Egyptian Territorial waters using fresh hydrographic data.
- Maritime Boundary Delimitation (Law of the sea implementation).
- Coastal zone management.
- Scientific studies related to the sea and near-shore zone
- Physical properties of the water column, tides, currents data gathering and processing.
- Ensure the timely dissemination of Maritime Safety Information.
- Hydrographic and oceanographic Support of naval operation.
- Providing the fleet with navigational equipment and publication.

- Maintaining and repairing navigational equipment.

c) Submitted by: ENHD

2. **Surveys:**

a) Coverage of new surveys:

- Early Efforts that have been made to plan, implement and prioritize the survey of the Egyptian waters led to a 100% coverage of the Suez Gulf TSS and a general coverage of the Red Sea.

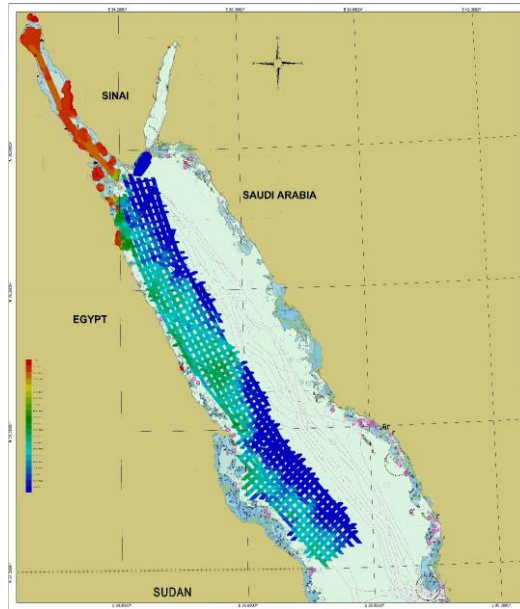


Figure 1: Red Sea Current Coverage

- As Egypt launches 2019 Bid Round for Red Sea Oil & Gas Exploration, it's anticipated by the end of 2020 that fresh full coverage of the Egyptian waters off the red sea is obtained, putting into consideration the most significant gaps across the Red Sea.

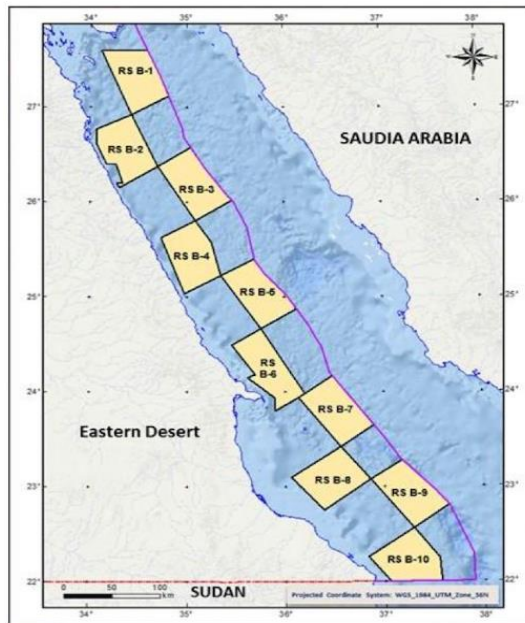


Figure 2: Red Sea 2019 Surveying blocks

- **Ras Banas Area:**

As maintaining safety and security of navigation within our territory is a high priority strategic target, the Egyptian government has developed a New Naval Base and Commercial port at the area of Ras Banas (Latitude 23°N) south coast of Egypt. Extensive surveys have been conducted for a production of ENC and a National Chart.

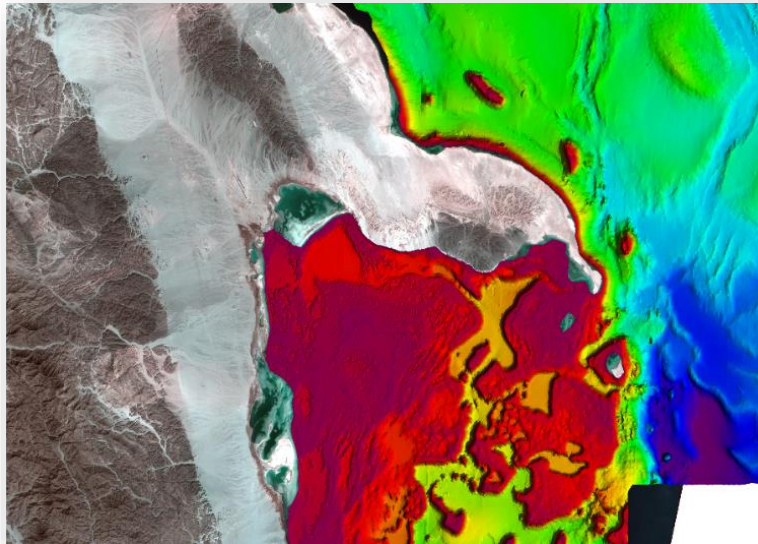


Figure3: 3D profile of Ras Banas seabed area

- **Ain Sukhna Product Hub ASPH:**

Participating in a Mega project known as "Ain Sukhna Product Hub ASPH" the participation include Pre and post survey of the harbour area and the approaches as shown in figure (2), NAVAID recommendations and for the first time the high accuracy positioning of the Floating and Storage Regasification Unit FSRU.

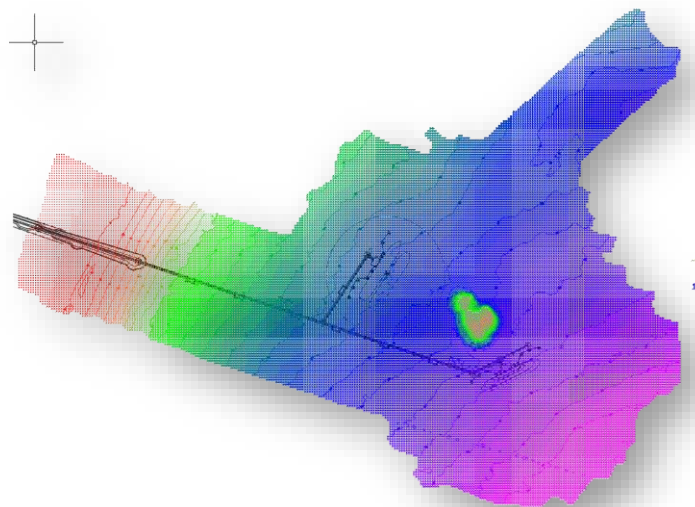


Figure 2 Ain Sukhna Product Hub ASPH full seabed Coverage

- New technologies and equipment

ENHD looks forward to using the most recent Technology and equipment. Therefore, we have complete set of Hydrographic and oceanographic equipment capable of serving the ongoing development projects through the project phases.

- New technology:

ENHD starts testing its “own-developed” Unmanned Surveying System to conduct confined Water surveys.



Figure 5 Unmanned Surveying Vessel (HORUS)

New equipment:

1. Unmanned surveying vessel (HORUS)
2. Deep-Water Multibeam Echo sounder.
3. Motion sensor.

b) New ships: Nil

3. New charts & updates:

a) ENC:

In 2018, 3 New ENCs have been added to ENHD’s Red sea Catalogue. a consistent 30 reliable ENCs with different bands have been produced till now.

ENHD is planning to cover the Suez Gulf during 2019 with 3 Coastal Band ENCs.

Table 1 Egyptian ENC Usage Bands

Egyptian ENC Usage Bands	
Band	Number of cells
Overview (1)	0
General (2)	3
Coastal (3)	1
Approach (4)	10
Harbour (5)	16
Berthing (6)	0
Total	30

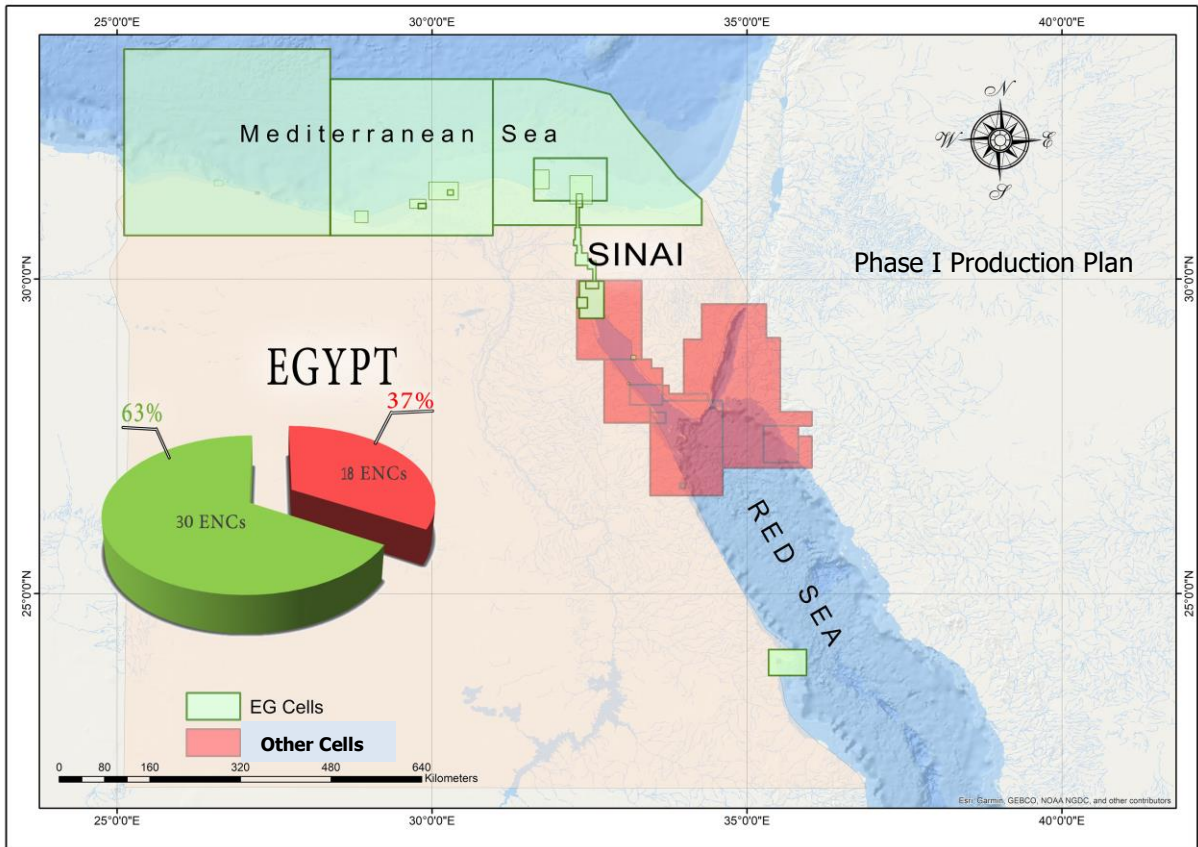


Figure 6: ENC current Coverage

ENC Distribution method:

In order to ensure greatest possible standardization, consistency, reliability and availability of ENC, and as a result of IHO encouragement for member state to distribute their ENC through a RENC, ENHD has joined the Regional ENC Coordinating Centre (ICENC) since 2015 as a response to the Worldwide Electronic Navigational Chart Database (WEND) principles of the IHO.

b) RNCs:

ENHD doesn't produce RNCs.

c) INT charts:

No changes

d) National paper charts

ENHD produced through the last year 1 new national Paper chart within region J.

Table 2 New National Charts

Chart Number	Chart Name	Scale
R18	Approaches to Ras Banas	55,000

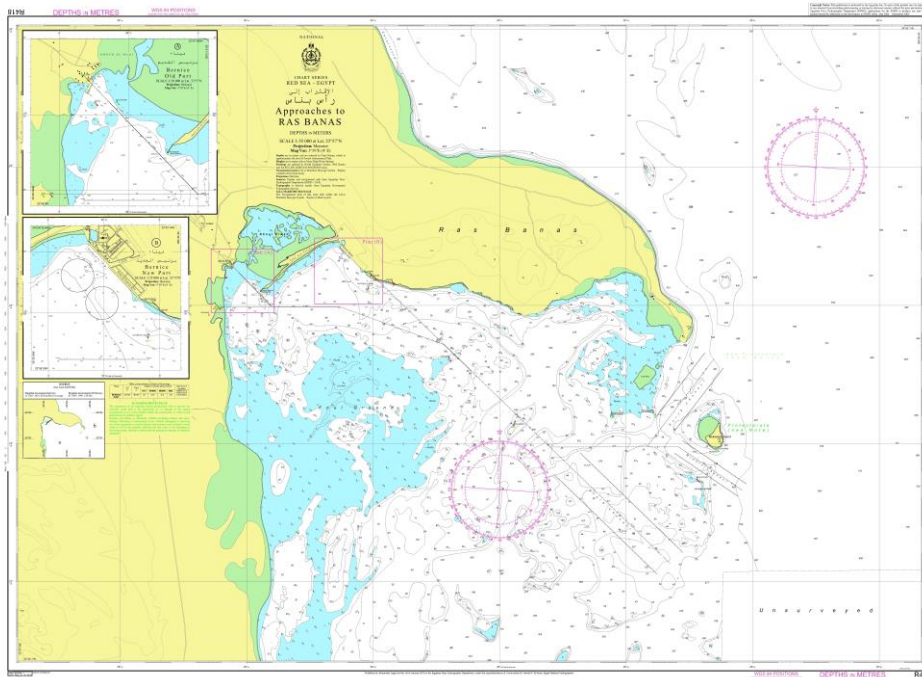


Figure 7: Approaches to Ras Banas

a) Other charts: Nil

4. New publications & updates:

New Publications under progress: ENHD is working on producing a new updated sailing direction book for Egypt's ports with cooperation with The Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety (EAMS). EAMS Periodicals & Publications include:

- Statistical Yearbook: Analyzed statistical and economical reports related to the Egyptian Ports and Suez Canal traffic.
 - Maritime Ports Guide: Includes data on characteristics of the Egyptian main and specialized ports and Suez Canal.
 - Specialized Subjects (Selective Dissemination, Researches and Studies): Includes abstracts on different maritime researches and studies and the latest maritime topic and articles in the field of Maritime Transport industry.
 - Maritime Yellow Pages: It includes the main data on companies, agencies, entities and bodies operating in the field of Maritime Transport.
 - E-Bulletin: A monthly e-bulletine concerned with the latest news and information of international and Egyptian maritime transport.
 - Maritime Legislation: Laws, decrees and resolutions that regulate the maritime transport activities within Egyptian territorial waters.
- b) Updated publications: Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety (EAMS) manages safety of maritime navigation in accordance to the International Conventions and regulations. Updated publications can be reached on the website <http://www.eams.gov.eg> or the **Egyptian Maritime Data Bank** <http://www.emdb.gov.eg> .
- c) Means of delivery: Digital, hard copy or through Egyptian Maritime Data Bank <http://www.emdb.gov.eg> .

5. MSI

a) Existing infrastructure for transmission:

In compliance with Regulation 4 &9 of Chapter V of the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), Egypt ensure timely dissemination of MSI by robust national Maritime Safety Information infrastructure through active 3 NAVTEX stations located at (Alexandria, Kosseir, and Ismailia) are transmitting MSI warnings in English on 518 & 490 KHz.



Figure 3: EGY NAVTEX Stations

Table 3 NAVTEX Stations

frequency (KHz):	Call	Station Name:	Range (nm):	Transmission Times-All UTC:						Area
				0210	0610	1010	1410	1810	2210	
518.0	SUH	Alexandria	350	0210	0610	1010	1410	1810	2210	3
518.0	SUK	Kosseir	350	0330	0730	1130	1530	1930	2330	9
490	SUZ	Ismailia	400	0350	0750	1150	1150	1550	2350	9

b) New infrastructure in accordance with GMDSS Master Plan : No new infrastructure has been added to Egyptian GMDSS master plan.

6. C-55

C-55 has been provided to the IHO.

7. Capacity Building Offer of and/or demand for Capacity Building Training received:

Since NIOHC 17 Egypt has not received any CB training.

Training Needed:

- MBES Processing
- ENC Validation
- Workshop on Law of the Sea
- Regional MSDI Workshop

8. Oceanographic activities

a) General: ENHD in cooperation with National Institute for Oceanography & Fisheries, Coastal Research Institute and and Survey Research Institute (SRI) are in fully integration to provide the oceanographic data according to the international standards.

b) GEBCO/IBC's activities:

Planned to share Bathymetric Contours with GEBCO (subject to approval from the competent authorities).

c) Tide gauge network:

In 2008 a joint project between ENHD and Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation has established to install a network of tide gauges (pressure sensor) along the Egyptian coast, in both Mediterranean and Res Sea. The objective of this project is to measure the sea surface and sea rise. Recently in 2018 a new phase of this project has started by adding microwave tide gauge to increase the accuracy and availability of the measured data.



Figure: 4 Tide network

- d) New equipment: ENHD ensure that all the equipment used throughout the different divisions are up-to-date and capable of collecting data according to the IHO standards and fulfil the needs of the military and private sector demands.

9. Other activities

a) Participation in IHO Working Group: No

b) Meteorological data collection:

ENHD provides an hourly meteorological forecast for the Red sea. Four metrological stations with the cooperation of Egyptian Meteorological Authority – (EMA)

- c) Geospatial studies: ENHD carries out field data collection and analysis with cooperation protocol with National Institute for Oceanography & Fisheries and Coastal Research Institute.
- d) Disaster prevention: ENHD cooperate with different research institutes, National Center for Crisis Management and universities by supplying them with all the fresh data needed and reporting any situation that assess the ability of disaster and crisis management in the Egyptian waters.
- e) Environmental protection: ENHD has the capability of performing the studies needed for environmental studies of different projects.
- f) Astronomical observations Nil
- g) Magnetic/Gravity surveys: ongoing Co-operation with Oil and Gas industry as a result of the new explorations and round bid of the Red sea.

- h) MSDI Progress:
 - a. Policy and Governance: **Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) to support the distribution of navigational information to commercial shipping.**
 - b. Technical Standards
 - c. Information systems
 - d. Data
- i) International
- j) Use of risk to support survey and chart updating priorities

Input to the IHO Publication P-5 (*Yearbook*)*Country: EGYPT**Organization: EGYPTIAN NAVY HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT*

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-Web site	

Country information				
-Declared National Tonnage	Tonnage: 1 100 000 Date: Jun 2015			
-National day	23, July			
-Date of establishment and Relevant National Législation	1 May 1951			
-Date first joined IHO	25/05/1922			
-Date ratification Convention	13/12/1968			
-Remarks on membership :	-			
Agency information				
-Top level parent organization	Ministry of Defence. Naval Forces HQ			
-Principal fonctions of the organisation or the département	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hydrographic Survey. - Nautical Charts production. - ENC Charts production. - Notices to Mariners and Sailing Directions. - Geodetic Survey. - Oceanographic and Geophysical data provision. - Provision of tidal data. - Marine Safety Information and Aids to Navigation. - Environmental studies. 			
-Annual operating budget	Varies			
-Total number of staff employed				
-Number of INT charts published	37 Produced by GB 3 Produced by EG			
-Total number of paper charts	30 Local Paper Charts			
-Number of ENC cells published	30 Produced by EG 18 Produced by GB			
-Number of Other charts	-			
-Type of publications produced	-			
-Détails of surveying vessels/ aircraft	-Name	-Displacement	-Date Launched	-Number of crew
	RSV 1 RSV 2	1750 tons	1998	23
-Other information of interest	-			

Input to the IHO Publication C-55 (*Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Charting Worldwide*)

Country: EGYPT

C-55 Summary for:				Comments on Charts:
Country:	Egypt			
Country Iso Code:	EG			
Country Sub Code:	EG-J			
INT Region:	J			
Country/Depend:	C			
Last updated:	3/11/2019			
Provided by:	ENHD			
Chart coverage	Passage (%)	Coastal (%)	Port (%)	Comments on Surveys:
INT	0	0	8	
RNC	0			
ENC	4	2	56	
Status of Paper Charts				
Paper charts with depths in meters (%)			100	
Paper charts referenced to a satellite datum (%)			100	
Status of surveys	Adequate (%)	Resurvey (%)	No survey (%)	
0-200m	70	20	10	
> 200m	80	20	0	

MSI	Y/N	Comments on MSI:
Local warning	Y	
Coastal warning	Y	
Nav warning	Y	The Egyptian Authority for Maritime safety EAMS is the responsible body within Egypt that disseminat NAV warnings.
Port warning	Y	
GMDSS	Y/N	Comments on GMDSS:
Master Plan	N	All Egyptian vessels comply with the IMO recommendations regarding the GMDSS implementation.
Area A1	N	
Area A2	N	
Area A3	N	
NAVTEX	Y	
SafetyNet	N	

National MSI Self-Assessment

Country: **Egypt**
 Organization: *Egyptian Authority for Maritime safety (EAMS)*

1. Maritime area

Egyptian territorial waters in Mediterranean and red sea in addition to suez canal.

2. Operational Points of Contact for the National Coordinator

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3. GMDSS Master Plan

GMDSS Master Plan is up to date and last update 2018.

Equipment Type for Ports and Local Area	Software Version	Date of Up-date
VHF- MF and HF		

Year Y-2		Year Y-1		Year Y	
Total	Average elapsed time	Total	Average elapsed time	Total	Average elapsed time
xx	xx.x Mins	xx	xx.x Mins	xx	xx.x Mins

4. NAVTEX Coverage: NAVTEX stations located at (Alexandria, Qusseir, and SERAPEUM (ISMILIA)) and transmitting MSI warnings in English on 518 & 490 KHz .
5. Operational Issues: Operational with cooperation of National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority.
6. Contingency Planning: A complete contingency plan between Egyptian Authority for Maritime safety and *Egyptian Search And Rescue Center (ESARC)*. ESARC under the *Egyptian Ministry of Defense* provides its services using *Helicopters, Maritime units, Fixed wing aircraft* for Search operations, Medical evacuation, and providing rescue boats-first aids.
7. Capacity Building: Needed

8. Other Activities

To be added

9. National Maritime Website: contact@mts.gov.eg
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