

## **Status report about nshc.pro-website**

### **1. Background**

Germany (BSH) has been operating the nshc.pro website for almost 10 years. Up to now, the results of the working groups have been published on this site and the bathymetric viewer from Emodnet has been integrated. Due to an error in the technical settings, the address has been reassigned to another user at the end of last year and is no longer available for the BSH at thus for NSHC. Germany apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this situation.

### **2. Necessary measures to re-install the website**

To re-install a dedicated NSHC-website alongside the IHO-NSHC website, it will have to be rebuild completely. A different address would have to be booked. The BSH can provide the url "nshc-iho.com" for this purpose if appropriate.

Germany faces difficulties to operate such a website due to technical and administrative issues. Germany will thus not be able to take the responsibility for such a task.

Another NSHC MS will have to be sought to host the site including the content management system. In addition to that, responsibilities for content contributions have to be decided.

### **3. Possible way ahead**

- i. NSHC to discuss the need of a separate website for NSHC alongside the IHO-NSHC representation;
- ii. If NSHC is in favour of such a site, to clarify which parts should be provided on which domain;
- iii. NSHC to find a volunteer to host the new website and to operate the CMS
- iv. NSHC to define responsibilities for the content.
- v. Germany could proceed providing the content for the RWG in "Wordpress"

### **The Commission is invited to**

- take note of the report;
  - discuss the future perspectives for a separate NSHC website
  - take any action as seen appropriate
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