



**Southern and East African and Islands
Regional Group
for Safety of Navigation
and Marine Environment Protection
(SEAIGNEP)**

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Background



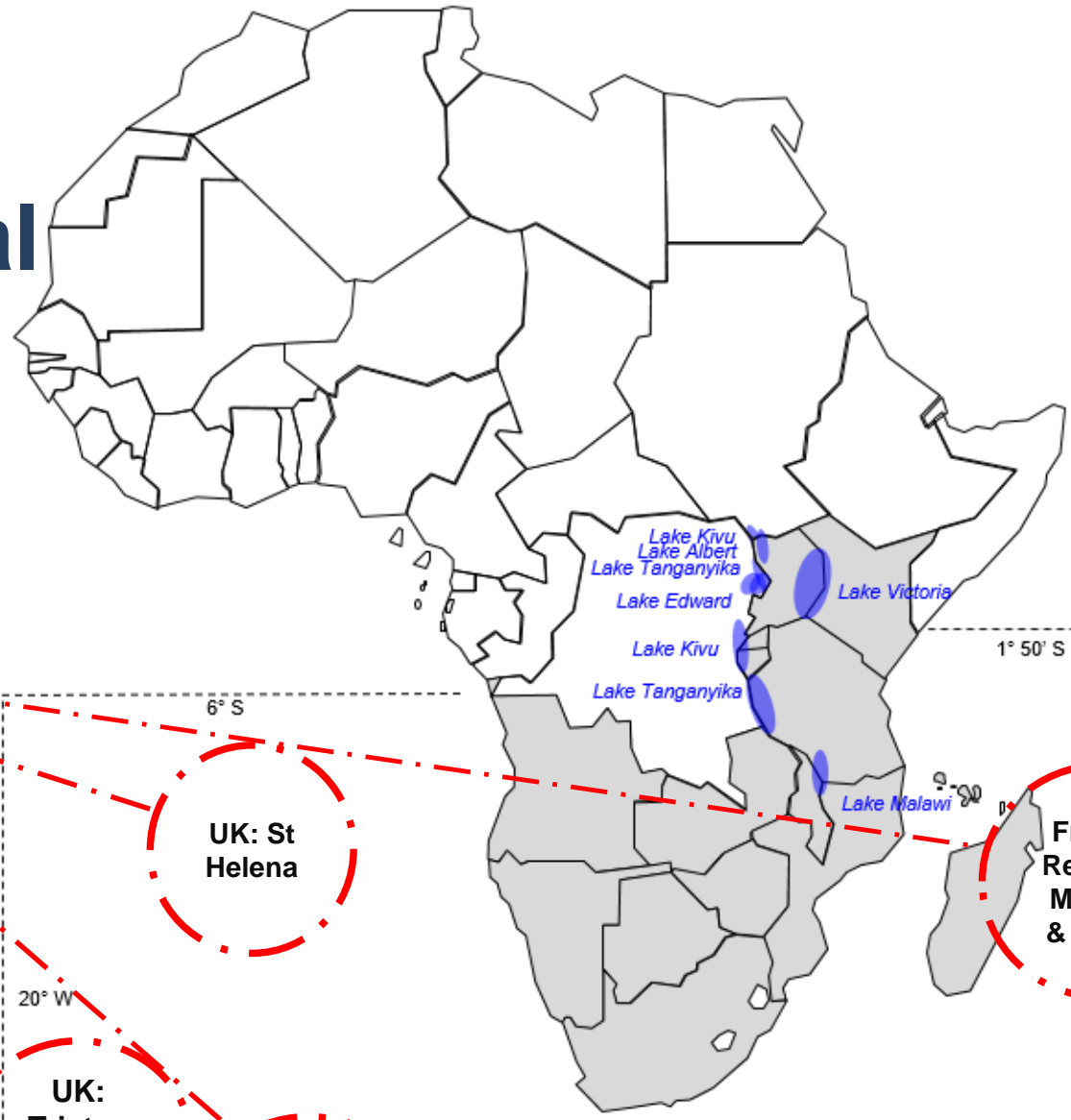
- At 1995 Maputo Conference on Hydrography and Aids to Navigation (AtoN), the need for regional co-operation in hydrography and AtoN was identified
- Two groups were subsequently formed:
 - *Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC), and*
 - *Southern African Regional Co-Operation Group on Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection (SAGNEP)*

Background .



- SAIHC is formal body within the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO), and
- SAGNEP (now SEAIGNEP) enjoys the support of:
 - International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)
 - International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
 - International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), and
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
 - Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)
 - etc.

SEAIGNEP's Geographical Area



Include Norway, France, Portugal and the UK.

UK: St Helena

UK: Tristan da Cunha

Norway: Bovetoya

France: Reunion, Mayotte & others

To the coast of Antarctica

SEAIGNEP Functions

- Discussion forum on matters of mutual interest related to safety of navigation and marine environment protection.
- Act as a communication facilitator between the member states of the Group and the International Organisations.
- Exert regional influence to improve Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection, which also includes coordinated capacity-building measures.
- Exert influence on behalf of member states on International and National Funding Organisations to promote and improve Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection and for a state to co-operate in Regional efforts.

SEAIGNEP Functions .

- Facilitate co-ordination and sharing of aids to navigation assets and services. To ensure co-operation in improving the provision and operation of aids to navigation, pooling of resources and sharing of expertise.
- Encourage the exchange of information and technical support.
- Encourage and organise co-operation in training and the attainment of the required standards [of competence], to include skills development and research.
- Promote awareness of the need to establish internationally agreed aids to navigation and maritime safety information services.

SEAIGNEP Functions ..

- Following on the objectives of the Western Indian Ocean GEF-Marine Highway and Coastal Contamination Prevention (WIOMHCCP) Project, prepare and participate in sustaining development of national and regional plans for the improvement of Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection in the region.



Databases



SEaignep Contact Database

Aim: To enhance communication within the Region

SEaignep Regional Master Plan

Aim: To improve Safety of Navigation and the Environment by:

- (a) Having an up-to-date comprehensive Regional Master Plan, which could be used to source the required funding –
Possible WIOM Project Phase 2 to sustain and enhance the work of the WIOMHCCP Project??
- (b) Having a database of resources that are available in the Region.

In order to keep the databases up-to-date, both are circulated on a regular basis for members to confirm that all details are either:

- Correct, or
- to be updated.

Update on outcomes of meeting no. 5

1. Need for Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan & the establishment of the Regional Co-ordination Centre and the finalisation of the Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

IMO held Regional workshop on cooperation in preparedness and response to marine pollution incidents for Eastern Africa and the Western Indian Ocean in Zanzibar, Tanzania in March 2020.

Recommendations (extract):

- (a) Nairobi Convention Secretariat to carry out the coordination of the implementation of the *Agreement on the Regional Contingency Plan for Preparedness for and Response to major Marine Pollution Incidents in the Western Indian Ocean*
 - (b) Harmonize information acquired of above with information held by the SEAIGNEP Regional Master Plan
2. Regular updating of contact information and other specific information (Data Base & Regional Info)

At most, one or two countries respond regularly
3. Amendment of the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for consideration

Was distributed to allow members to discuss it with their principals and to obtain a mandate to sign it

Next Meeting



SEAIGNEP5

SEAIGNEP5 was held in Mauritius in February 2018

SEAIGNEP6

Unfortunately, Seychelles had to withdraw its acceptance to host SEAIGNEP6 in June 2019 due to unforeseen circumstances.

A request for another host was distributed but has not yet yielded a positive result.

Importance of SEAIGNEP

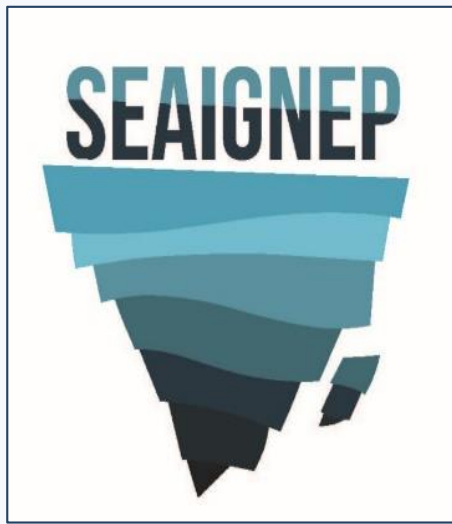
- Excl. IHO Regional Commissions, SEAIGNEP is the only regional group addressing issues related to aids to navigation (AtoN) and other matters of safety of navigation in any region on the African Continent – but needs high-level support to be successful
- Can provide support in meeting the Institutions' international legislative responsibilities
- Contribute towards the implementation of:
 - Ministerial Declaration and Plan of Action with regards to Aids to Navigation of the 2007 African Union (AU) Ministerial Conference on Maritime Transport held in Abuja, Nigeria.
 - The 2009 African Union Maritime Charter
 - The Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy 2050 (AIMS 2050)
 - Preparedness for IMO Mandatory Audits

Assistance requested from SAIHC17 Attendees

PLEASE: Convey the message back home of the importance:

- SEAIGNEP's Aims
- To keep SEAIGNEP “alive”
- Respond to the updating of the x2 Databases
- To find a host for SEAIGNEP6 in 2020
- To participate in SEAIGNEP activities
- To have the support of “high level of government.”





Thank you for your attention

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