



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

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# Background



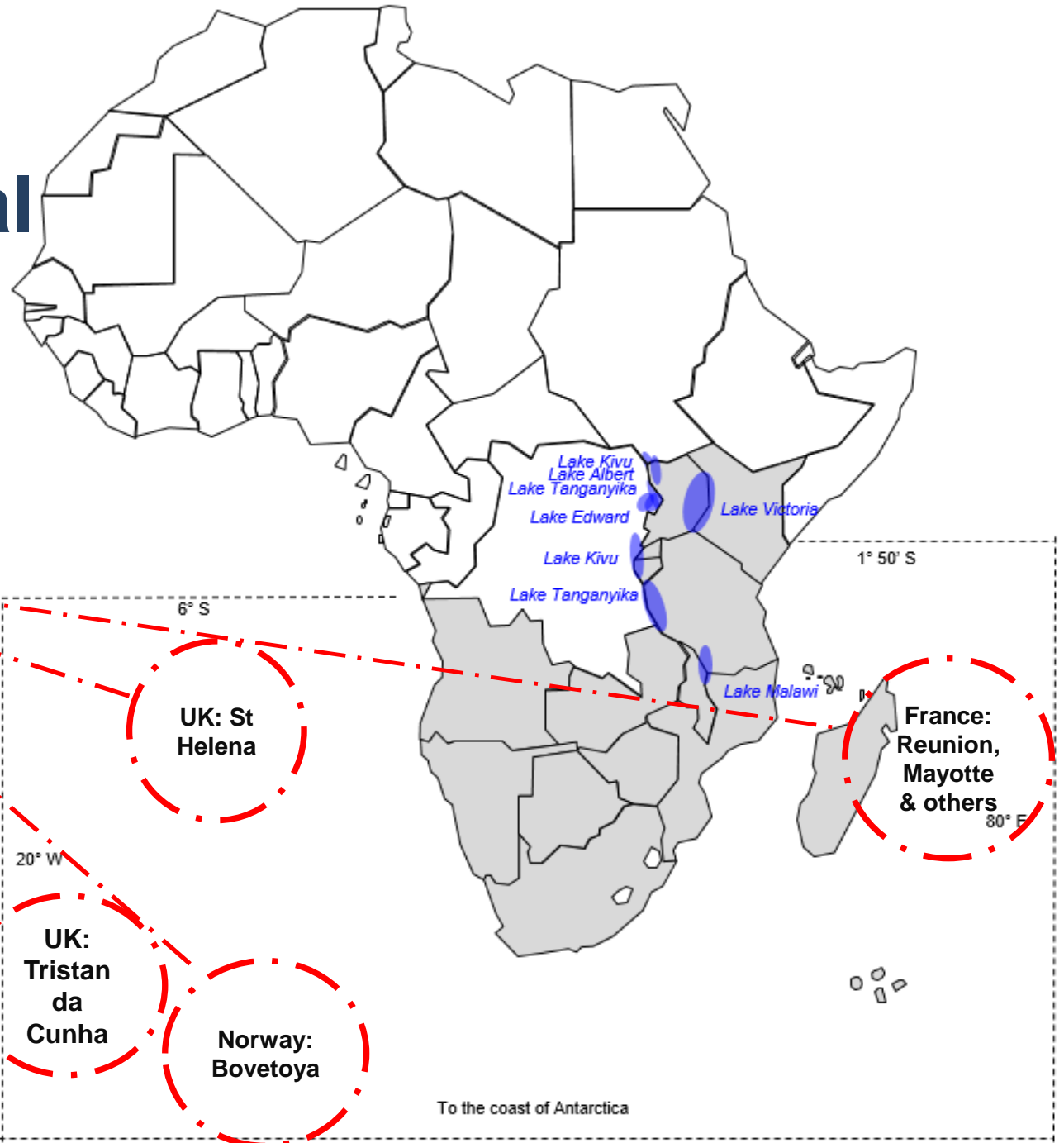
- At 1995 Maputo Conference on Hydrography and Aids to Navigation (AtoN), the need for regional co-operation in hydrography and AtoN was identified
- Two groups were subsequently formed:
  - *Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC), and*
  - *Southern African Regional Co-Operation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

# 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
- (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.

# Memorandum of Agreement



## Aim & Functions of the Agreement

SEAIGNEP is unique in the field of maritime safety, being the only regional group, addressing issues related to safety of navigation and marine environment protection in the South, Central and East African region.

In terms of Article 2 of the MoA, SEAIGNEP aims to bring together organisations and services, in its area of interest, concerned with the safety of navigation and marine environment protection and allied activities, at sea and on inland waterways, to foster the safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels, through the improvement of safety of navigation and other appropriate means, for the benefit of the maritime community and the protection of the marine environment.

# Next Meeting



## **SEAIGNEP6**

A virtual meeting was held on 16-17 November 2021.

## **SEAIGNEP7**

A meeting host has not yet been established. Nominations for hosting of SEAIGNEP7 are welcome, and may be sent to [seaignep@samsa.org.za](mailto:seaignep@samsa.org.za)

The intention is for this meeting to face-to-face.

# Importance of SEAIGNEP

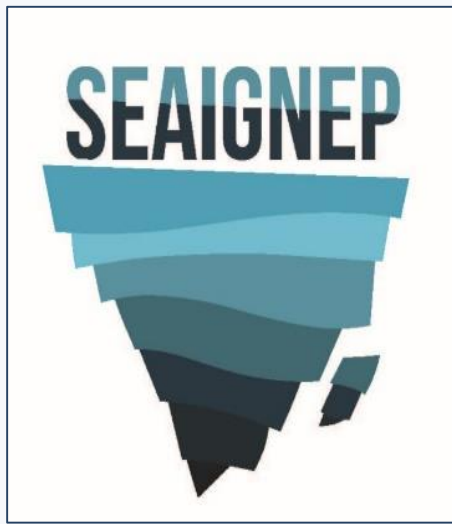
- Excl. IHO Regional Commissions, SEAIGNEP is the only regional group addressing issues related to aids to navigation (AtoN) and other matters of safety of navigation in any region on the African Continent – but needs high-level support to be successful
- Can provide support in meeting the Institutions' 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 SAIHC18 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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