

# 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission

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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland – SAIHC Member State

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#### **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR**

- African Great Lakes & Rivers sub Working Group meeting in Malawi
- Satellite Derived Bathymetry (SDB) seabed mapping in Ascension and St Helena
- Capacity Building Nippon Foundation GeoMAC courses, Technical Assessment Visit to Tanzania



#### **TOP CHALLENGES AND /OR OBSTRUCTIONS**

- Following our roadmap to digital transformation
- Challenge of data collection in remote locations



TOP PLANS THAT AFFECT THE REGION (CHARTS, SURVEYS, TRAINING, OTHER)

PLYM

- UKHO has completed a risk-based prioritisation of the PCA portfolio countries in the region, this will determine where funding is focused
- Places available on an MSI course to be held in October and places on the UKHO GeoMAC CAT B course in January and July 24
- New charts scheduled for publication



### **ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM SAIHC19**

- 1. SAIHC to note this presentation
- 2. SAIHC to note the accompanying full report