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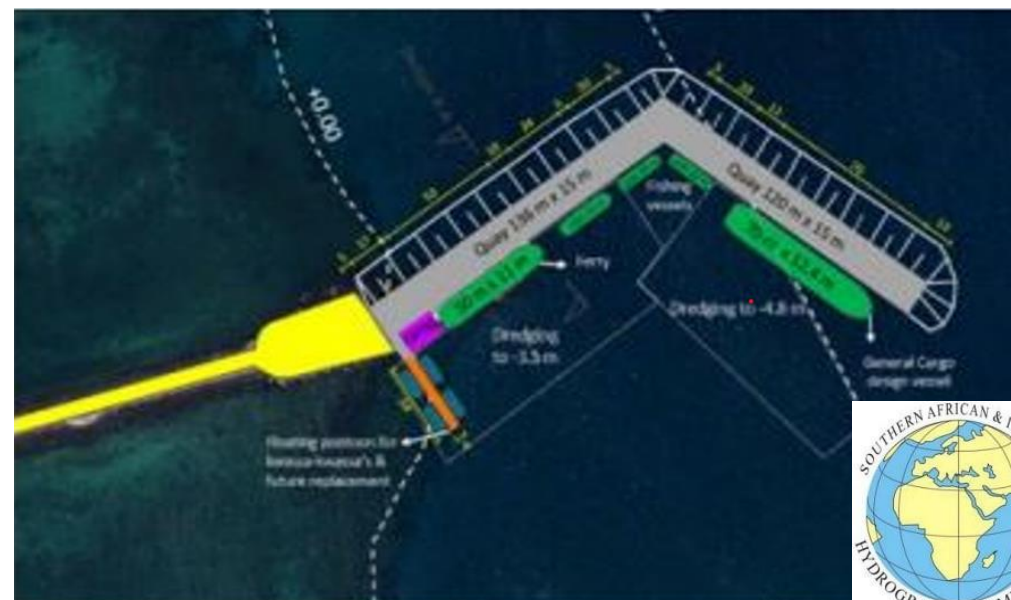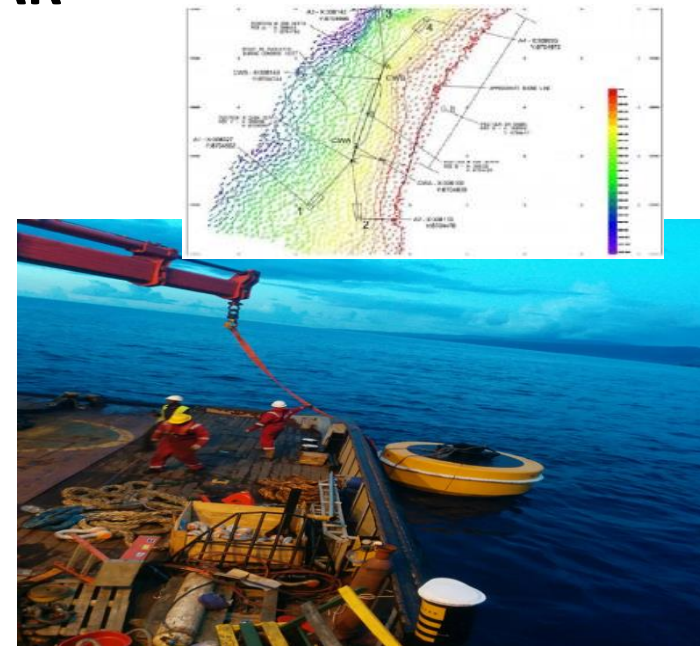## National Report by Comoros

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Bathymetric and hydrographic surveys

Bathymetric surveys in the ports of Moroni (Grande-Comore) and Mutsamudu (Anjouan)
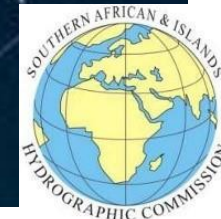

- **For the port of Moroni**: carried out in the port basin and for the installation of new buoys for gas and bulk cement (powder) vessels

- **For the port of Mutsamudu**: carried out following the dredging of the port

- **For the port of Moheli:** Barometric and hydrographic surveys were carried out on the island of Moheli for the construction of a new deep-water port.

Navigation aids

- A study on navigation aids was carried out in order to update them.

Training

- The National Agency for Maritime Affairs (ANAM) had made a request for BS Hydro training to Shom. Two (2) candidates were selected. They are currently in training in Brest until August 2024

TOP CHALLENGES AND/OR OBSTRUCTIONS

- The main challenge is the establishment of the National Hydrographic Committee (CHN) which must bring together several entities
    - The decree for its establishment must be drafted

- Acquisition of hydrographic equipment and data acquisition and map production software

- Problems of access to port quays

TOP PLANS THAT AFFECT THE REGION

- Major dredging work is planned for the port of Moroni. This is a regional project called "Development of a maritime corridor and facilitation of regional trade" financed by the AfDB.

- The Nairobi Convention plans to establish the MSP project for the countries in our region

ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM SAIHC20

- SAIHC20 is requested to note the contents of the Report.

- Assist in hydrographic, bathymetric and cartographic training recognized by the IHO.
- Assist us so that we can provide the S-100 product(s)
- Assist us so that Comoros becomes a Member State of the IHO.

Thank you for your attention