

# 20<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission SAIHC20

## National Report by MADAGASCAR



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# TOP ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR (3 MAXIMUM)

- **(1) Setting up of the project untitled “Toamasina Port ENC improvement Project”**
  - FTM : Foiben-Taosaritanin’I Madagasikara (Geographic and Hydrographic National Institute)
  - The project is part of Japan's technical cooperation with Madagascar
  - The project will be carried out by FTM, the Malagasy side and JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) on the other hand
    - Toamasina Port is being renovated and expanded and
    - It is the target area with its surrounding area (in the territorial water)
  - The detailed planification of the above-mentioned project was discussed and finalized in October 2023 – and the draft of the record of discussion was ready
  - The beginning of the project is marked by the signature of the record of discussion in July 2024



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- **(2) Cat B courses for two FTM agents**
  - In may 2024, FTM received a request to submit an application for the JICA training course “Hydrography for charting and disaster management (Internationally accredited category B)”
  - Two FTM officers applied to take the hydrography course in Tokyo and were accepted.
  - The training is going on from 16 July to 21 December 2024, in JHOD, Japan Hydrographic and oceanographic Department, Japan Coast Guard
  - One of the FTM candidate is a woman so that promoting gender equality and empowerment of women are duly practiced in this case



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- **(3) SHOM and FTM : nautical instruction**

- SHOM had sent the chapter 3 of nautical instruction L9 (Islands of the Indian Ocean) which describes the NW part of Madagascar
- The tasks of FTM are to complete and to criticize the descriptions made there.
- As response the FTM gave some remarks about the updated geographic names
  - The toponym the letter u, é which does not exist in the Malagasy alphabet : Lokobe instead of Lokobé, Maroteza in the place of Maruteza
- And some remarks about the location of some point which maybe in the wrong place
- The comparison is made between nautical chart or the coordinates in the nautical instruction and the coastline topographic map



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# TOP CHALLENGES AND/OR OBSTRUCTIONS (3 MAXIMUM)

- The need to revitalize the National Hydrographic Committee (NHC) by involving, in addition to stakeholders in hydrography, nautical cartography, safety and maritime transport sector, those from physical oceanography, the marine environment, fisheries and integrated management of coastal zones and State Actions at Sea
- The main challenge is the adoption of decree which set up the committee
- It should be noted that an embryo of this committee is already working for the need for the project with JICA : Apart FTM, the implementing agency,
  - the Ministry in charge of the Territorial Planning to which the FTM is rattached, is involved in the project : The General Secretary is the Director of the project
  - The SPAT, Société à gestion autonome du Port de Toamasina (autonomously managed Society of Toamasina Port) where the project will take place
  - The Ministry in charge of the transportation
  - And other organizations ....



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# TOP PLANS THAT AFFECT THE REGION (3 MAXIMUM)

(CHARTS, SURVEYS, TRAINING, OTHER)

- The project with JICA is going on during 43 months
- The training on site and on-the-job in Madagascar in order to let the personnels of FTM to get knowledge to improve hydrography survey and to produce ENC



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