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IHO Strategic Plan 2021-2026 & SWPHC18 National Report

References:

- A: [IHO Assembly \(A-2\) Final Summary Records](#)
- B: [IHO Assembly \(A-2\) Pro-1.8 Revised Strategic Plan](#)
- C: [National Reports to SWPHC18 template](#)

To: **Members, Associate Members and Observer States of the SWPHC**

Dear SWPHC Colleagues,

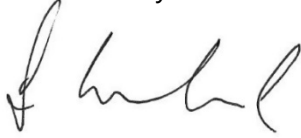
1. At the 2nd Session of the IHO Assembly 16 – 18 November 2020, the Assembly approved the revised IHO Strategic Plan (Reference A, Decision 19 refers).
2. The Strategic Plan (Reference B) confirms our strategic direction and informs our high-level planning and priorities. The plan includes a number of challenges that Hydrographic Offices everywhere are facing and sets goals and targets to face these challenges, to be reached by 2026.
3. In preparation for SWPHC18 meeting on 17-19 February 2021 I would be grateful if you would review the Strategic Plan and complete a high-level gap analysis for your coastal state for each goal, and come prepared to contribute this at the meeting. This will enable us to focus the meeting on looking forward, to deliver the strategic plan for the SWPHC over the next 3-6 years. The gap analysis will help us answer the following questions:
 - a. Where are we now?
 - b. What is the gap?
 - c. What is the role of the SWPHC to meet the goals/targets of the strategic plan?
 - d. How do we collectively meet the challenges and achieve the goals and targets of the strategic plan?

Please complete the analysis in the template provided and send to SWPHC@linz.govt.nz by 5 February 2021. Do not hesitate to contact me if you require further guidance or you may seek assistance direct from your Primary Charting Authority.

4. Note that due to time constraints, National Reports will be summarised into a single report which will be presented at the SWPHC18 meeting. The template for the national report is available from the SWPHC18 website, see Reference C. Please provide completed report to SWPHC@linz.govt.nz by 5 February 2021.

5. Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and relaxing holiday as we approach the festive season.

Yours sincerely,



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New Zealand National Hydrographer
Chair, SWPHC

Enclosures:

Annex A – Distribution List: Members, Associate Members and Observer States of the SWPHC

Annex B – IHO Strategic Plan 2021-2026 Summary

Annex C – UN Statement of Shared Guiding Principles

Annex D - Current State of SWP PICTs IHO CB Strategy - SWPHC17 Feb 2020

Annex E - SWPHC18 IHO Strategic Plan 2021-2026 Gap Analysis template