

16th Meeting of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

Tuvalu National Report



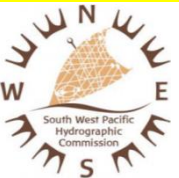
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Executive Summary

- Tuvalu is a small island state in the Pacific, with a land area of only 26km², an EEZ of 717,174km² and a population of under 11,000 people.
- Tuvalu is not currently a member of the IHO but is an associate member of the SWPHC
- Tuvalu has not yet established a hydrographic service or government agency. All hydrographic matters are referred to the Director of Marine and Port Services



Main achievements during the year

- The PSLM Tide Gauge operated by Tuvalu Meteorology in cooperation with SPC
- SPC assistance to Tuvalu's Maritime Transport and SAR sector, primarily comprising regulatory and institutional advice
- New Zealand contribution through PRNI (Pacific Regional Navigation Initiative and PMSP (Pacific Maritime Safety Project) in upgrading Aids to Navigation through out Tuvalu and the recent review of maritime institutional and regulatory arrangements



Main challenges and/or obstructions

- Training for MSI personnel
- No legislation in place to support hydrographic activities
- Limited technical staff commensurate with its responsibilities
- Very limited capacity to carry out surveys and also to maintain ATN



Progress on surveys, charting and MSI

Survey

- The status of surveys in Tuvalu is limited, with the majority of waters entirely un-surveyed

Charting

- Nil
- International Chart coverage of Tuvalu is provided by the UKHO

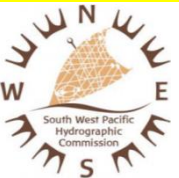
MSI

- No established MSI Infrastructure
- Limited met warnings broadcast on Local AM Radio



Contributions to the IHO DCDB and GEBCO

- Nil



Lessons learned to share

- Formalize national legislation to ensure SOLAS obligations are delegated to appropriate departments in line with recommendations likely to be made by the NZ MFAT Technical Assistance Team
- Government to support IHO
- National Hydrographic Committee should establish to coordinates national hydrographic requirements



Success stories to share

- Nil

