

# 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

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# Main achievements during the year

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- Sustained output and renewed emphasis on safe, secure and thriving oceans. In SW Pacific region, 11 new charts published, 38 New editions and 2 New GB ENC's
- Publication of UKHO S-100 strategy, themes and goals, focussed on the future of navigation



- New online training capability (and virtual academy) developed, including provision of free online courses. In total, >3000 training places



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# Main challenges and/or obstructions

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- **Pandemic related travel restrictions** which, for the second year, prevented **in-person collaboration** , reduced routine data collection and limited training and capacity building (notably the loss of 2020/21 Nippon-funded Cat B course)
- **Occasional lack of coherence amongst UK Government entities in the management of marine geospatial data**; now working to be more joined up (amongst 30+ organisations), including improving collaboration to enhance coordination, collection and management of all geospatial data
- **Challenge to understand and play our part in climate change commitments**; e.g. Clydebank Declaration (seven signatories from SWP region)



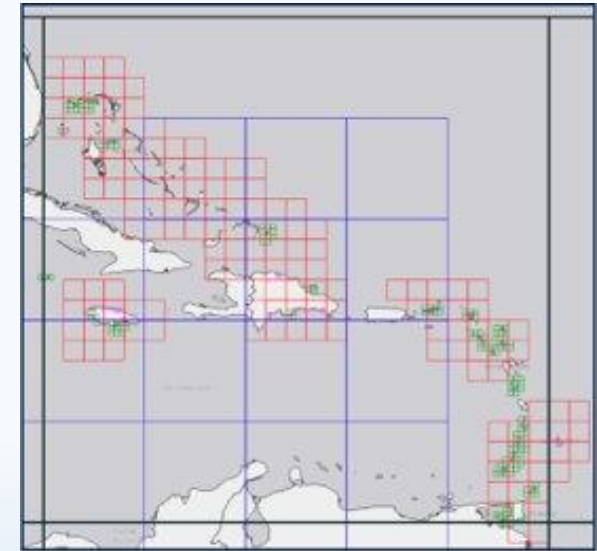
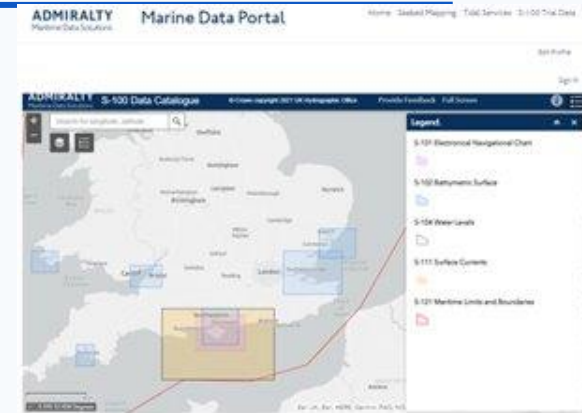
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# Any other matters of interest

- **Strengthen development of regional hydrographic capability through partnership.** Will seek enhanced levels of face-of-face technical engagement from early 2022 onwards, including a rescheduled set of capacity building and training events both in the UK and in the region. Will include Nippon-funded Cat B Course and new virtual courses supporting S-100 development and chart awareness
- **Accelerate internal development of S-100 based products and services and regional ENC gridding.** Collaboration with IHO, bilateral partners, IC-ENC and OEMS will be key
- **Contribute actively to both the Ocean Decade and Seabed 2030;** support through sharing our technical knowledge and expertise in data collection and processing, and carefully considering how we can further facilitate access to our existing data holdings. We will be engaging with you on this in the next 12 months or so



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