

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

National Report by

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# Main achievements during the year

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- Secured grant for MSI capacity building
- Qualified two Level 1 ATON managers
- Successfully promulgated 2 MSIs
- Conducted 1 survey of East Pass, West Pass and Malakal Harbor
- Convened 1st meeting of NHCC



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# Main challenges and/or obstructions

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- Lack of capacity or established arrangements to do continuous surveys
- Lack of qualified hydrographer
- Shortage of personnel to manage work relating to SOLAS chapter IV and V



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# Any other matters of interest

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- Seeking a consultant to conduct training on MSI and write up a simpler SOP for S-53 Manual on MSI
- Seeking more information on SDB and how it can be used to validate existing charts for Southwest Islands.



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