

20th Meeting of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

National Report by – Independent State of
Samoa



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Main achievements during the year

- One MWTI/Maritime Division Staff completed the (MSI) Maritime Safety Information Training under the SPC Scheme.
- Maritime Stakeholders in the country submit relevant information to the MWTI, the official point of contact for MSI for dissemination of such data to interested parties via H-notes to NAVAREA XIV and coastal nav warnings
- MSI continues to liaise with RCCNZ and LINZ on submission of H-Notes of any changes in AtoN or hazards discovered within Samoa's navigable waters.
- LINZ provided charts and capacity to obtain data and develop charts
- JICA provided AtoN's for the main Apia International port.



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Main challenges and/or obstructions

- limited number of Maritime Staff & Hydrographic expertise to conduct survey and Administration work.
- No hydrographic department focus on Safety of Ship navigation.
- limited numbers of hydrographic Equipment's available for repair and maintenance work
- Replacement of AtoN's is very expensive
- Obtaining the right capacity to develop new infrastructure in accordance with the GMDSS Master Plan.



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Any other matters of interest

- Sustainable development of long-term Hydrographic program cater for needs of Small Island Countries
- 95% of imports & exports are from the Maritime Transports. Encourage to Promote hydrography system for the safety of our navigators.
- Promote Digital Transformation as one of the main key aspect.

Fa'afetai & Thank you for your attention



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