

21st Meeting of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

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Working to reformat the SWPHC Report

- Commission specific items on first 3 pages
 - Information
 - Opportunities
 - Events
 - Recommendations
- IHO details, expanded recommendations, and additional information in Annex A.



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Technical Program and S-100 Implementation

- Please note CL 43/2023 – 2024 timeline for advancing S-100 Phase 1 (route monitoring) product specifications.

Task	IHO CL issue date	MS Response Due
S-100 Edition 5.2.0	January 2024	May 2024
S-100 Phase 1 Endorsement	October 2024	December 2024

- Please be on the lookout for IHO CLs and vote accordingly.
- On-time implementation of S-100 will depend on MS votes.



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Opportunities for Training and Capacity Building

- Empowering Women in Hydrography - <https://iho.int/en/basic-cb-sc-ewh>
 - NOAA (USA) 3 shipboard opportunities in 2024 (Due 15 March 2024)
 - SHOM (France) two opportunities in hydrographic training (Application closed end of January)



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Opportunities for Training and Capacity Building

- Master of Science Programme in Hydrographic Science at the University of Southern Mississippi (USA), sponsored by the Republic of Korea – Application closed 17 January 2024.
- Graduate Certificate in Ocean Bathymetry at the University of New Hampshire (UNH), USA sponsored by IHO-IOC-Nippon Foundation/GEBCO expected to be due April 2024 (CL pending)



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Upcoming Events in the Region

- Annual GEBCO Week November 2024 – Nadi, Fiji, in partnership with the Fiji Navy Hydrographic Office, SWPHC and the Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project South West Pacific Regional Data Archive Centre (Run by NIWA and Supported by LINZ).



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Status of IHO Membership in the SWPHC

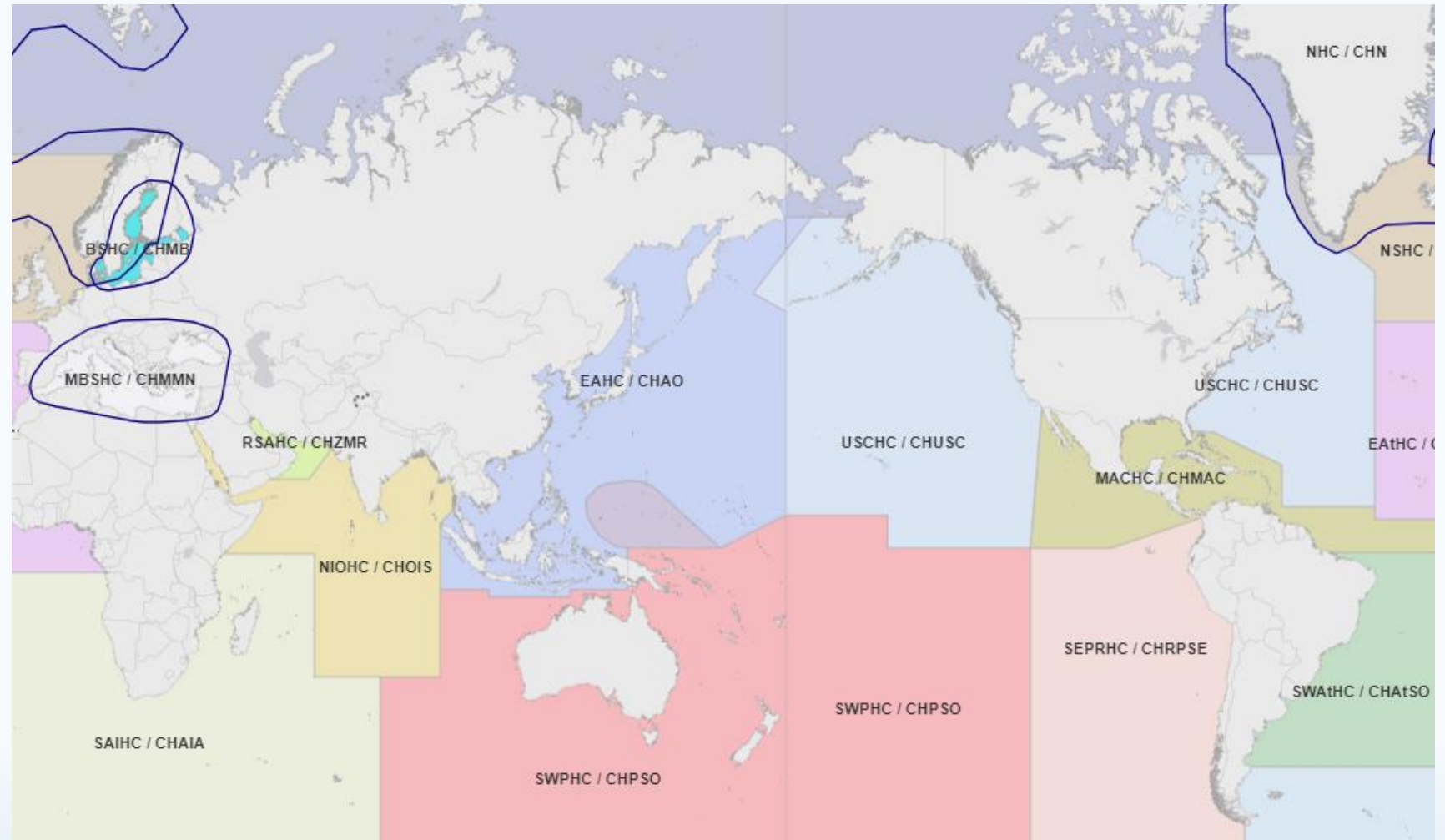
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SWPHC Members

Australia, Fiji, France, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, UK, USA, Vanuatu

Associate Members

Cook Islands, Indonesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau



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Country	P-5 –Yearbook Last update received	C-55 Last update received
Australia	December 2023	February 2019
Fiji	April 2023	January 2019
France	January 2024	January 2023
New Zealand	July 2022	February 2021
Papua New Guinea	July 2022	December 2016
Samoa	July 2022	December 2016
Solomon Islands	November 2023	January 2020
Tonga	July 2022	March 2014
United Kingdom	July 2023	February 2022
United States	June 2022	February 2018
Vanuatu	July 2022	January 2018



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Inclusive Meeting Participation – Decision 21/23

Assembly Decision 21: tasked the Council to discuss the request from the SWPHC for the provision of mechanisms to ensure greater inclusion and participation of all Member States at IHO meetings, in particular the IHO Assembly and come up with solutions as soon as possible.

The Council agreed to prepare an IHO Resolution on Guidelines for Making IHO Events More Inclusive, endorsed the principle of considering an initial proposal for a IHO Resolution Guidelines for Making IHO Events More Inclusive ... and then tasked an ad hoc drafting group (respectively IRCC) to conduct a survey on behalf of the Council to assess ... different modalities (in-person, in-person with live streaming, hybrid, or full VTC).



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Recommendations and Invitations for the Commission's Consideration

- a. Committees are requested to respond to IHO CLs in a timely manner, particularly during Phase 1 implementation of S-100.*
- b. Confirm the role of New Zealand as regional S-100 coordinator in accordance with the WEND-100 Principles and S-1xx Implementation Guidelines.*
- c. Participate in the Project Team on Fund Generation of IHO' Project Initiatives under the IRCC (CL 42/2023).*
- d. Support the continuation of the EWH project through financial and / or in-kind support.and to provide proposals via the specific webpage (<https://iho.int/en/basic-cbsc-ewh>).*
- e. Provide the IRCC Chair with an update regarding the measurement of those SPI of regional interest allocated to IRCC.*
- f. Conduct a survey within Commission on hosting and attending meetings in the four different modalities (in-person, in-person with live streaming, hybrid, or full VTC).*



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- g. Provide contributions to the IHO e-Learning Center at KHOA*
- h. Ensure the timely provision of MSI through NAV and MET Area Coordinators.*
- i. Make data freely available for inclusion in the DCDB and the widest possible use, in accordance with IHO Resolution 1/2017.*
- j. Review entries in the IHO Yearbook and C-55 to provide the IHO Secretariat with the appropriate updates or to report no change (CL 20/2019).*
- k. Participate in the GEBCO week 2024 to be held in Nadi, Fiji.*
- l. Initiate the preparation of inputs for the review of the IHO Strategic Plan (C7/37 refers) and thanks SWPHC Members (FR, GB, NZ and US) for their involvement in the Correspondence Group of the Council.*
- m. Please note this report.*



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Thank You Very Much



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