

Eighth Meeting of the IHO Hydrographic Surveys Working Group (HSWG 8)

Online Only – via MS Teams

3rd to 6th March 2025 (all times GMT UK)

Day 1 – Monday 3rd March

1000 - Plenary

1. Welcome and opening remarks from chair group. (*Chair, Co-Vice Chairs and Secretary*)
2. Very short introduction from all participants (in order stated by Chair)
3. Procedures of the Meeting. (Chair)
4. Approval of agenda. (Chair)
5. Review of ToRs and RoPs (Secretary)
6. Approval of Minutes of HSWG7 (Vice Chair Carlos)
7. Review of actions from HSWG7 (Secretary)
8. Key objectives for HSWG8 (Chair)
9. HSWG Work Plan (Vice-Chair Megan)

1100 – 10 Minute Break

1110 - Plenary

10. S-44 Part 1: (Vice-Chair Megan)
 - 10.1. Current status of S-44 and Maintenance Process
 - 10.2. S44 Feedback Tracking
 - 10.3. Additional feedback on S44 from operational experience
 - 10.4. Progress on S44 Project Teams / issues raised
 - 10.4.1. Backscatter (HSWG Chair and Vice Chair)
 - 10.4.2. Bathymetric Coverage (Jani)
 - 10.4.3. Uncertainty (Hans / Jean Guy)
 - 10.4.4. Other items for consideration within the standard
 - 10.5. Promotion and education of S-44 and Links to IHO Strategic Objective 2.2
 - 10.6. Support for further translation of S-44 for onward IHO publication.

1230 - 1330 Break

1330 - Plenary

11. Liaison with other HSSC Working Groups (including designation of individuals for liaison)

11.1. (New) HSSC Harmonisation Group (Chair)

11.2. DQWG

11.2.1. Current situation

11.2.2. CATZOC / S-168 Quality / S44 mapping update

11.2.3. Further opportunities for collaboration

11.3. HDWG

11.3.1. Current situation

11.3.2. Terminology

11.3.3. Further opportunities for collaboration

11.4. TWCWG (Chair)

11.4.1. Current situation – DP to update on discussions.

11.4.2. Further opportunities for collaboration

11.5. S-100WG (Hans Oias)

11.5.1. Current situation

11.5.2. Further opportunities for collaboration

11.6. GEBCO TSCOM (Sam Harper)

11.6.1. Current situation

11.6.2. Further opportunities for collaboration

11.7. Crowdsource Bathymetry Working Group (Sam Harper)

11.7.1. Current situation

11.7.2. Further opportunities for collaboration

1500 - 10 Minute Break

1510 - Plenary

12. MHPT Part 1 (MHPT Chair)

12.1. General update from MHPT

12.2. Workplan

12.3. Structure of next edition of C-13

12.4. Outline for MHPT Breakout sessions

13. SDBPT Part 1 (SDBPT Chair)

13.1. General update from SDBPT

13.2. Workplan

13.3. General initial input from HSWG

13.4. Outline for SDBPT Breakout sessions

1600 Close of Day 1 Business

Day 2 – Tuesday 4th March

1000 – Break Out Meetings

14. Breakout Sessions #1 (running in parallel)

- MHPT
- SDBPT

Breaks: 1100 to 1110, 1230 to 1330, 1500 to 1510

1600 Close of Day 2

Day 3 – Wednesday 5th March

1000 – Break Out Meetings

15. Breakout Sessions #1 (running in parallel)

- MHPT
- SDBPT

Breaks: 1100 to 1110, 1230 to 1330, 1500 to 1510

1600 Close of Day 2

Day 4 – Thursday 6th March

1000 – Plenary

16. Exchange experiences of new technology, approaches, and best practice.

(Member States and Expert Contributors to suggest introductory presentations to promote discussion to Chair in advance)

1100 – 10 Minute Break

1110 - Plenary

17. S-44 Summary: (HSWG Vice-Chair Megan)

17.1. Summary of work underway for next / future editions

17.2. Opportunity for further HSWG Input (if not already covered)

18. MHPT Summary: (MHPT Chair)

- 18.1. Present outcomes of MHPT Breakout Session
- 18.2. Further HSWG Input
- 18.3. Updated Workplan
- 18.4. Next Steps
19. SDBPT Summary: (SDBPT Chair)
 - 19.1. Present outcomes of SDBPT Breakout Session
 - 19.2. Further HSWG Input
 - 19.3. Updated Workplan
 - 19.4. Intersessional activities
 - 19.5. Next Steps

1230- 1330 Break

1330 - Plenary

20. Any other business. (Chair)
 - 20.1. Conferences and other events [all delegates welcomed to promote]
 - 20.1.1. Hydro 2025
21. Date, venue and method of next meeting – HSWG9 (Chair)
22. Review of updated Work Plan (Vice-Chair)
23. Review of Action List and items for agenda for HSWG9. (Secretary)
24. Closing remarks. (Chair and Vice-Chairs)

1500 Close of business and of HSWG8

(Please block out your calendar up until 1600 in case we have any overrun).