

**Paper for Consideration by NCWG
International Cartographic Association (ICA)
Commission on Marine Cartography**

Submitted by:	ICA Commission on Marine Cartography
Executive Summary:	Reintroduction of commission to NCWG members and invitation for membership
Related Documents:	N/A
Related Projects:	N/A

Introduction / Background

This short information paper aims to bring to the notice of the present membership of the IHO NCWG the existence of the ICA Commission on Marine Cartography (CMC) <https://marine.icaci.org/>

The ICA and IHO relate formally through a Memorandum of Understanding.

The ICA operates primarily through its many Commissions and Working Groups. For those interested, the full list can be found at <https://icaci.org/commissions/> and <https://icaci.org/working-groups/>. All Members of ICA are volunteers and provide their time and funding (optional depending on participation in ICA events) to further the general profession of cartography.

The Commission seeks to refresh its membership and would welcome anyone from the NCWG (or their colleagues) who would like to join the CMC to further its Terms of Reference below.

The primary direct relationship between the CMC and IHO (and FIG (Fédération Internationale des Géomètres)), the International Federation of Surveyors, which is the UN-recognized global organization for the profession of surveying and related disciplines) is through the Term of Reference 3 below. Membership of the CMC provides an opportunity for its members to pursue their professional and/or academic endeavours within a network of people with similar interests. While it is appreciated that NCWG Members come from within national Hydrographic Agencies, it is apparent that such persons quite frequently seek to extend their specialisms within the wider geospatial industry. The CMC network offers such an opportunity.

Terms of Reference of CMC (2023 – 2027)

1. Promote the specialism of Marine Cartography within ICA and other affiliated organisations.
2. As the ICA expert focus group for Marine Cartography, promote research on cartography relating to the visualisation and management of ocean data.
3. Identify and recommend appropriately qualified and experienced professional cartographers to represent ICA membership on the FIG/IHO/ICA International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers (IBSC).
4. Promote a network of marine cartographers using media to facilitate the access by interested communities to marine cartographic knowledge.
5. Foster and support local meetings and/or workshops on marine cartography and

- assist in engaging appropriate recognised experts.
6. Liaise and coordinate with other relevant ICA Commissions and Working Groups.
 7. Liaise and coordinate with relevant groups from sister organisations and associations relating to the maritime environment (e.g., IHO, FIG, IGU ...).
 8. Encourage and promote policies of equal opportunity wherever possible within the profession and especially within the Marine Cartography community.

Action required of NCWG

The NCWG is invited to:

- a. Note this paper.

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