

## Paper for Consideration by Nautical Cartography Working Group

### Digital Only Charting: UKHO withdrawal from Paper Charting

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<b>Executive Summary:</b>	UKHO sets out transition plan for fully digital chart portfolio by end of 2026
<b>Related Documents:</b>	<a href="#">Council Agenda Item C6-07.7A.</a> <a href="#">Information (UK): Understanding the Drivers, Solutions and Enablers within the Shipping Industry</a>
<b>Related Projects:</b>	

#### Introduction / Background

- To enable UKHO to focus and invest in future products and services including S-100, the UKHO intends to withdraw from paper chart production by 2026.

#### Analysis / Discussion

- The environment into which UKHO delivers its services are changing, driven by desire in the shipping industry for decarbonisation and operational efficiency which are being enabled by new technologies and developing new standards.
- Withdrawal of ADMIRALTY Standard Nautical Charts (SNCs) and Thematic Charts is in response to more marine, naval and leisure users primarily using digital products and services for navigation.
- The phased withdrawal of paper charts from production will take place over a number of years and is anticipated to conclude in late 2026.

#### Recommendations

- Questions can be raised to the NCWG representative [Samantha.Lerigo@UKHO.gov.uk](mailto:Samantha.Lerigo@UKHO.gov.uk)
- Additional information can be found at the [Admiralty](#) website and [HERE](#) at the .gov.uk website.
- It is also suggested that you refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for additional information.

#### Conclusion

- UKHO will completely withdraw from offering a paper chart service by 2026 as part of focusing on digital charting only.

#### Action Required of NCWG:

- a. The NCWG is invited to note this paper