# Paper for Consideration by NIPWG Sample Production of S-128 dataset by BSH (As per NIPWG 9 Minutes 6.6.)

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**Executive Summary:** Update by creating a test dataset S-128

**Related Documents:** S-12x product specifications **Related Projects:** Creation of S-100 based products

### Introduction / Background

Considering the possibility to create S-128 datasets, the BSH is trying to use already existing software of the daily use. Therefore, a close link to gds (the manufacturer of docuglobe) is established.

# Analysis/Discussion

The metadata of all nautical relevant publications are held and maintained in the content management system *docuglobe*<sup>1</sup>. The BSH also uses this system to produce the NtM and the nautical publications. There are two customer-specific extensions in the system (ENC workflow and catalogue data tool) [see Fig. 1-3].

Software extension development made it possible to extend the insertion form with further input fields to be able to prepare all mandatory information as per latest S-128 requirements.

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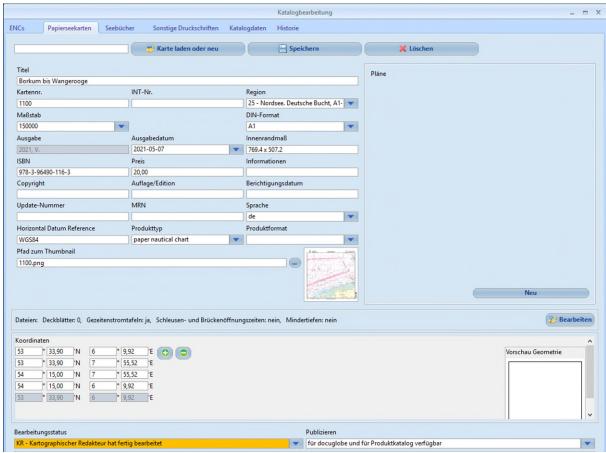


Figure 1 GUI catalogue data (sample for a paper sea chart)

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Figure 2 GUI ENC-Workflow (overview)

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Figure 3 GUI ENC-Workflow (data sheet of ENC)

Weekly, the updated catalogue data inventory is exported as XML (originally intended as an internal exchange format), transformed into HTML and PDF (using XSLT(-FO)) and published online.

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A python script is used to transform the XML into the S-128 GML, which is published online, too.

The current S-128 catalogue of nautical products is updated on a weekly basis, which is the same cycle like e.g. for German NtM. Now, the catalogue contains data of paper sea charts, ENCs and nautical publications (paper version) and is available free of charge on <a href="https://www.bsh.de">www.bsh.de</a>.

The following figure shows an overview page of the German Nautical Product Catalogue. By selecting the download button (shown in the red box), the user will be directed to the download page, where the S-128 test dataset could be downloaded.

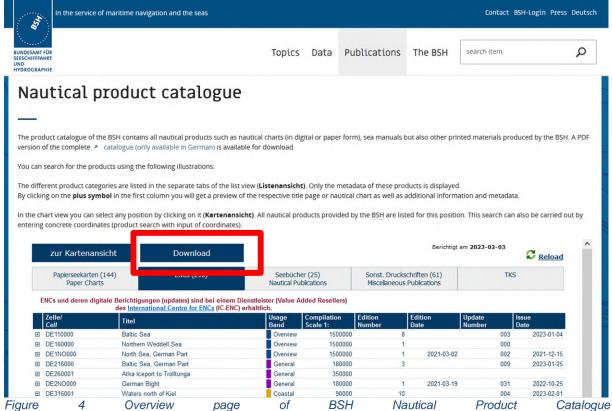


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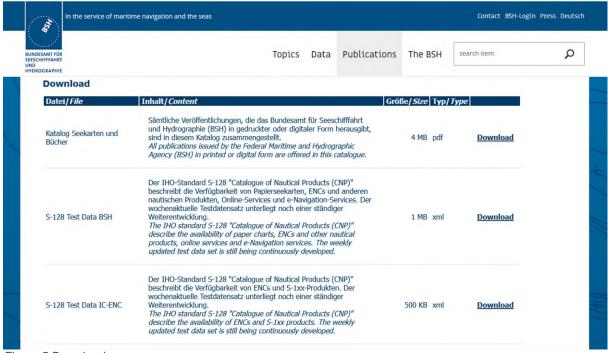


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Latest developments enable the BSH to produce a complete S-128 dataset containing all German data of paper sea charts, ENCs and nautical publication.

#### **Conclusions**

Further ongoing considerations and tests try to find an answer to "How to distribute the latest S-128"? Therefore, the initiative of IC-ENC TL 01/2023 was supporting BSH brainstorming. In other words the S-128 IC-ENC test dataset is a part of the complete German S-128 dataset, but only based on needs described by the TL 01/2023.

Still, challenges on how to extend and integrate catalogue data for S-100 based products, e.g. S-102 or S-123, are either unsolved or not yet considered. There might be different update cycles, other data producer / service provider or a certain section of the BSH.

## Recommendations

NIPWG should be aware of these challenges and should maintain requesting continuous updates for developments on a certain interval to keep HOs about latest practical developments up-to-date.

#### **Justification and Impacts**

Requirements by further parties might influence production, e.g. IC-ENC TL 01/2023, but propels the development since a real need was created.

# **Action Required of NIPWG**

The NIPWG is invited to:

- a. note this paper
- b. is encouraged to download the test data for comparison or feedback

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