Nautical Information Provision Working Group (NIPWG) Meeting 2nd March 2023 – VTC, Worldwide

1. Welcome

- Chair opened the NIPWG VTC by welcoming new and returning members
- Chair introduced new working group Secretary: James Weston.

2. Review of Action Items

See Annex A.

Action Item 01: Related to Action Item 22 (NIPWG-9); SHOM to provide input on ENDS definition. YLF. 31st March 2023

Action Item 02: A dedicated meeting to further discuss the Gap Analysis Study (Action Item 7, VTC 03-22) for all NIPWG members; either week commencing 20th or 27th March 2023. Maybe also set aside time at VTC-02-2023 to discuss further. Chair Team. 3rd March 2023

2.1 Review of NIPWG Work Plan 23/24

Action Item 03: NIPWG members encouraged to review and comment on work plan. All NIPWG. 17th March 2023

3. Review of other Working Group Reports

YG: NIPWG noted update on DQWG.

Action Item 04: Review List of action items from DQWG last meeting (held in Feb 7-9 2023) when released. Chair Team, All S-12x Task Group Leads. VTC-02 (Jun-23)

Action Item 05: Invite DQWG Chair to next meeting (VTC-02). EM. VTC-02 (Jun 2023)

- EM: S-124 product spec is very close to being released for review.

3.1 Update on IMO Expert Group on Data Harmonization (EGDH)

- SE will become a permanent IHO Rep at EGDH. Updates from EGDH will now be a permanent agenda item at NIPWG Meetings.
- NIPWG noted update on EGDH and have been encouraged to review input paper (3.1

 EGDH 8-Harmonization of the IHO GI Registry and the IMO Data Reference Model)
 made by SE separately.

4. GML Way Forward Presentation

- NIPWG noted the presentation.
- JP: Supports RM's paper and has put a paper forward to TSM for existing clarifications.
- RM: GML samples can be found in the Schema Server. <u>Link</u> can also be found in the presentation.
- EM: Recap: Current tools are not bespoke/aligned with current GML. Any input and lessons learned from products teams should be passed on to RM.

Action Item 06: Task Group leads to continue to discuss the topic of GML within their teams (who are working on GML products), for further refinement, and send ongoing input to RM. All Task Groups. VTC-02 (Jun 2023)

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5. IHO GI Registry Updates presentation

- NIPWG noted the presentation.

Action item 07: RM & BvS to discuss updates required in the GI Registry, which have been submitted and need to be clarified. RM & BvS. April 1st 2023

- **6. Concepts for Associations** (recommendations on how the association of information types should be managed in the production & user tools)
 - NIPWG noted presentation.

Action item 08: All to review NIPWG-VTC01-06.0A and provide ideas for best practice on how S-12x information should be presented in production and for end user. All NIPWG. VTC-02 (Jun 2023)

Action item 09: Submit the Concepts for Associations presentation to S100WG TSM for information. RM. 7th March 2023

7. Product Specification Updates

7.1 S-122 - Marine Protected Areas

- 7.1.1 Task Group Update
- NIPWG noted update.
- EM: Timeline is part of S-100 strategic implementation plan. Keep in mind the scope for S-122 is for ECDIS viewing and any changes need to be put through HSSC.

7.2 S-123 – Marine Radio Services

- 7.2.1 Task Group Update
- NIPWG noted update
- JP: S-164 is not part of the scope currently, but can be looked into at a later date so that S-123 and S-164 datasets are compatible.
- BG: Looking to have one of the proposals, noted in the presentation, ready for next VTC (02-2023)

7.3 S-125 – Marine Aids to Navigation

- 7.3.1 Development Update
- NIPWG noted update
- CG: Question surrounding links between S-101, S-201, S-124 and S-125 updates.
- EM & SE: Update links have been previously discussed, with recommendations made during NIPWG-9 and IHO-IALA Workshop (2022). Regional differences were identified to be substantial, and a very general recommendation was made stating production among these needs to be coordinated regionally.

Action item 10: Produce NIPWG input paper on draft product specification. SO and Chair Team. VTC-02 (Jun 2023)

7.4 S-127- Marine Traffic Management

- 7.4.1 Task Group Update
- NIPWG noted update

7.5 S-128 – Catalogue of Nautical Products

- 7.5.1 S-128 Test Bed update
- NIPWG noted update

7.5.2 Sample Production of S-128 dataset by BSH

NIPWG noted paper

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- SS: Have BSH considered 24/7 updates? And being able to access S-128 data at any given time?
- PS: Could be a future consideration, but doesn't line up with current update schedules.

Action item 11: Please download and view the German S-128 test data, and feedback comparisons and observations to PS. All NIPWG. VTC-02 (Jun 2023)

- 7.5.3 Observations on S-128 & Tighter control of dataset import to S-100 ECDIS papers (S100TSM9)
- NIPWG noted the observation paper.

7.5.4 WENDWG13 Meeting – S128 Presentation

- YG: NIPWG members requested to please review this presentation. It is with regards to an important update for HSSC Action Item 52.
- SM: Noted the proposal from IIC to add "equivalent S-57 ENCs" in the S-128 model and highlighted the RENC intention to produce S-128 datasets on behalf of their members, and that this would require another flag, maybe a metadata field within S-101 for this.

7.6 S-131 – Marine Harbor Infrastructure

- 7.6.1 Project Update
- NIPWG noted update

7.6.2 Product Spec. Update

- NIPWG noted update
- EM: Members who have already provided comments should also be included in the clarification/adjudication results discussion.

Action Item 12: NIPWG to prepare spreadsheet or table for discussion with IHO GI Registry Meeting. Chair Team. VTC-02 (Jun 2023)

Action Item 13: RM adjudicate the S-131 comments received and review with chair team. RM & Chair Team. 31st March 2023

Action Item 14: RM to update the S-131 product specification using substantive comments. RM 10th April 2023

8. UKC Definitions Proposal Discussion

- BvS: On behalf of UKHO, IHMA were requested to produce an image defining UKC that will be provided in UKHO's NP-100. Discussions on definitions and the image are still ongoing.
- SE: Some differences noted between definitions in the image produced by IHMA that need further discussion offline. Please read and review input paper "8.0 – NIPWG_UKC_Discussion_v2" on the VTC webpage.

9. Brief on Canadian Mariners Workshop

Not discussed due to time allowances.

Action Item: Include brief on Canadian Mariners Workshop in next VTC. Chair Team. VTC-02 (Jun 2023)

10. Next Meetings

10.1 Next VTC: 20th June 2023

10.2 NIPWG-10: 12th to 15th September 2023, Monaco

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Table of names & initials:

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SE	Stefan Engström
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RM	Raphael Malyankar
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CG	Chris Gill
SS	Svein Skjaeveland
PS	Phillip Schwedas
SM	Su Marks

Table of Acronyms:

EGDH	Expert Group on Data Harmonization
DQWG	Data Quality Working Group
TSM	Test Strategy Meeting
MRN	Maritime Resource Names
HSSC	Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee
OGC	Open Geospatial Consortium
WEND	Worldwide ENC Database
FAL	Facilitation Committee

Annex A: Action Items

#	Action Item	Agenda Item	Assigned	Status
NIP	WG 9, 2022 – Hybrid Meeting			
04	NGA are invited to present the presentation on WPI to the S-130 PT, for their consideration, as the names of water bodies may not be included as such in the S-130 product specification (use of Unique Identifiers instead).	13.1	JS/MK	NIPWG-10
05	NGA is encouraged to ensure the interface for WPI is developed so that it guarantees harmonization with S-1xx products, specifically S-131 (to reduce/remove any possibility of duplicate efforts from users/providers).	13.1	JS/MK	NIPWG-10
06	NGA will update NIPWG when public facing website of the World Port Index is live.	13.1	JS	NIPWG-10
18	A review of which services should consider using S-128 products and services will be completed by SE and HP.	11.1	SE, HP	NIPWG-10

19	S-128 task group to review the link between task specific products and the model in S-128. And add 'B' work items, such as to 'investigate potential impacts on the data model when considering automatic creation of S-128 product from existing S-1xx and S-57 products. i.e. is there sufficient simplicity in the model so that you can take the coverage of one model and make it part of S-128 (look into automation tasks)'.	11.1	S-128 Working Group	VTC-03 (Dec-22) VTC-02 (Jun-23)
22	With reference to the action from HSSC14/87, NIPWG should prepare a clarification and definition of ENDS for HSSC-15, following the adoption of amendments to MSC.232(82) (which are up for approval at MSC in November).	11.2	ALL, YLF	VTC-01 (Mar-23) End of Mar-23
23	Request that SO (Dr. Oh) and his role as IALA/ARMS-125 task group lead, and his involvement with the S-128 task group, to please review the introduction of S-125 and S-128 and try to replace the NPIO term with a better description of the product specifications intended use.	5.1	SO	NIPWG-10
24	Invite all task groups to consider the updated descriptions in S-125 and S-128 when conducting their next product specifications review.	5.1	ALL	NIPWG-10
26	Chair team to provide an input to HSSC15 reporting on the outcomes of the workshop, with regards to how S-201, S-101, S-125 and S-124 will work in relation to each other.	5.1	Chair Team	HSSC-15 (June 2023) (6-weeks before) In progress
27	RM to create a space within the NIPWG wiki, to commence dialogue on best practices in creation of S-12x data.	10.3	RM	VTC-03 (Dec-22) In progress
28	NIPWG members to make use of the NIWPG wiki in the dialogue on improving the DCEG on all S-12x products.	10.3	ALL	NIPWG-10
30	China invited to submit sample test to MK (NGA) so that NP2 data samples can be updated.	14.1	LY	VTC-03 (Dec-22) COMPLETED
32	China was invited to submit S-127 change proposals to EA.	14.1	LY	VTC-01 (Mar-23) COMPLETED
NIP	WG VTC-03			

1	JP to prepare an input paper on how an MRN should be formatted to identify data producers and other roles within the scope of the IHO data protection scheme, by the scheme administrator; the IHO secretariat.	3.2	JP	Mar 1 st -2023 VTC-02 (Jun-2023)
2	Prepare input paper for NIPWG to review in preparation for next TSM (Mar-23).	3.2	RM, JP, SS	Feb 17 th 2023 In Progress
3	Draft input paper requesting HSSC guidance on how to improve the dialogue with other national entities for the purpose of including the most up to date information.	4	NIPWG Chair Team, PS, SS, YG & MB	VTC-01 (Mar-2023) COMPLETED
4	NIPWG members have till January 31st to comment on new and updated definitions (those in red). If no comments received, definitions will be submitted to GI Registry by RM.	5	All NIPWG	Jan 31 st 2023 COMPLETED
5	Chair team to organise first meeting with volunteers (Hannah Szeja (UKHO), Kevin Rigg (UKHO), JP and RM). NIPWG members to volunteer, or provide names, before then.	6.1.1	Chair Team, All NIPWG	Jan 20 th 2023 COMPLETED
6	Members are encouraged to review and comment on the presentation and pass them onto Raphael by email.	6.7.2	All NIPWG	VTC-01 (Mar-2023) COMPLETED
7	The gap analysis study should be discussed in more detail at the next VTC. All interested members to provide their own individual findings.	6.8	All NIPWG	VTC-01 (Mar 2023) COMPLETED
8	NIPWG members to review papers and presentation provided as Agenda items 7, 8 & 9 (that were unfortunately unable to be discussed during meeting) and to provide feedback by email to Raphael.	7, 8, 9	All NIPWG	Jan 31 st 2023 COMPLETED
NIP	WG VTC-01 (2023)			
1	Related to Action Item 22 (NIPWG-9); SHOM to provide input on ENDS definition.	2	YLF	31st March 2023
2	A dedicated meeting to further discuss the Gap Analysis Study (Action Item 7, VTC 01-23) to be organised for all NIPWG members. Time to also be set aside at VTC-02-2023 to discuss further	2	Chair Team	3 rd March 2023
3	NIPWG members encouraged to review and comment on NIPWG Work Plan	2.1	All NIPWG	17 th March 2023
4	Review List of action items from DQWG last meeting (held in Feb 7-9, 2023) when released. Chair Team, All S-12x Task Group Leads.	3	Chair Team, S-12x Task Group Leads	VTC-02 (Jun 2023)

5	Invite DQWG Chair to next meeting (VTC-02).	3	EM	VTC-02 (Jun 2023)
6	Task Group leads to continue to discuss the	4	All Task	VTC-02
	topic of GML within their teams (who are		Groups	(Jun 2023)
	working on GML products), for further			(
	refinement, and send ongoing input to RM.			
7	RM & BvS to discuss updates required in the	5	RM &	1 st April 2023
	GI Registry, which have been submitted and	-	BvS	Γ
	need to be clarified			
8	All to review NIPWG-VTC01-06.0A and provide	6	All	VTC-02
	ideas for best practice on how S-12x information		NIPWG	(Jun 2023)
	should be presented in production and for end			,
	user.			
9	Submit the Concepts for Associations	6	RM	7 th March 2023
	presentation to S100WG TSM for information.			
10	Produce NIPWG input paper on draft product	7.3.1	SO & Chair	VTC-02
	specification		Team	(Jun 2023)
11	Please download and view the German S-128	7.5.1	All	VTC-02
	test data, and feedback comparisons and		NIPWG	(Jun 2023)
	observations to PS			
12	NIPWG to prepare spreadsheet or table for	7.6.2	Chair	VTC-02
	discussion with IHO GI Registry Meeting.		Team	(Jun 2023)
	Chair Team.			
13	RM adjudicate the S-131 comments received	7.6.2	RM & Chair	31st March
	and review with chair team.		Team	2023
14	RM to update the S-131 product specification	7.6.2	RM	April 10 th 2023
	using substantive comments.			

Annex B: NIPWG List of Decisions & Action Items Arising from HSSC-14

5.3	Nautical Inform	ation Provisi	on (NIPWG)		
5.3A	S-100 System Architecture, IMO's Maritime Services	HSSC14/44 (former HSSC13/35)	Noting different expectations, HSSC welcomed the offer made by NIPWG in liaison with S-100WG to complement the S-100 System Architecture by a submission paper addressing the what/how/when the S-100 based products should work together in a future S-100 ECDIS environment.	HSSC-15	In progress with Canadian Coast Guard.
5.3A	Maritime Services, e- navigation	HSSC14/45 (former HSSC13/37, HSSC12/32, HSSC11/36)	HSSC tasked the responsible HSSC WGs [and will invite also the IRCC/WWNWS-SC] to review the initial descriptions of "Maritime Services in context of e-navigation" under their remit and to provide them to NIPWG for further action if appropriate. NIPWG to send reminders as appropriate.	Permanent Deadline to be confirmed by NIPWG	

5.3A	Maritime Services, e-	HSSC14/46 (former	HSSC tasked NIPWG to act as the responsible IHO WG to monitor and	Permanent	
	navigation	HSSC13/38)	contribute to the IMO Expert Group on Data Harmonization (EGDH).		
5.3A	Scale Dependent (SD)/Scale Independent (SI)	HSSC14/47 (former HSSC13/40)	After having considered an IALA outline paper describing how S-201, S-124, S-125 may work together, HSSC tasked NIPWG to provide a paper discussing SD/SI data handling aspects.	HSSC-15	In progress
5.3A	S-125	HSSC14/48	HSSC approved the name change for S-125 from "Navigational Services" to "Marine Aids to Navigation (AtoN)". IHO Secretariat to change the name on the IHO website accordingly, and leave the content as is. HSSC tasked NIPWG in liaison with IALA to provide a timeline for the development of		Decision
			S-125.	End of June 2022	
5.3A	S-100 Whole Picture	HSSC14/49 (former HSSC13/41)	HSSC welcomed the offer by NIPWG to develop an outline paper, in liaison with S-100WG, describing the whole S100 picture in close cooperation with stakeholders, inside and outside the IHO community and with IMO in particular.	HSSC-15	In progress
5.3A	S-12x (S-122, S- 123,)	HSSC14/50	HSSC noted the status report on the development of the new Edition of these Product Specifications to be aligned with S-100 Ed. 5.0.0 and the remaining challenges (Portrayal, etc.).	HSSC-15	
5.3B	S-128	HSSC14/51	HSSC approved the S-128 draft Edition 1.0.0 dated 11 March 2022- Catalogue of Nautical Products for implementation and testing. NIPWG to provide amendments to the executive summary of the scope of S-128 for the Registry and the website (S-100 Products Specifications) to the IHO Secretariat, when appropriate. IHO Secretariat to issue an IHO CL informing the IHO MS on the publication of Ed.1.0.0 of S-128 and encouraging stakeholders (Industry partners, RENCs) on behalf of HSSC to establish S-128 testbeds and share experiences with NIPWG.	End of June 2022	Decision

5.3B	S-128	HSSC14/52	HSSC advised NIPWG to liaise with S-100WG on issues identified regarding responsibility of stakeholders in producing and distributing S-128 and for NIPWG to provide an input paper to WENDWG13.	WENDW G- 13/HSSC- 15	
7.1B	S-124	HSSC14/53	HSSC noted the progress made by the S-124PT under the WWNWS-SC in the development of S-124. HSSC agreed on the way forward (candidate Ed.1.0.0 to be directly submitted by the WWNWS-SC to HSSC for approval by correspondence).	November 2022 /HSSC-15	Decision
7.7	OGC				
HSS C14/ 96	HSSC thanked OGC for their comprehensive update report and highlights on pilot projects related to IHO/HSSC work items.		Decision		
HSS C14/ 97	HSSC invited OGC to consider the possibility of reporting on S- 122 implementation experimentation (pilot projects) and IGIF Roadmap in Baltic and North Sea to NIPWG and WENDWG at their next meetings.	NIPWG-9 / WENDWG -13			

Annex C: Agenda

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1.0	Welcome	Chair	
2.0	Review of Action Items	Chair	10min
2.1	Review of NIPWG Work Plan 23/24	Chair	5min
3.0	Review of other Working Group reports	Chair	10min
3.1	Update on IMO Expert Group on Data	Stefan	5min
	Harmonization (EGDH)		
4.0	GML Way Forward presentation	Raphael Malyankar	10min
5.0	IHO GI Registry Updates presentation	Raphael Malyankar	10min
6.0	Recommendations on how the association	Raphael Malyankar	15min
	of information types should be managed in	, ,	
	the production and user tools		
7.0	Product Specification updates		
7.1	S-122 – Marine Protected Areas		
7.1.1	Task Group Update	Jonathan Pritchard	10min
7.2	S-123 – Marine Radio Services		
7.2.1	Task Group update	Bridget Gagné	10min
7.3	S-125 – Marine Aids to Navigation		
7.3.1	Development update	Dr Sewoong Oh	10min
7.4	S-127 – Marine Traffic Management		
7.4.1	Task Group update	Ed Kuwalek	10min
7.4.2	Proposals on addition of	Lyu Yuxiao	5min
	Hydrometeorological Conditions in S-	•	
	127product spec (2.0.0)		
7.5	S-128 – Catalogue of Nautical Products		
7.5.1	S-128 Test Bed update	Izzy Kim	10min
7.5.2	Sample Production of S-128 dataset by	Philipp Schwedas	10min
	BSH		
7.5.3	Observations on S-128 & Tighter control	Jonathan Pritchard	10min
	of dataset import to S-100 ECDIS		
	papers (S100TSM9)		
7.5.4	WENDWG13 Meeting – S128	Chair	5min
	Presentation		
7.6	S-131 – Marine Harbour Infrastructure		
7.6.1	Project update	Sarah Rahr	10min
7.6.2	Product Spec. update	Raphael Malyankar	10min
8.0	UKC Definitions Proposal Discussion	Ben van	15min
		Scherpenzeel /	
		Stefan Engström	40 :
9.0	Brief on the Canadian Mariners Workshop	Eivind Mong	10min
10.0	Next meetings	Chair	
10.1	Next VTC: 20 th June 2023		
10.2	NIPWG 10: 12 th to 15 th September 2023,		
	Monaco		

Annex D: List of Attendees

Name	Country	Organization / Company	Y/N
IHO MEMBER STATES			
Alper CELEBI	Australia	Australian Hydrographic Office	Υ
Vitor ROMANO	Brazil	Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation (DHN)	Υ
Bridget GAGNÉ	Canada	Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS)	Υ
Sarah RAHR	Canada	Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS)	Υ
Eivind MONG	Canada	Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) - Chair	Υ
Lyu YUXIAO	China	China Maritime Safety Administration (China MSA)	Υ
Jakob CHRISTENSEN	Denmark	Danish Geodata Agency/Geodatastyrelsen (GST)	Υ
Jen Søe CHRISTIANSEN	Denmark	Danish Geodata Agency/Geodatastyrelsen (GST)	Υ
Stefan ENGSTRÖM	Finland	Finnish Transport Agency Hydrographic Office	Υ
Roderick BERA	France	Service Hydrographique et Oceanographique de la Marine (SHOM)	Υ
Yves LE FRANC	France	Service Hydrographique et Oceanographique de la Marine (SHOM)	Υ
Philipp SCHWEDAS	Germany	Bundesamt für Seeschifffaahrt & Hydrographie (BSH)	Υ
Elena ARMANINO	Italy	Istituto Idrografico Della Marina	Υ
Paolo MONDINELLI	Italy	Istituto Idrografico Della Marina	Υ
Kosei TAKAHASHI	Japan	Japan Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department (JHOD)	N
Wilfred VAN TOOM	Netherlands	Hydrographic Service - Royal Netherlands Navy (NLHO)	Υ
Richard FLAPPER	Netherlands	Hydrographic Service - Royal Netherlands Navy (NLHO)	Υ
John-Morten KLINGSHEIM	Norway	Hydrographic Service - Royal Netherlands Navy (NLHO)	Υ
Jon ERVIK	Norway	Hydrographic Service - Royal Netherlands Navy (NLHO)	N
Matilde Skæveland SKÅR	Norway	Norwegian Hydrographic Service	Υ
Piotr PASZTELAN	Poland	Hydrographic Office of the Polish Navy	Ν
Miguel Angel LOBEIRAS DE LA CRUZ	Spain	Instituto Hidrografico de la Marine	Υ
Christopher GILL	UK	UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO)	Υ
James WESTON	UK	UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) - Secretary	Υ
Jo MARKS	UK	UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO)	Υ
Laura HALL-KING	UK	UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) - Secretary	Υ
Marcy KLIMEK	UK	UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO)	N
Jason STROM	USA	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)	Υ
INDUSTRY & TECHNICAL EXPERTS			
Raphael MALYANKAR		Portolan Sciences	Υ
Ed KUWALEK		IIC Technologies	Υ
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Svein SKJAEVELAND	PRIMAR	Υ
Yves GUILLAM	International Hydrographic Office (IHO)	Υ
Seewong OH	Korea Research Institute of Ships & Ocean Engineering (KRISO)	Υ
Shwu-Jing CHANG	National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU)	Υ
Su MARKS	IC-ENC	Υ
Jonathan PRITCHARD	IIC Technologies	Υ
Yann Corlay	GEOMOD	Υ
OTHER ATTENDEES		
Dane UKRYTE		Υ