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**ACCEPTANCE OF CROWDSOURCED BATHYMETRY ACTIVITIES
IN NATIONAL WATERS OF JURISDICTION**

References:

- A. CL 28/2019 dated 13 June – *Adoption of Edition 2.0.0 of IHO Publication B-12*;
- B. CL 47/2019 dated 25 September – *Acceptance of Crowdsourced Bathymetry Activities in National Waters of Jurisdiction*;
- C. CSBWG8 meeting report (CSBWG 8/8/3);
- D. IHO Resolution 2/2007, as amended

Dear Hydrographer,

1. This Circular Letter provides an update on IHO Member States, which have expressed support for the activity within their waters of national jurisdiction. I am pleased to announce that Canada has provided a positive reply with caveats, see Annex A for the current list supporting Member States, which is also available from the IHO website (<https://iho.int/en/csbwg>).

2. At the 8th meeting of the Crowdsourced Bathymetry Working Group (CSBWG8) two clarifications were proposed for consideration by the CSBWG in accordance with the procedures laid down in reference D and detailed in CSBWG 8/4/1/2. The CSBWG approved the clarifications for inclusion in B-12 Edition 2.0.3, see Annex B. The revised version of B-12 is available from the IHO website (<https://iho.int/en/bathymetric-publications>).

3. As indicated in Reference A, expressions of support and subsequent adoption to the Positive List can be submitted to the Secretary-General at any time in the future. In this respect, it is planned that the Secretary-General will call for updates of the position of Member States regarding CSB activities in national waters of jurisdiction at intervals via Circular Letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General

Annex A: Table of IHO Member States indicating Acceptance of Crowdsourced Bathymetry Activities in National Waters of Jurisdiction.

Annex B: B-12 clarifications.

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Member State	Area	Specific actions required
Argentina	EEZ only	Provide copy of dataset to Hydrographic Office
Brazil	EEZ only	Provide copy of dataset to Hydrographic Office
Canada	All waters – no multibeam activity without prior permission	Inform Hydrographic Office of new dataset
Cyprus	All waters	Provide copy of dataset to Hydrographic Office
Denmark	All waters – no multibeam activity without prior permission	Inform Hydrographic Office of any variance with published chart
Georgia	All waters	Provide copy of dataset to Hydrographic Office
Germany	All waters	Inform Hydrographic Office of new dataset
Monaco	All waters	Provide copy of dataset to Hydrographic Office
Netherlands	All waters	Inform Hydrographic Office of new dataset
New Zealand	All waters	Inform Hydrographic Office of new dataset
Norway	All waters – no multibeam activity without prior permission	Inform Hydrographic Office of new dataset
Philippines	Shipping routes and transit passages only	None
South Africa	EEZ only	Provide copy of dataset to Hydrographic Office
Sweden	EEZ only	Inform Hydrographic Office of new dataset
USA	All waters	None

APROVED CLARIFICATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN B-12 EDITION 2.0.3

1. The additional sentence to be inserted at the end of paragraph 2.1.1:

“Vessels using multibeam for safety of navigation purposes and wishing to contribute their single track profiles should submit their data to the appropriate coastal state national Hydrographic Office under cover of a Hydrographic Note.”

2. A clarification on the use of the IHO Collection and Rendering of Hydrographic Data Form for use by ships of opportunity in Antarctica to be added to paragraph 1 on Data Contribution:

“Hydrographic and bathymetric data collected by the National Antarctic Programmes’ ships and others linked with their activity in the Antarctic, should be forwarded by the National Antarctic Programmes, or by other means, to the national hydrographic services using the IHO Collection and Rendering of Hydrographic Data Form available via the IHO website¹. This process and form, which are safety-of-navigation and charting oriented, do not prevent ships of opportunity from applying guidelines given in B-12, which are multi-purpose oriented as far as bathymetric data are concerned.”

¹ https://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/rhc/HCA/HCA_Misc/HCA_HPWG/HCA_Hydrography_Priorities_WG.htm