

BS-NS MSDIWG

A sad update...

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- **Context:** Collaboration between BSHC & NSHC aimed at enhancing marine spatial data infrastructure in the region.
- **My Role:** Interim chairmanship in the group because Jens Peter Hartmann stepped down



A patient with some fever

- A very ambitious work program decided in 2021 – but no one has yet signed up for the work tasks
- Terms of References has not been updated in 8 years – a lot have happened since then!
- Some member countries do not find the group valuable



BS-NSMSDIWG: Overview & BSHC Decision

- **Key Challenges:**

- Diminished perceived relevance among members.
- Low engagement in group activities.
- No willingness from member states to take on leadership.

- **Outcome:** BSHC decided to withdraw (BSHC28/7 D.5), pivoting towards global MSDI efforts to achieve broader impact.

- **Expected Closure:** NSHC37 likely to formalize BS-NSMSDIWG discontinuation.



Rationale for Withdrawal & Future Directions



- **Underlying Reasons:** Challenges in engagement, relevance, and leadership led to BSHC's strategic shift.
- **Global Focus:** Emphasizes aligning resources towards impactful global MSDI efforts.
- **Considerations for other Hydrographic Commissions:**
 - How to ensure relevance and engagement in collaborative efforts?
 - Strategies for leadership and commitment among member states.