

22nd Meeting of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

Report from IRCC

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Main achievements during the year



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Chaired by Mr. Thomas Dehling (Germany); Vice-chaired by Ms. Jennifer Jencks (USA)

Attended by 40 in person from 16 Member States.

The IHO Secretariat represented by Director Luigi Sinapi and Assistant Director Leonel Manteigas.

The 16th meeting of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC-16)



Puerto Ayora, Ecuador, from 10 to 12 June 2024, hosted by the National Defence Ministry through the Naval Oceanographic and Antarctic Institute (INOCAR), in the Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz Island.



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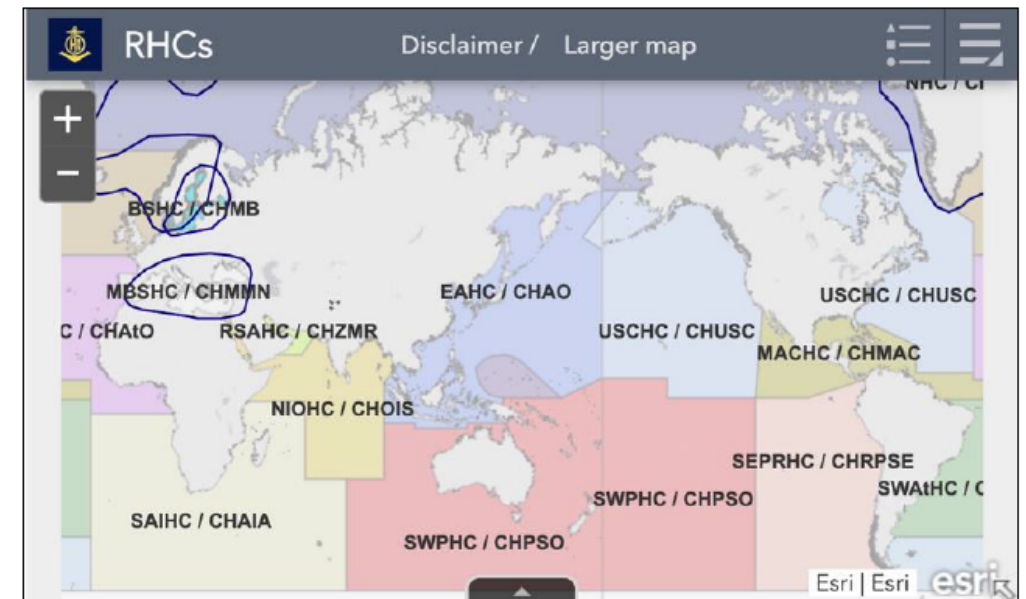
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RHCs focused their reports on the most important regional key achievements.
Excerpts of key findings:

- Harmonized development and implementation of S-100 products and services;
- Additional resource allocations to be found in order to start S-101 and S-102 production;
- Need to discuss how to better serve Sub-ECDIS customers with reliable, affordable and easy to access digital navigational products;
- Challenges with S-101 during parallel production of both S-57 and S-101 ENCs;
- Limited CB funds and need for S-100 projects;
- Enhancing gender balance in hydrography in some RHCs



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Decision/Action C7/24: Council agreed on the way forward suggested by SG

- a. Council tasked IRCC to first define, through the CBSC, the regulatory framework (M-3) for a continued activity on this social theme through a proposal for an IHO Resolution;
 - b. The Council agreed to continue with the EWH project led by the CBSC, supported by remaining funds and future financial and / or in-kind support as currently announced by CA, NO, DK, US, but still to be confirmed.
 - c. The Council, supported by IRCC, to develop a proposal on the future framework for an IHO social Programme (incl. Gender Balance in Hydrography) to be submitted to A-4.
- CBSC has been tasked with actions **a)** and **b)** after C-7.
 - ◆ CBSC reported at IRCC16 about the progress regarding task **b)**.
 - Scoping Team consisting of representative/s from HOs and IHO DC, established at IRCC16, to draft TOR for a future Project Team regarding task **c)**.
 - Scope significantly narrowed and there are still some issues to be solved before installing a PT.



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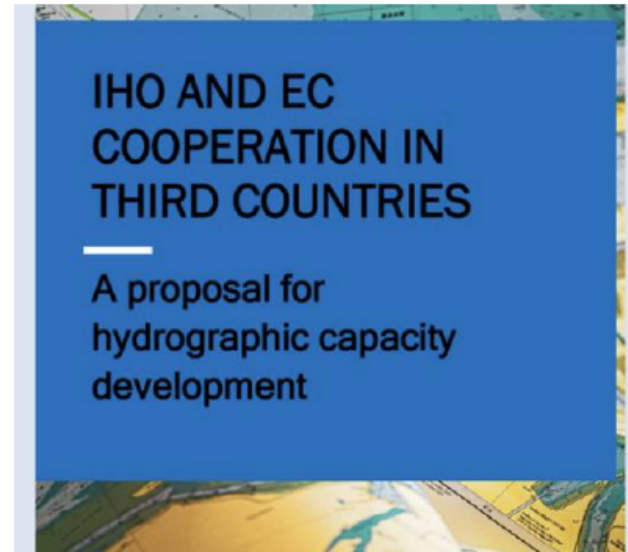
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IHO European Union Network

- IENWG meeting again together with European Maritime Days (EMD) 2024, where IHO and Seabed 2030 participated in EMODnet stand.
- A new group was formed by the EC on the vision 2035 of EMODnet, and a representative from the IENWG was invited as a member.
- **IRCC acknowledged** the IENWG and EC interactions on the capacity development in liaison with the CBSC, the promotion of the S-100 products and the data collection needs, as appropriate.
- IENWG produced a document on *“IHO and EC Cooperation in Third Countries – A proposal for Hydrographic Capacity Development”*, aimed to increase the hydrographic capacity also outside EU.



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IHO Fund Generation Project Team

- **Fund Generation Project Team** under IRCC established as a result of A-3 (Decision 20) and C-7
- Three meetings held; Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary elected.
- Initial focus to develop a prioritised list of activities and review from IRCC and HSSC to validate this list
- Focus to identify funding based on:
 - Existing/short-term options
 - Long term strategic options
- PT TOR adjusted and **approved by IRCC**
- **IRCC approved** the PT outline work plan

Denmark - Hendrik Stang
UK - Thomas Richardson
Guyana - Thandi McAllister
Sweden - Magnus Wallhagen
France - Adeline Souf
USA - Christina Fandel
IC-ENC - James Harper
Australia – Rebecca Cusack



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- IRCC opened a discussion on the Axis of evolution of the IHO Strategic Plan.
- Three groups were created to brainstorm on the:
 - Strategic Plan structure,
 - Governance and Role of IRCC,
 - Measurement system (SPI), and
 - Aspects concerning RHCs and IRCC bodies
- Main outcomes of the brainstorming session as well as the input from RHCs and subordinate bodies will be provided for the Strategic Plan Review.



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IRCC Workshops:

- Guidance and Clarifications on Submissions to the IBSC Board
- Crowd Sourced Bathymetry

- 107 participants from over 50 coastal States
- The IHO and the CSBWG consider the workshop a success
 - Active engagement with over a dozen questions posed, time to provide adequate answers, and positive feedback provided during the event and afterwards
- Several MSs have since reached out reiterating the value of this type of engagement and highlighting that previous modes of communications around the various aspects of CSB had not always been clear.



***Organised and hosted by members of the CSBWG and the IHO Secretariat
26 April 2024***

	SESSION 1	
1320-1335	How CSB is supporting the UN Decade, GEBCO, & The IHO Strategic Plan	Belen Jimenez Baron
1335-1340	Q&A	All
1340-1355	Legal Considerations & Misconceptions	Steve Keating
1355-1400	Q&A	All
1400-1415	BREAK	
	SESSION 2	
1415-1430	Utility of CSB (The NOAA Example)	Anthony Klemm
1430-1435	Q&A	All
1435-1450	Implementation of CSB in waters of national jurisdiction: the FRANCE case.	Laurent Kerléguer
1450-1455	Q&A	All
1455-1510	CSB and the world of Yachting: the experience of the Yacht Club de Monaco (YCM)	YCM (speaker TBD)
1510-1515	Q&A	All
1515-1530	FINAL WRAP-UP AND DISCUSSION on Developing CSB inside and outside the IHO Community	IHO Secretariat Jennifer Jencks
	END OF WORKSHOP	



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Any other matters of interest

- IRCC16 is planned to be held on 3-5 June 2025 in Monaco at the IHO Secretariat.
- The meeting is scheduled to be in conjunction with UN Oceans Conference in Nice

