

22nd Meeting of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

National Report Tonga

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Scope

- Hydrography in Tonga
- Main Achievements during the Year
- Main Challenges
- Any other matters of interest



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Hydrography in Tonga



- Primary Charting Authority – LINZ
- Tonga National Hydrography Coordination Committee
- Hydrographic Unit – His Majesty Armed Force
- MSI Coordinator & Nav Aids – Marine and Ports Division & Ports Authority Tonga



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Main achievements during the year

- Meeting with JICA for technical cooperation on Hydrographic Survey and Production of ENC
- Updated and available ENC TO Charts and paper charts
- 1 participant accepted into the SWHLP



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Main challenges and/or obstructions

- No Hydrographic Legislation Policy & Guidelines yet
- No Specific Vessel and appropriate equipment for Survey
- Inexperienced hydrographic Surveyors or staffing
- Hydrographic operation is not a priority for the Government



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Any other matters of interest

- National Hydrographic Policy
- Engagement with Hydrographic Committee Stakeholders
- Hydrography Regulation drafting
- Survey Tongan waters after tsunami & volcano eruption to confirm safety of navigation in Tongan waters, especially Ha'apai, Tongatapu & 'Eua Islands.
- Training– Current MSI



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