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Summary report of the Southern Africa & Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

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Executive Summary:	This paper provides a summary report of CB activities to CBSC13
Reference:	SAIHC CB Plan 2013-2017

Introduction - background

1. A five year plan for CB activity in the SAIHC region was approved by the membership in 2012. This plan covers the period 2013-2017 and is reviewed annually (during SAIHC meetings) to ensure it meets regional requirements. The plan is based on assessing the phase of development of each of the coastal states within the SAIHC region (as determined by the IHO's three phases of CB) and arranging training activity to build the necessary capability to meet SOLAS treaty obligations. There is a great deal of 'SOLAS awareness' required in this region.

Activities completed since CBSC12

2. In conjunction with the IMO a regional course on hydrography was delivered in Maputo, Mozambique in September/October 2014 for the following coastal states:- *Angola (2), Comoros (2), Kenya (2), Madagascar, Malawi (2), Mauritius (2), Mozambique (8), Seychelles (2) & Tanzania (2)* Together with x2 IMO Observers

3. An on-board opportunity to witness hydrographic survey on French survey vessel *Beautemps-Beaupré* was completed in July 2014 for *Madagascar* and August 2014 for *Comoros*

4. The following activities are planned for 2015:-

- Technical aspects of Maritime boundaries and baselines workshop
- Tidal and Water Levels Workshop for SAIHC members (carried over from 2014) delivered in South Africa in February 2015
- Phase 1 Skills training course

Action Required of CBSC

5. The CBSC is invited to take note of this report