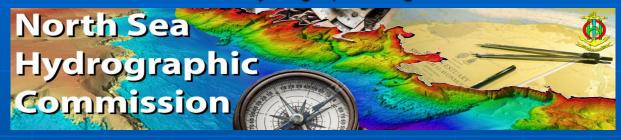


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32nd Conference

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- Approval of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention
 - 48* approvals / 48 required (ref. 2005)
 - *3 subject to formal confirmation by Monaco Government
 - All NSHC Member States which are entitled to ratify the Protocol have notified their approval (2005-2015)
 - The Convention as amended will enter into force 3 months after the reception by the Depository of the 48th ratification



- Status of IHO membership
 - Membership
 - 85 Member States
 - 3 Suspended Members
 - Democratic Republic of the Congo
 - Dominican Republic
 - > Serbia

Thresholds

- Current regime: Simple majority: 42 2/3 majority: 55
 Not responding to a vote by CL = vote "No"
 NSHC response rate in 2015 = 92,5%
- New regime: the decisions (when endorsed by the Council) shall be taken by a majority of the Member States who cast a vote, with the minimum number of affirmative votes being at least one-third of all Member States.



Status of IHO membership

Awaiting accession
 Mauritania (1991)
 Bulgaria (1992)
 Sierra Leona (2010)
 Haiti (2012)



Status of IHO membership

Pending applicants

Malta	30/53	BE DK FR DE IS IE NL NO SE UK
Vanuatu	30/54	BE DK FR DE IS IE NL NO SE UK
Solomon Islands	33/55	BE DK FR DE IS IE NL NO SE UK
Congo	33/55	BE DK FR DE IS IE NL NO SE UK

Note: Pending applicants will be invited to deposit their instrument of accession as soon as the Protocol of Amendments is ratified



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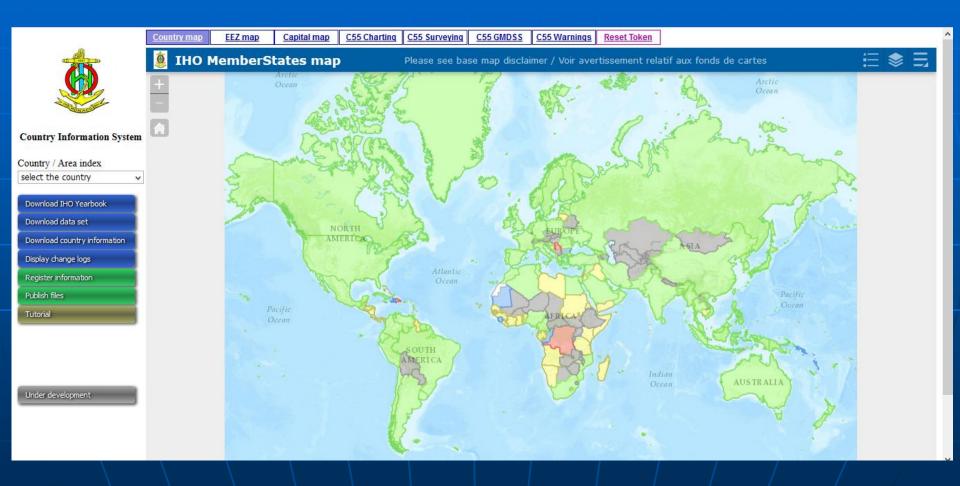
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- Further development of the IHO GIS
 - Improvement of the country information database => P-5
 - Implementation of an Esri-based solution for the regional information database

IHO ENC Catalogue
IHO Antarctic GIS
C-55 (inclusion of CATZOC polygons)

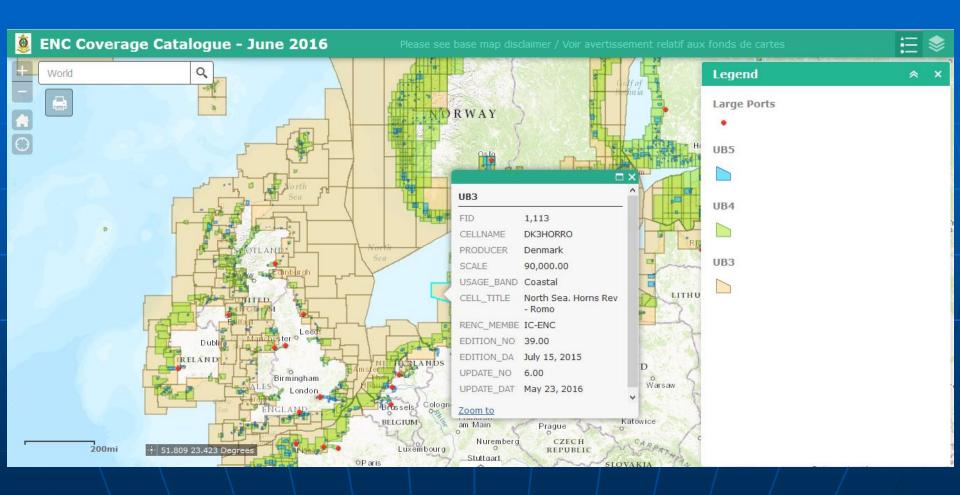


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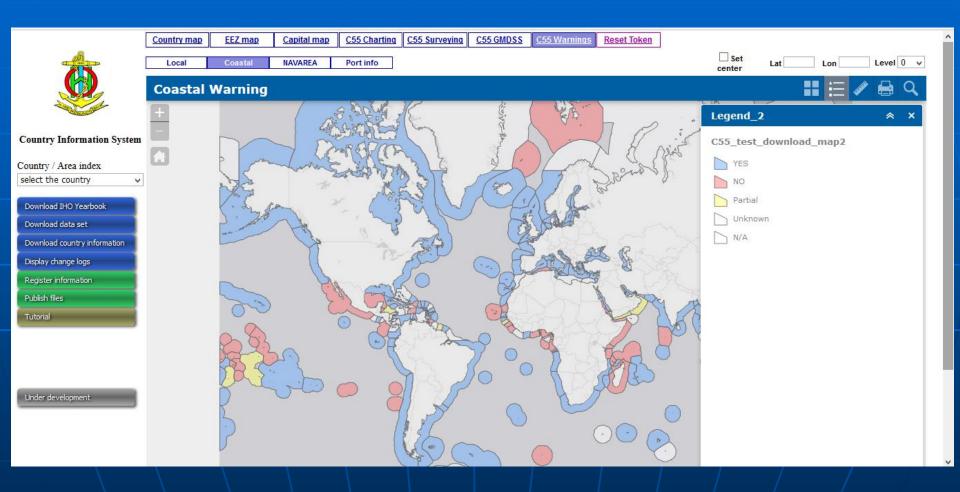


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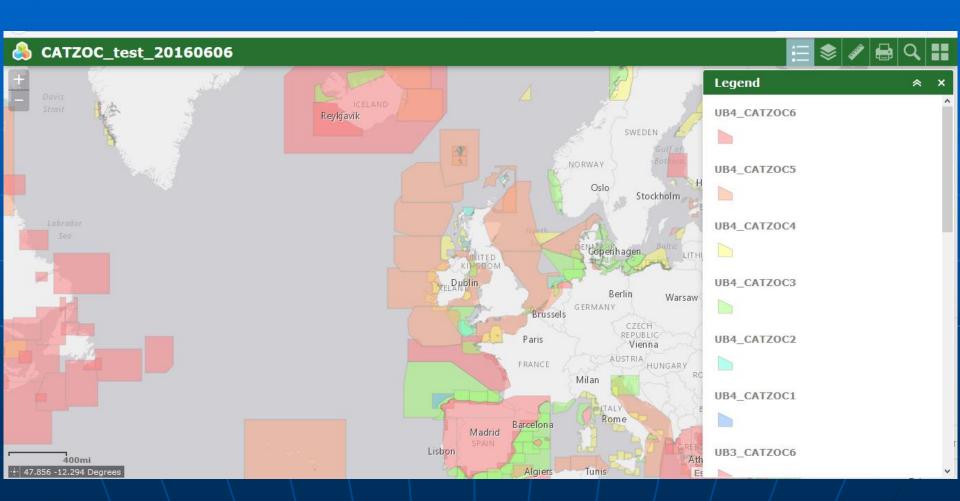


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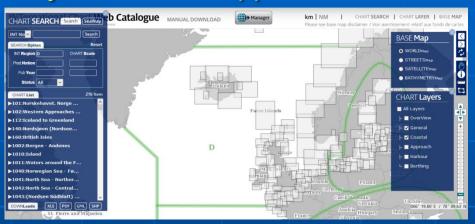




IHO GIS and Databases

- GIS/S-100 based "INToGIS" Project with the support of ROK
 - INT Chart Web Catalogue

INT Chart on-line Web Manager Services



- Maintenance of the pdf version of S-11 Part B Catalogue of INT Charts discontinued on 1 April 2016
- Workshop for Regional INT Chart / ENC Coordinators IHB on 25
 April 2016 (Review of the feedback and lessons learned)
- Login information provided to: BE, FR, DE, NL, NO, SE, UK



IHO GIS and Databases

Status of the information provided by NSHC Members

Country	P-5 (Yearbook)	C-55
BE	2015	2014
DK	2016	2015
FR	2015	2015
DE	2015	2015
IS	2016	2010 (no change reported in 2016)
IE \	2014	2013
NL	2015	2015
NO	2015	2015
SE	2016	2015

2014

2015



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INT Chart and ENC Production / Coordination

- Pub. S-11 Part B Catalogue of INT Charts Section D
 - Regional Coordinator: UK
 - Edition 3.0.1 April 2016
 - 216 INT Charts in the scheme 215 INT Charts available
- Plan to include ENC scheming and coverage in INToGIS
 - WENDWG6 invited RHCs to define and adopt ENC Schemes and provide basic metadata to the IHB
 - A few ENC overlap issues in region D were reported to WENDWG

See Agenda Items B3 and F1



Information on ECDIS back-up arrangements using paper charts

Country	Date of requirements for ECDIS back-up arrangements using paper charts	Link to on-line chart catalogue
Belgium	2007	Yes
Denmark	2007	Yes
France	2014	Yes
Germany	2007	No
I celand	2016	Yes
Ireland	None	No
Netherlands	2015	Yes
Norway	2007	No
Sweden	2007	Broken link
United Kingdom	2007	Yes



Capacity Building Programme

The level of CB activities continues to increase

NSHC Countries provide in-kind support to CB activities



Crowd-Sourced Bathymetry

 IRCC-7 established the Crowd-Sourced Bathymetry Working Group (CSBWG) to provide guidelines on the collection and use of crowd-sourced bathymetry (FR & UK are represented in the WG)

 IHO DCDB is being upgraded to collect and make available crowdsourced bathymetric data



Status of the Work Programme

- EIHC-5 introduced a biennial assessment based on summary reports from all IHO organs
- Three successive assessments reported in IHO CL 17/2015, 66/2015 and 14/2016
- 6 Regional Hydrographic Commissions submitted a status report (EAtHC, MACHC, NIOHC, NHC, NSHC, SAIHC)
 - Lack of awareness of the importance of hydrography and the underdevelopment of hydrographic capabilities are the main issues reported by RHCs



Next IH Conference / IHO Assembly

- Dates: from 24 to 27 April 2017
- On-line registration from 1 September 2016
- Expected to be the first session of the Assembly
- Agenda items in the case of an Assembly
 - Revision of the IHO Strategic Plan
 - Adoption of the IHO Work Programme for 2018-2020
 - Establishment of the Council
 - RHCs are expected to agree before October 2016 on the process by which they will allocate their seat(s) in the Council, and possibly instruct, the relevant representative(s) (see Agenda Item A4)
 - Election of the Secretary-General and two Directors



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IHO Outreach

- World Hydrography Day
 - Theme 2015: Our seas and waterways yet to be fully charted and explored
 - www.iho.int > Home> About IHO > World Hydrography Day > WHD 2015 Celebrations around the world.

 Theme 2016: Hydrography – the key to well-managed seas and waterways



IHO Outreach

- International Hydrographic Review
 - NSHC represented in the Editorial Board by Lars Hansen (Denmark)
 - Promotion of technical and other achievements in the region
 - Deadlines for submitting papers to the Editor:
 - End of January for the May Edition
 - > End of July for the November Edition
 - Project of digital repository with the University of New Brunswcik



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Action requested

NSHC Member States are invited to:

- Expedite the approval of the IHO membership applications of Malta, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Congo
- Review entries related to C-55, P-5 (Yearbook) and ECDIS back up arrangements at least annually
- Provide continuous updates to S-11 Part B for INT Region D through the INToGIS tool
- Report to the IHB on the status and description of the ENC schemes in the Region
- Consider appropriate arrangements to prepare the IHO
 Assembly to be held in April 2017



Consider submitting papers for publication in the IH Review