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NATIONAL REPORT FROM FRANCE TO THE 15TH CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND ISLANDS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (SAIHC)

1. Hydrographic Service: General

Shom is pursuing the achievement of its different commitments based on the National Maritime & Littoral Strategy and the Strategic Review of Defence and National Security according to a 4 years target and performance contract covering the 2017-2020 period, approved by Shom's Board.

In addition to that, survey works are being conducted according to the prioritized 4-years survey plan for waterways under French jurisdiction.

Detailed information to update IHO Publication P-5 is regularly transmitted to IHO secretariat.

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2. Surveys

2.1. Coverage of new surveys

Shom has undertaken survey works with the French Navy Survey Vessel BHO *Beautemps-Beaupré* between June and September 2017 in the following French overseas departments & territories: mainly in Mayotte, and Iles Glorieuses, supplemented by limited surveys in La Réunion (Port La Réunion) and in the vicinity of Tromelin (transits):

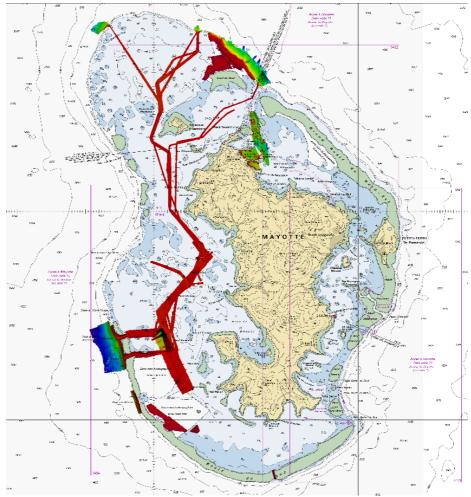


Fig.1: Survey in Mayotte - June- September 2017

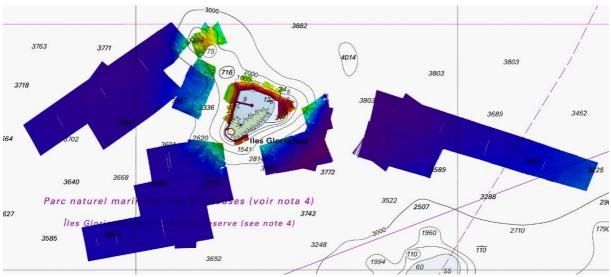


Fig.2: Survey in Iles Glorieuses - July - August 2017

2.2. LIDAR Surveys

LIDAR surveys are achieved within the framework of Litto3D® program. This national programme, based on a partnership between Shom and the National Geographic Institute (IGN), aims to provide a very high resolution Sea-Land digital terrain model (DTM) of metropolitan and overseas French coasts.

Most of the French overseas coasts in the Indian Ocean within the region have been surveyed: Mayotte, Îles Eparses and La Réunion. These data, critical for coastline management and risks prevention, are freely available through:

- ❖ Shom's data portal: http://diffusion.shom.fr/pro/risques/altimetrie-littorale.html
 - For Mayotte: http://diffusion.shom.fr/pro/risques/altimetrie-littorale/litto3d-mayot2012.html
 - For Îles Eparses: http://diffusion.shom.fr/pro/risques/altimetrie-littorale/litto3d-eparses2012.html
 - For La Réunion: http://diffusion.shom.fr/pro/risques/altimetrie-littorale/litto3d-reunion2016.html
- ❖ and the French Government open platform for public data: data.gouv.fr

2.3. Shom's survey programme for the region

Survey campaigns are planned by Shom on a regular basis in French overseas territories and areas under French responsibilities to update nautical charts.

Hydrographic vessel *Beautemps-Beaupré* will be deployed in the Indian Ocean in 2019. Pursuing the cooperation with Madagascar is one of the objectives of this next campaign.

2.4. New ships

Mid-life upgrade of BHO *Beautemps-Beaupré* has been conducted (between end 2017 and beginning 2018). During dry dock the following hydro-oceanographic systems have been installed: EM712 0,5x1° multibeam echo sounder, SBP27 sub bottom profiler and EA640 single beam echo sounder from Kongsberg Maritime, POSIDONIA-2 deep water & long range USBL system and HYDRINS inertial navigation system from iXblue, Ocean Surveyors 150kHz and 38 kHz vessel mounted ADCP and RapidCast profiling system from Teledyne RDI, SBE21 thermosalinograph and SBE38 temperature sensor from Seabird, MK21 Ethernet data acquisition system from LM Sippican KSS32M marine gravity meter from BGGS, CG5 portable gravity meter from MicroG Lacoste, ACXC80 video monitoring system from Black Box, a complete network system from Hewlett Packard and Quantum, a deployment system for the Kullenberg piston corer from CNNMCO, Bretagne Hydraulique and ENAG.

After sea-trials in February 2018, BHO Beautemps-Beaupré is operational to conduct surveys.

2.5. Problems encountered

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3. New charts & updates

3.1. **ENCs**

As of 15th June 2018, SHOM has produced some 631 ENCs, of which 55 ENCs within region H.

The full collection should eventually reach around 900 ENCs, with an approximate rate of 50 new cells per year.

In line with the WEND recommendations and guidelines, France produces its small scale ENC cells as closely as possible to INT chart schemes.

The current status of ENC production in the region H is detailed in the table and chartlet hereafter:

Usage Band	Produced Cells	Planned Cells	Percentage
1	0	1	0
2	6	7	86
3	6	10	60

4	18	19	95		
5	19	27	93		
6	6	27			
Total	55	64	86		

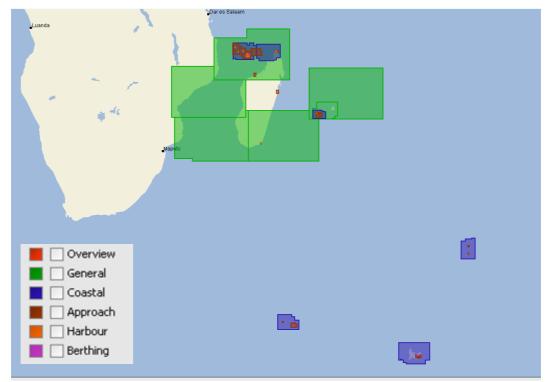


Fig.3: SHOM's ENC production within Region H (source: Primar online catalogue).

Some ENCs were produced since the last conference:

Number	Scale 1:	Title
FR274890	700 000	Approches Sud-Est de Madagascar
FR364980	180 000	Îles Crozet
FR367410	180 000	Îles Kerguelen
FR464970	45 000	Île de la Possession – Île de l'Est
FR46498A	22 000	Île aux Cochons – Mouillage de la Meurthe
FR47170B	22 000	Île Amsterdam
FR476840	45 000	Approches de Mahajanga
FR56497A	8 000	Île de la Possession – Baie du Marin – Port Alfred
FR57170B	12 000	Mouillage de l'Île Saint-Paul
FR57349A	22 000	Île Tromelin

Here is the list of ENCs planned to be produced over the period 2018-2020:

Number	Scale 1:	Title	Comment
FD176040	4 000 000	Îles Crozet, Kerguelen St Paul et	Scheduled in 2018
FR176040	4 000 000	Amsterdam	French EEZ
ED274970	700,000	Approchas Nord Est de Madagassar	Scheduled in 2018
FR274870	700 000	Approches Nord-Est de Madagascar	INT7062. Ought to replace GB200759

FR36643E	90 000	Îles Glorieuses	
FR36643D	90 000	Îles Bassas da India	
FR46643C	45 000	Île Europa	
FR56643B	12 000	Mouillage nord d'Europa	
FR56643A	12 000	Île Juan de Nova	
FR348520	90 000	De la rivière Antsena au Cap Tanjo (Baie de Bombetoka)	Scheduled in 2018 Ought to replace GB300701
FR361560	90 000	De l'île Sainte-Marie à Tamatave	Ought to replace GB300678

3.2. ENC Distribution method

All French ENCs (S-63 encrypted format) are distributed to End User Service Providers by PRIMAR RENC. FR is providing its support to the work plan of the WEND working group for improving the implementation of WEND principles.

3.3. RNCs

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3.4. INT charts

French charts include a QR Code to direct access to NTM applicable to that chart. Moreover, all up to date French charts are now available by 'Print On Demand'.

Here are the INT charts produced since the last conference:

INT	Scale 1:	Title	Comment
7064	1 000 800	Approches Sud-Est de Madagascar	FR7489
7724	50 000	Approches de Mahajanga (Madagascar)	FR7684 (Replaces FR6077)

Besides, the following INT charts are planned to be produced over the period 2018-2020 period:

INT	Scale 1:	Title	Comment
7062	1 000 000	Approches Nord-Est de Madagascar	FR7487

Here the overall INT chart production status for that region H (changes in red):

Scale	Produced INT charts	Planned INT charts	%						
Small (<1/1 000 000)	5	6	83						
Medium	4	7	57						
Large (>1/100 000)	5	5	100						
Total	14	18	78						

Regarding printer nation status, a bilateral arrangement was established between the Government of India and the Shom for the exchange and reproduction of nautical products. Shom became a printer nation of the INT7739 (IN2514), covering Port Louis and its approaches, and INT7737 (IN2527) covering Mauritius Island.

3.5. National paper charts

Since the last SAIHC meeting, the following charts have been edited:

National	INT	New chart (NC) or new edition (NE)	Scale 1:	Title
7495	/	NC	Div.	Ports et mouillages de l'Archipel des Comores Replaces FR4806 and FR3698
7358	/	NE	35 000	Îles Kerguelen - Golfe du Morbihan (partie Est)
7359	/	NE	35 000	Îles Kerguelen - Golfe du Morbihan (partie Ouest)

Besides, the following charts are planned for the 2018-2020 period:

National	INT	New chart (NC) or new edition (NE)	Scale 1:	Title
7487	7062	NC (2018)	1 000 000	Approches Nord-Est de Madagascar
6741	7749	NE (2018)	300 000	Îles Kerguelen
6497	/	NE	75 000	Île de la Possession – Île de l'Est
6498	7747	NE	250 000	Îles Crozet
7171	7748	NE	350 000	Approches des îles Saint-Paul et Amsterdam
7170	/	NE	30 000	Îles Saint-Paul et Amsterdam
6643	/	NE	div	Îles et récifs du Canal du Mozambique
tba	/	NC	50 000	Îles Glorieuses
7350	/	NE	150 000	Récif du Geyser – Banc de la Zélée
tba	/	NC	div	Approche et rade de Tuléar (Toliara)
tba	/	NC	div	Abords de Fort-Dauphin (Taolagnaro)

3.6. Other charts, e.g. for pleasure craft

Shom provides georeferenced marine charts in GeoTiff and S-57 format when produced. These digital marine charts are now available through Shom's online store http://diffusion.shom.fr under various licenses¹ according to the purpose of use. These data can be used with GIS or cartographic software for commercial or private purposes.

A S-57 license² allows unlimited download of updated versions for 12 months from the date of purchase.

3.7. Problems encountered

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¹ Internal reuse, commercial reuse, documentary use or end user.

² Each license allows internal reuse of the data for up to 5 workstations. For more information, contact <u>bps@shom.fr</u>

4. New publications & updates

4.1 New Publications

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4.2. Updated publications

Publications are updated weekly in accordance with the Shom Notices to Mariners.

4.3. Means of delivery

All nautical publications are available in digital format only (pdf files) on Shom's online shop (diffusion.shom.fr).

4.4. Problems encountered

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5. MSI

5.1. Existing infrastructure for transmission

Shom's notices to mariners (GAN) are exclusively available under digital formats, either downloadable on http://diffusion.shom.fr/gan or by annual subscription (CD-rom).

5.2. New infrastructure in accordance with GMDSS Master Plan

There is no NAVTEX station related to French overseas territories, MSI warnings are broadcast through SafetyNet network.

5.3. Problems encountered

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6. C-55 Latest update

Previous C-55 update by France has been transmitted to the IHB on June 30th 2017. The C-55 charting and surveying status values regarding Region H area under Shom responsibility are summed up in the following tables:

S	urvey Status		Depth < 200n	n	Depth > 200m			
U	pdated June 2018	Α	В	С	Α	В	С	
F	lles Éparses - France (Bassas de India, Europa et Juan de Nova)	8.93	3.68	87.39	19.88	0	80.12	
F	Mayotte et Glorieuses – France	7.15	91.05	1.81	46.61	0	53.39	
F	La Réunion et Tromelin – France	69.05	30.95	0	27.57	0	72.43	
F	Terres Australes françaises (Crozet, Kerguelen, Amsterdam, Saint-Paul)	0.18	5.87	93.95	32.29	0	67.61	
H	Comores (Union des)	14	8.35	77.65	37.48	0	62.52	
H	Madagascar (République de)	0.06	8.7	91.24	14.51	0	85.49	

C-55 values for survey status. Updated values are highlighted in red.

Charting Status	Small (<1 M)			Medium (1M < / < 100 000)		Large (> 100 000)			Metric	WGS84	
Updated July 2018	Α	В	С	Α	В	С	Α	В	С		
lles Éparses - France (Bassas J de India, Europa et Juan de Nova)	100	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Mayotte et Glorieuses – France	100	0	100	100	0	100	75	0	75	100	100
La Réunion et Tromelin – France	100	0	NA	100	0	100	100	0	100	100	100
Terres Australes françaises J (Crozet, Kerguelen, Amsterdam, Saint-Paul)	100	0	NA	100	0	83,33	56	0	44,4	100	100
J Comores (Union des)	100	0	100	100	0	100	20	0	0	100	100
J Madagascar (République de)	100	0	50	10	0	7,69	80	0	66,6	100	100

C-55 values for charting status. Updated values are highlighted in red.

7. Capacity Building Offer of and/or demand for Capacity Building

7.1. Training received, needed, offered

Initial training capabilities provided by Shom include the following FIG-OHI-ACI courses: category B for hydrographic surveyors and category B for nautical cartographers. So far, those courses are provided in French and are open to francophone foreign applicants (training offer:

http://www.shom.fr/fileadmin/data/DRH/FOR/Ecole/Catalogue_de_formation/2017-2018/catalogue_formations_2017-2018_WEB.pdf / Modalities: drh-for-eco@shom.fr).

A category A course for hydrographic surveyors is provided at ENSTA Bretagne.



Fig.4: Courses and training provided at the Shom hydrographic school (source: shom.fr)

Within the Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission capacity building work programme, Shom has developed a maritime safety information e-learning course (http://rsm-msi.org/), available in French for the moment (will be translated in English in 2018).

Regarding IMO audit process (SAIHC14 - Actions N°5 & 6):

- Shom contacted Foiben-Taosarintanin'l Madagaskira (FTM Madagascar) in order to get access to the conclusions and recommendations of the IMO audit conducted in October 2017 regarding hydrographic services. Pending the transmission of these elements in order to define a possible accompanying action plan;
- The "Agence nationale des affaires maritimes & autorité portuaire des Comores" is invited to express any requests for assistance in preparing the IMO audit scheduled for 2019.

A survey ship will be deployed in the Indian Ocean in 2019, sea riding opportunities will be proposed to Comoros and Madagascar (limited boarding capacity, however, given the number of places available on board).

7.2. Status of national, bilateral, multilateral or regional development projects with hydrographic component

For the countries benefiting from Shom support to meet their hydrographic services obligations spelled out by the SOLAS convention, France fosters a mechanism of gradual transfer of responsibilities through State-to-State administrative arrangements. This mechanism relies on training at Shom facilities and the formalisation of the respective responsibilities for maritime safety information, hydrographic and charting activities.

Within the SAIHC area, a bilateral arrangement of this kind is concluded between France and the Union of Comoros (renewal underway), and one is under discussion with the Republic of Madagascar.

An arrangement for the exchange and reproduction of nautical products, in accordance with IHO Resolution 7/1919 as amended (former A3.4) has been concluded with the National Hydrographic Office of India (INHO) on March 8^{th} 2018 (updated on June 5^{th} 2018).

7.3. Definition of bids to IHO CB Work Programme

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8. Oceanographic activities

8.1. GEBCO/IBC's activities

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8.2. Tide gauge network

Shom is the national coordinator and reference authority for the observation of the sea level, managing and issuing the resulting data. These missions are carried out under the REFMAR programme. All real time and processed tide gauge measurements collected under that programme are accessible on web http://data.shom.fr/#donnees/refmar in areas under French jurisdiction.

Like REFMAR's other partner organizations, Shom contributes by providing data from its own global tidal network, the RONIM network.

This network is recognized as an important tool for coastal operational oceanography, risk assessment, studies on the evolution of the mean sea level, etc.



Fig.5: Shom global tidal network, REFMAR (source shom.fr).

Shom's tidal predictions are available through a web service named <u>maree.shom.fr</u>. This service provides free access of one year of tidal predictions from over 1,000 harbours worldwide.



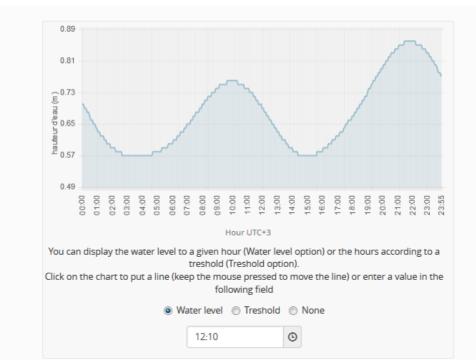


Fig. 6: Tide predictions for Toamasina available through Shom's web portal (source: maree.shom.fr)

8.3. New equipment

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8.4. Problems encountered

The tide gauge at Sainte-Marie (Réunion Is.) has suffered from various damages in 2017-2018 and is currently not working.

The tide gauge at Crozet Island, operated mainly for research purposes, was destroyed during a major storm and will not be reinstalled to its previous site.

9. Other activities

9.1. Participation in IHO Working Groups

See §9.9 International.

9.2. Meteorological data collection

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9.3. Geospatial studies

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9.4. Disaster prevention

France may have Navy ships in the SAIHC region ready to provide support in case of an emergency. France also provides technical support and has a rapid response capacity for environmental data in case of a disaster.

The point of contact at Shom in case of a marine disaster is the head of the maritime safety information division. This division can be reached 24/7 by fax +33 298 221 665 or email coord.navarea2@shom.fr.

Tsunami:

SHOM is maintaining a large real time tide gauge network RONIM, an important tool for coastal operational oceanography, risk assessment, studies on the evolution of the mean sea level, etc. Having tide gauges in

Europe and in the French overseas territories, SHOM is contributing to Tsunami warning in Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Mediterranean Sea.

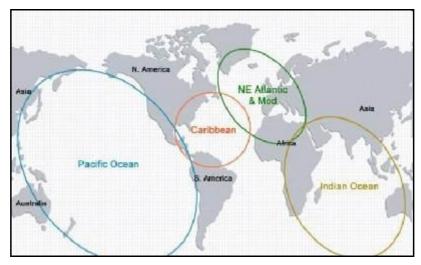
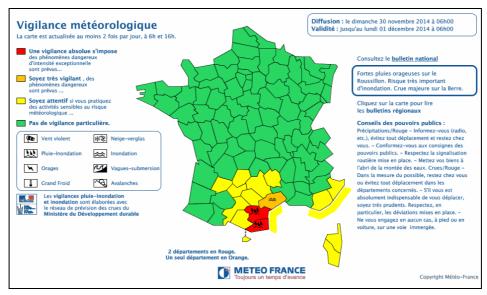


Fig.7: Cooperation areas on tsunami warning system (source COI; UNESCO).

Coastal flooding:

Shom is associated with *Météo-France* in the improvement of an alert system against storm surge named *Vigilance Vagues Submersion (VVS)*. This allows for a better anticipation of coastal flooding risk and protection of the populations living in the littoral area of Metropolitan France. An extension of that alert system towards French overseas departments is currently under work.

Shom provides the tidal predictions, storm surge and coastal wave modeling and real time tide gauge observations as well as information relative to extreme sea levels and bathymetry. *Météo-France's* marine forecasters examine and compile the data and produce a map depicting the level of coastal flooding threat together with the risk of high waves for each French metropolitan departments.



<u>Fig.8:</u> An example of coastal flooding alert (yellow level).

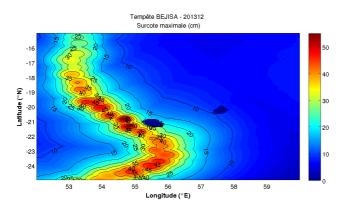
Costs subject to alert are underlined according to the alert level (source www.meteo.fr).

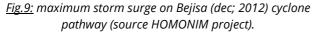
As an outcome of the HOMONIM Project conducted in partnership with *Météo-France*, a first full capacity for coastal flooding forecast is operationally implemented at *Météo-France* since May 2017. This modelling capacity relies on:

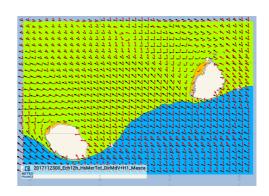
- > a storm surge model, based on Shom's HyCom barotropic model, with a 3-km resolution grid;
- > two coastal wave models based on WaveWatch-III, with a 200m-resolution unstructured grid

around the French overseas territories of La Réunion and Mayotte, nested in the regional wave model MFWAM of *Météo-France*.

A second version of the storm surge model is under development, based on a nested suite of three HyCom configurations with increasing resolution up to 800m around La Reunion and 200m around Mayotte, using specific updated bathymetric DTM.







<u>Fig. 10:</u> Example of 12-hours forecast of full sea state (black) and wind wave (red) height and direction on Nov 23rd 2017 at noon around Mascarene Islands (source HOMONIM project).

• Oil spills:

SHOM is an active member of the inter-agency drifting committee which is activated by the maritime prefecture every time there is an oil spill. The POLMAR safety plan for the sea was signed on 23rd November 2004 and aims at enabling France to face in a reactive manor a potential wide spread of marine pollution, by ensuring the efficient coordination of national operations and support from public services.

9.5. Environmental protection

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9.6. Astronomical observations

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9.7. Magnetic/Gravity surveys

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9.8. MSDI Progress

Since the launch of Shom's maritime and coastal geographic information portal <u>data.shom.fr</u>, further developments have been implemented with new online services data layers on a regular basis. Hereafter are listed some of the latest evolutions:

- Improved content for oceanographic data : finer description of swell characteristics, automatic and tailored oceanographic report
- Improved cartographic tools
- Timeline function: time synchronisation of layers to produce animated features
- New layer on administrative limits
- New bathymetric terrain models: Clipperton island, Guadeloupe and Martinique islands, La Reunion island
- Maritime archives: old charts and survey sheets have been scanned and are now available on the web site

Since December 3rd 2017, in accordance with France open data policy, Shom has widely opened up access to its core data: bathymetric data, wrecks, cables, bottom types, maritime limits, and toponyms databases are distributed under Creative Commons « CC-BY-SA 4.0 » licence.

Those evolutions can all be followed via Shom's Twitter account (@shom_en & @shom_fr).

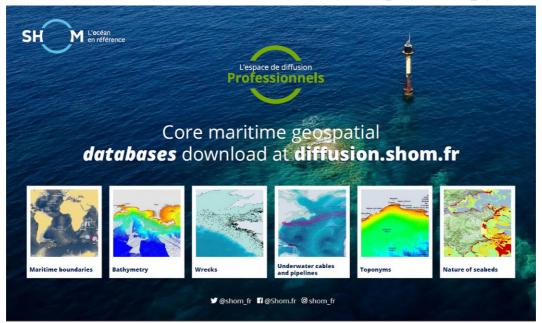


Fig.11: open data (diffusion.shom.fr)

A detailed description of the portal functions and contents is available on Shom website (http://www.shom.fr/les-services-en-ligne/portail-datashomfr/).

Data available on that portal are organised according to the following topics:

- Master data: charts, maritime boundaries, maritime and coastal databases, coastal altimetry, bathymetry, vertical datums, sedimentology, tides and currents and marine archives;
- Oceanographic forecast: sea state, meteorology, sea level, hydrodynamic;
- Coastal observations: HF radar and tide gauge data

Not all these information are available on SAIHC region.

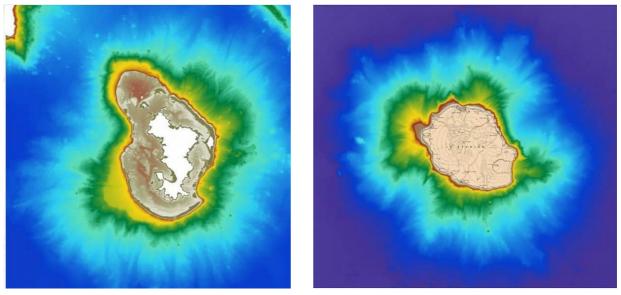


Fig. 12: 100m global bathymetric DTM of Mayotte and Reunion islands (diffusion.shom.fr)

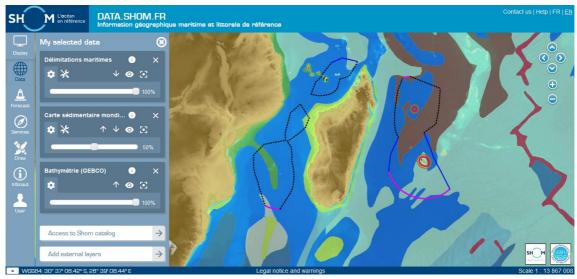


Fig. 13: sediment types and Maritime limits (data.shom.fr)

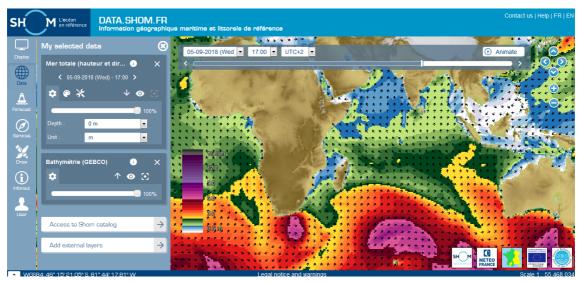


Fig. 14: Oceanographic forecast – Total sea state (data.shom.fr)

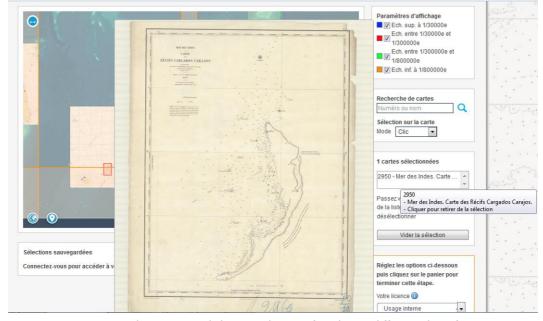


Fig. 15: Archives: nautical charts and survey fair sheets (diffusion.shom.fr)

On Friday 8 June 2018, on the occasion of World Ocean Day, the Shom and the General Secretariat for the Sea (SG Mer) opened the French maritime limits portal: https://limitesmaritimes.gouv.fr/

This portal, freely accessible, provides all the official information on the maritime delimitations of France.



Fig. 16: French maritime limits portal

9.9. International

Because of its overseas territories and primary charting responsibilities, France, represented by Shom, is a member or associate member in 9 regional hydrographic commissions.

The detail of Shom's involvement in other IHO activities is listed in the table hereafter:

Name	Chair / Vice chair	Member	Observations
CBSC		✓	Capacity Building Sub-Committee
NCWG		✓	Nautical Cartography Working Group (former CPSCWG)
ENCWG		✓	ENC Working Group (former TSMADWG/DIPWG)
DPSWG		✓	Data Protection Scheme Working Group
DQWG		✓	Data Quality Working Group -Last meeting in 1996
EAtHC		✓	Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission
FC		✓	Vice-chairman of Finance Committee
GEBCO		√	Joint IOC-IHO Guiding Committee for the General Bathymetric Chart of Oceans (GEBCO)
HCA		✓	Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica
HDWG	✓	✓	Hydrographic Dictionary Working Group
HSSC		√	Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee, formerly known as the Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS)
IENWG	✓	✓	IHO-European Union Working group
IRCC		✓	Inter Regional Coordination Committee
MACHC		✓	MESO American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

MBSHC		✓	Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission
MSDIWG		✓	Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group
NIOHC		✓	North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission
NIPWG		✓	Nautical Information Provision Working Group (former SNPWG)
NSHC		✓	North Sea Hydrographic Commission
RSAHC		✓	ROPME Hydrographic Commission
S100WG		✓	S-100 Working Group (former TSMADWG/DIPWG)
SAIHC		✓	Southern Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission
HSPT	✓		S-44 Hydrographic surveys Project Team
SWPHC		✓	South-West Pacific Hydrographic Commission
TWCWG	✓	√	Tidal, Water Level and Currents Working Group (former TWLWG/SCWG)
WEND		✓	Wold-Wide Electronic Navigational Chart Database
WWNWS		√	World-wide Navigational Warning Service Sub-Committee, formerly known as the Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings Sub-Committee (PRNW)

10. Conclusions

Shom supports any initiatives aiming at improving the maritime knowledge and the navigation safety, as far as the data collected benefits the charting authorities and the update of nautical documentation of that region.

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