

Southern Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

9th Meeting – Mauritius

18-19 September 2012

IHB Report

New Directing Committee - Duties and Responsibilities

1. The new Directing Committee assumes office on 1 September. Details of the allocation of responsibilities have been promulgated in IHO Circular Letter 77 dated 6 August 2012. In summary, Director Mustafa Iptes will oversee IHO Programme 3 concerning regional cooperation and capacity building. Director Gilles Bessero will oversee Programme 2 - the IHO technical programme. President Robert Ward will be the IHO Directing Committee representative in the SAIHC.

New IHB Staff Member

2. Mr David Wyatt joined the IHB in April this year as an Assistant Director (AD). He replaces Mr Stephen Shipman who has retired after nine years' service at the IHB. Assistant Director Wyatt is a hydrographic surveyor who previously served in the UK Royal Navy, finally retiring in the rank of Commander. AD Wyatt has experience of working in various hydrographic services around the world. As well as service in the UK Hydrographic Service, both at sea and ashore, he has spent two years on an exchange posting to the Australian Hydrographic Service and completed his Navy career as the Hydrographer of Oman.

Status of Approval of Amendments to the IHO Convention

3. By August 2012, 36 of the required 48 approvals to the protocol of amendments to the IHO Convention had been received by the Government of Monaco.

4. The Government of Monaco has received notification of approval of the Protocol of Amendments from all IHO Member States of the SAIHC eligible to respond except Mozambique. Mauritius is not required to accede to the Protocol of amendments since these were adopted before Mauritius joined the IHO.

Status of Approval of New Member States of the IHO

5. Haiti, Viet Nam, Brunei Darussalam, and Georgia have applied for membership of the IHO. By August 2012, the status of approvals was as follows:

State	Voting Status
Haiti	50 of 52 required
Viet Nam	29 of 52 required
Brunei Darussalam	26 of 52 required
Georgia	0 of 54 required

6. The following IHO Member States of the SAIHC have not yet indicated positive support:

State Applying for Membership	No response as yet from:
Haiti	Mauritius Mozambique

State Applying for Membership	No response as yet from:
Viet Nam	Mauritius Mozambique Norway South Africa UK
Brunei Darussalam	Mauritius Mozambique Norway South Africa UK
Georgia	France Mauritius Mozambique Norway South Africa UK

7. The Directing Committee, in cooperation with the representatives of the Government of Monaco, stands ready to assist, through diplomatic or other channels, any States' representatives that may be encountering difficulties in progressing the outstanding approvals through their respective governments.

INT Chart and ENC Production Coordination - Region H

8. South Africa, as INT coordinator for Region H, has continued to provide regular updates to S-11 Region H. In 2011, following SAIHC-8, five new charts were accepted for inclusion in S-11 Region H and one for deletion (SAIHC Letter 2/2011). Also Australia accepted responsibility for INT 7746 (Heard and MacDonal I.) located in Region H (SAIHC Letter 3/2011). This was reflected in e2.0.6 of S-11 Region H published in October 2011.

IHO ENC Reference Collection and ENC Availability Catalogue

9. CL 51/2012 dated 18 May reminded Member States to provide their ENC's to the IHB in accordance with IHO General Regulation 19. This will enable the IHB to maintain an authoritative and up to date reference collection of ENC's and also to create a global information catalogue showing all ENC's that are published. The ENC data will be maintained on a secure stand-alone server and used for internal IHB reference purposes only, it will NOT be provided to any other parties.

10. Responses to CL 51/2012 are as follows:

State	Remarks
Angola	
Comoros	no information provided to IHB
France - Eparses Islands - French Southern Territories - Mayotte et Glorieuses - Réunion et Tromelin	no information provided to IHB
Kenya	no information provided to IHB
Madagascar	no information provided to IHB
Malawi	no information provided to IHB
Mauritius	no information provided to IHB
Mozambique	no information provided to IHB
Namibia	ENCs to be provided through IC-ENC
Norway - Bouvet I.	no information provided to IHB
Seychelles	no information provided to IHB
South Africa	ENCs to be provided through IC-ENC
Tanzania	no information provided to IHB
UK - Ascension Island - St Helena - Tristan da Cunha & Gough I	no information provided to IHB

11. Those ENC Producer States that have not yet responded to CL 51/2012 are requested to do so as soon as possible.

C-55 Updates

12. The latest updated information in C-55 - *Status of Charting and Surveys Worldwide* submitted by States in the SAIHC region is as follows:

State	C-55 last updated
Angola	2004
Comoros	2005
France - Eparses Islands	2010
- French Southern Territories	2010
- Mayotte et Glorieuses	2010
- Réunion et Tromelin	2010
Kenya	2009
Madagascar	2005
Malawi	2008
Mauritius	2007

State	C-55 last updated
Mozambique	2009
Namibia	2011
Norway - Bouvet I.	no data
Seychelles	2011
South Africa	2011
Tanzania	2007
UK - Ascension Island	2010
- St Helena	2010
- Tristan da Cunha & Gough I	2010

IHO Publicity

13. World Hydrography Day. The proposed theme for World hydrography Day 2013 is “*Hydrography - supporting the blue economy*”. The purpose of this theme is to provide Member States with the opportunity to raise awareness of the importance and the benefits of hydrography, particularly in economic terms that will appeal both the public and to politicians. The IHB will be providing some supporting material on the IHO website beginning in the new year.

14. International Hydrographic Review. The IHR provides an ideal opportunity for Member States to publicise technical and other achievements in the region. An editorial board comprising a representative from each region has been established. The representative for the SAIHC is Captain Abri Kampfer.

15. Papers for consideration for publication in the IHR should be forwarded directly to the editor (*ihreview@iho.int*) and (*ian.halls1@defence.au.gov*).

Capacity Building Programme

16. Funding for the IHO Capacity Building programme over the next five years is forecast to be considerably lower than in the last five years. In these circumstances, the IHO and the RHCs will need to explore alternative mechanisms to fulfill their requirements. In other RHCs, the involvement of the commercial sector has provided mutual benefits. This has taken the form of industry representatives attending some or all parts of RHC meetings as observers, and included participation and the provision of equipment and instructors in technical workshops and training, both as part of an RHC meeting and in separate RHC training events.

Action Requested of SAIHC Member States

17. SAIHC Member States are invited to:

- **Note** this report,
- **Report** in-country progress on approving the Amendments to the IHO Convention and approving New Member States, including any difficulties being encountered or IHB assistance required;
- **Continue to provide** updates to S-11, through South Africa as coordinator for INT Region H;
- **Respond** to CL51/2012 as appropriate;
- **Provide updates** to C-55 as appropriate; and
- **Take any other actions** as considered appropriate.