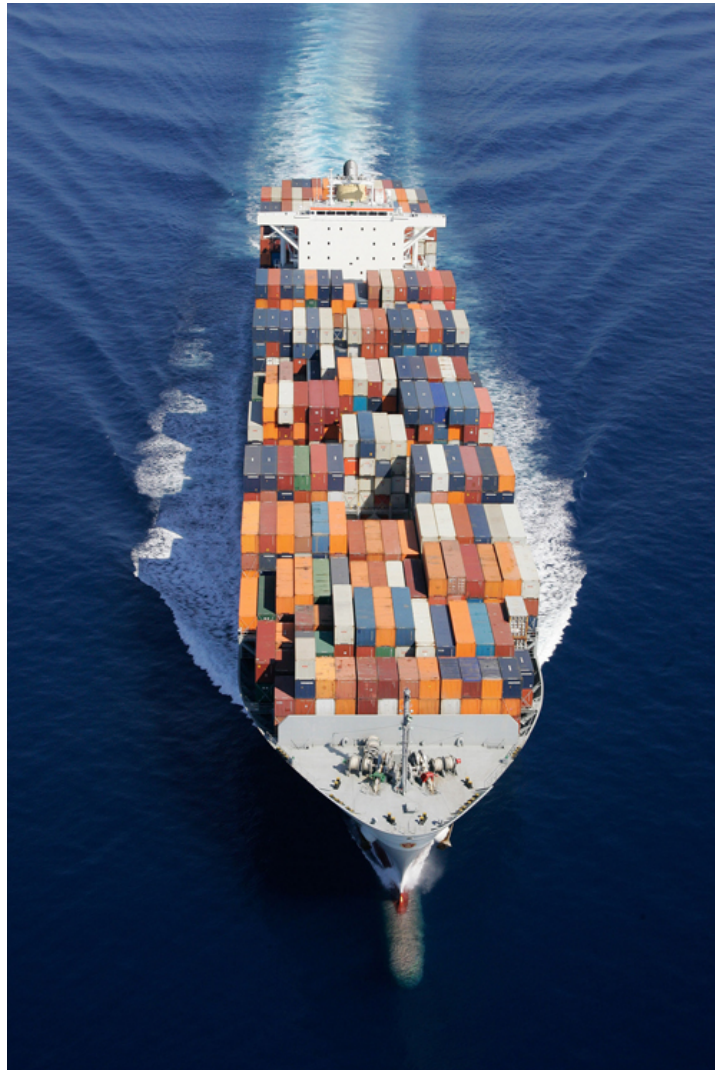




UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL REPORT



9TH SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ISLANDS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (SAIHC) MEETING MAURITIUS 18th – 19th September 2012

This report supplements the UK Generic National Report, posted on the UKHO website
(see www.ukho.gov.uk → About Us → Role & Purpose → UK National Report)
and describes UK's activities of direct relevance to the SAIHC Region.

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1. UNITED KINGDOM HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE (UKHO)

UK Delivery of Hydrographic Services

1.1 The UK delivery of hydrographic services is described in the UK Generic National Report. However, it is worth highlighting the close liaison which exists between UK's hydrographic office (UKHO) and UK's maritime administration Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) in providing a co-ordinated approach to hydrographic and maritime safety representation both nationally and internationally.

UKHO Governance and Targets

1.2 This is described in the UK Generic National Report, see www.ukho.gov.uk → About Us → Role & Purpose → UK National Report

UKHO Organisation



1.3 Details of the UKHO's organization are provided in the UK Generic National Report (section 1) together with general contact details. Specific contact details relevant to the SAIHC region are included at the end of this report.

Production Systems

1.4 This is described in the UK Generic National Report.

Cooperation and Partnerships



1.5 The UK is committed to the bilateral arrangements which it has developed in cooperation with other international government hydrographic authorities, covering a range of topics, including the use of copyright data, and also promotes other forms of co-operation between the participants, helping to enhance international maritime safety and protection of the environment.

2. SURVEYS

2.1 Details of the management of civil hydrographic surveys in UK Home Waters are provided in the UK Generic National Report, and on the UKHO website. UK's National Hydrographic Committee (known as the UK Civil Hydrography Annual Seminar (CHAS)) meets on an annual basis and provides the necessary breadth of interests to ensure that all surveying requirements are taken into account when prioritizing the work of the Civil Hydrography Programme (CHP). CHAS was expanded in 2007 to include a much wider range of organisations which conduct hydrographic surveys, and has been considerable successful in promoting co-operation between these organisations.

2.2 Any requests for survey assistance from nations within the SAIHC region will be assessed within the UK MoD, with advice from UKHO. UKHO can also contribute to project management of hydrographic surveys, and has a post dedicated to the phased development of new international survey activity and capability. It acts as the initial point of contact for UKHO involvement in direct overseas surveying schemes, including UK Overseas Territories and involvement in Regional Hydrographic Commission initiatives. Further information can be obtained from Mr. Bob Wilson (robert.wilson@ukho.gov.uk).

3 CHARTS

3.1 UK's Generic National Report provides information on UK's portfolio of chart products and services. The following paragraphs provide information specifically relevant to the SAIHC region.

Paper Charts



3.2 Information on UK's chart portfolio is provided on the UKHO website. The following paragraphs provide information specifically relevant to the SAIHC region.

The following charts have been published since the last SAIHC meeting as New Charts or full New Editions:

GB Chart Number	INT Chart Number	Title	Published
4208	-	Ilha da Trindade to Tristan da Cunha Group	22 September 2011
3877	7055	Mozambique Channel - Northern Part	13 October 2011
4134	2611	South Africa - Walvis Bay and Approaches	03 November 2011
659	-	Angola – Port of Soyo and Approaches	17 November 2011
666	7702	Kenya – Port Mombasa	26 January 2012
4021	21	South Atlantic Ocean - Eastern Part	09 February 2012
1495	7736	Pointe des Châteaux to Pointe de la Rivière du Mât	01 March 2012
4154	7521	South Africa – Mossel Bay	05 April 2012
2756		Mayotte – Northern Part	03 May 2012
2757		Mayotte – Eastern Part	03 May 2012
2927	7670	Mozambique and Tanzania – Pemba to Mtwara	05 July 2012
711	7737	Mauritius	12 July 2012
1236	2673	South Africa – Saldanha Bay	19 July 2012

The following charts are scheduled for publication in the next six months:

GB Chart Number	INT Chart Number	Title	Published
NC 4163	7550	South Africa – Mbashe Point to Port Shepstone	08 November 2012
NC 4137	2612	South Africa – Walvis Bay Harbour	08 November 2012
NC 4138	2613	South Africa – Approaches to Walvis Bay	08 November 2012
NE 644	-	Baia de Maputo	29 November 2012
NC 4163	7550	South Africa – Mbashe Point to Port Shepstone	08 November 2012
NC 4137	2612	South Africa – Walvis Bay Harbour	08 November 2012
NC 4138	2613	South Africa – Approaches to Walvis Bay	08 November 2012

Digital Charts



3.3 As noted in section 3.1, UK's Generic National Report provides information on UK's portfolio of chart products and services. The following paragraphs provide information specifically relevant to the SAIHC region.

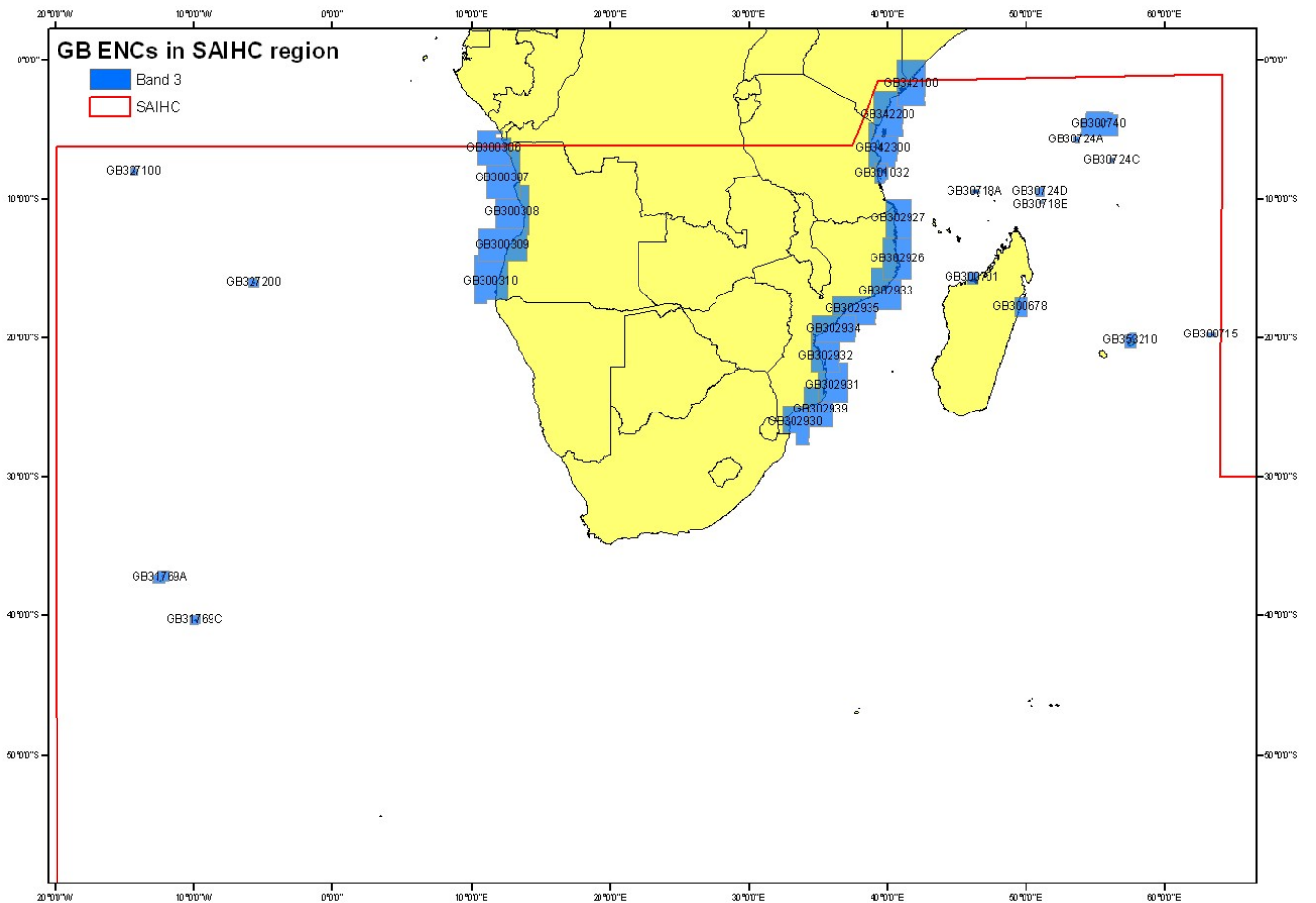
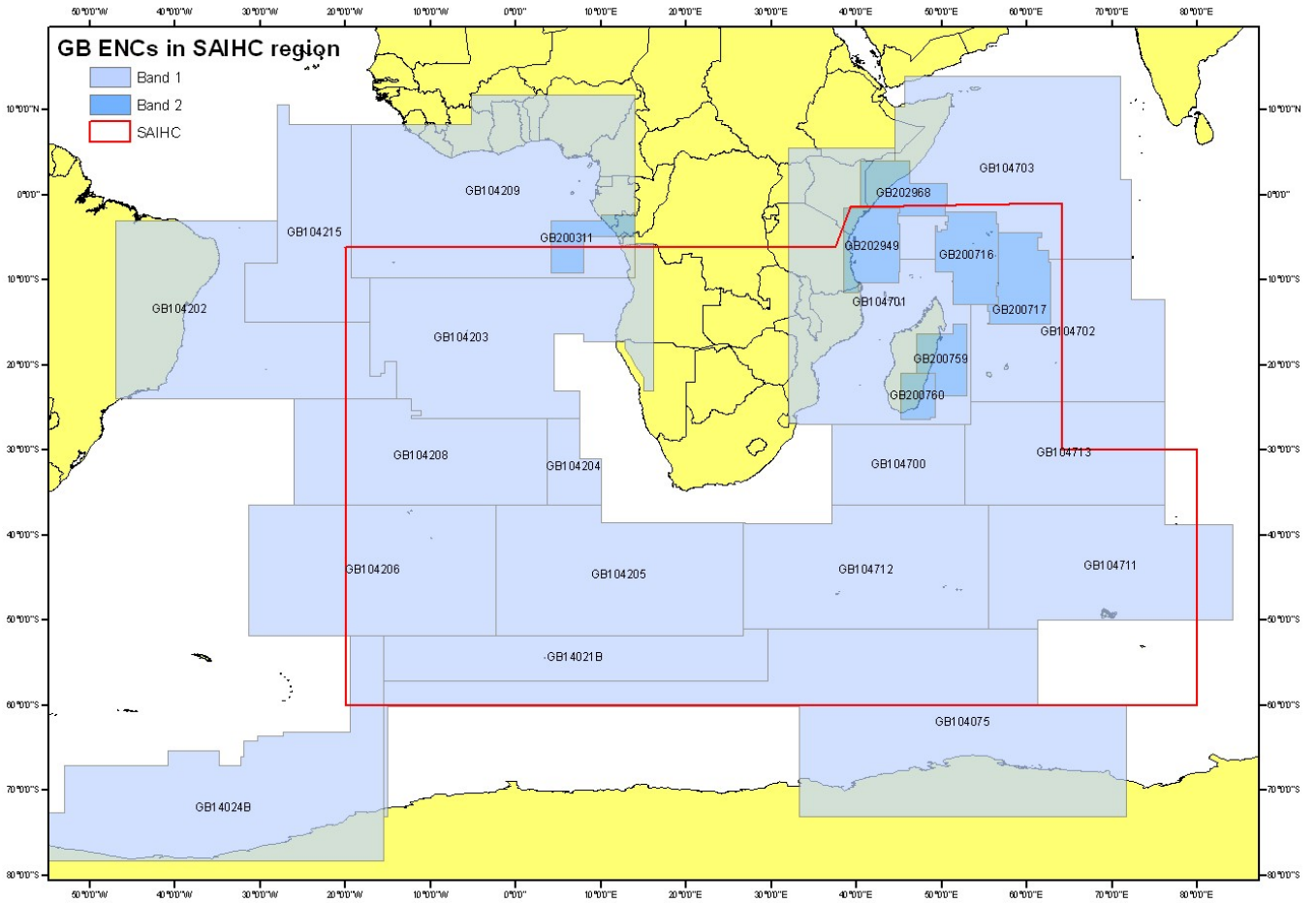
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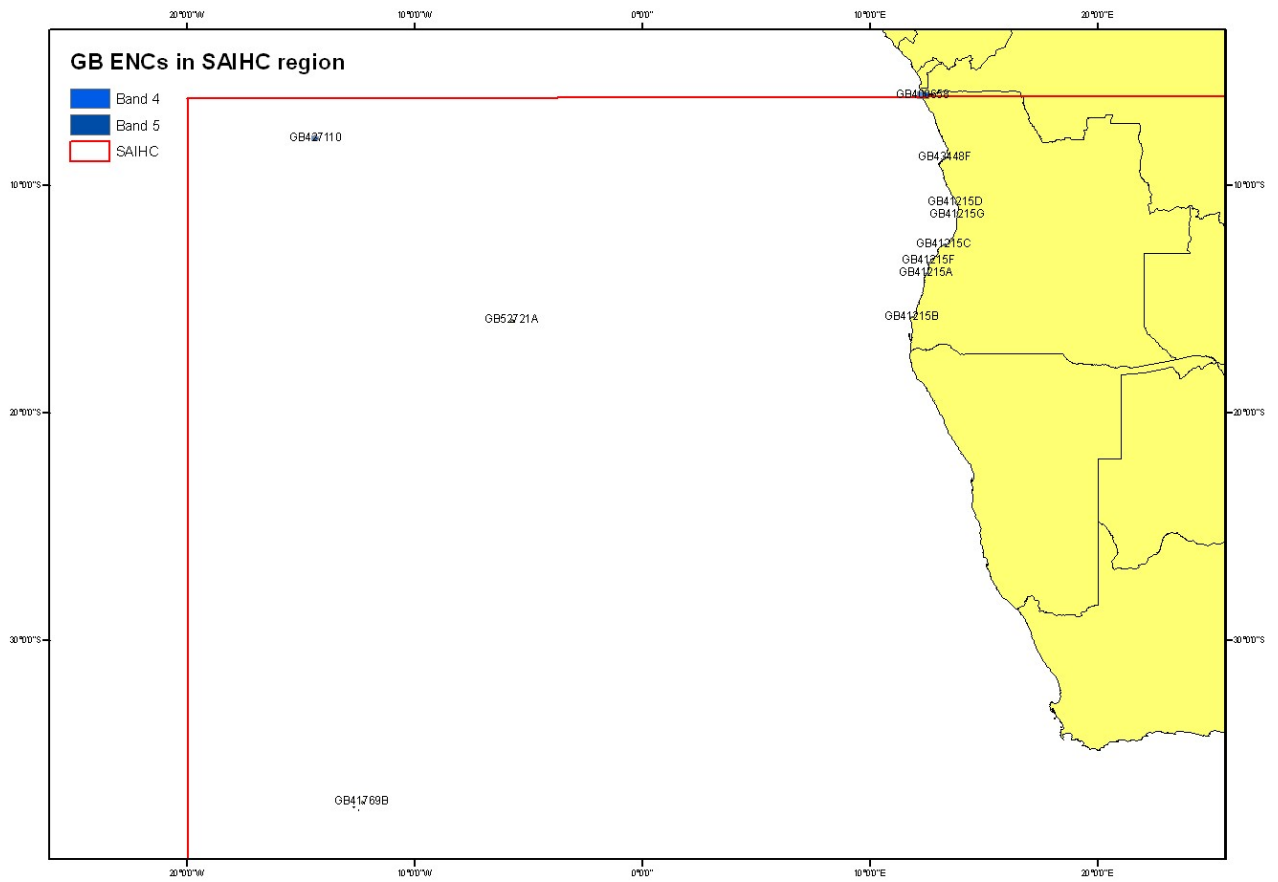
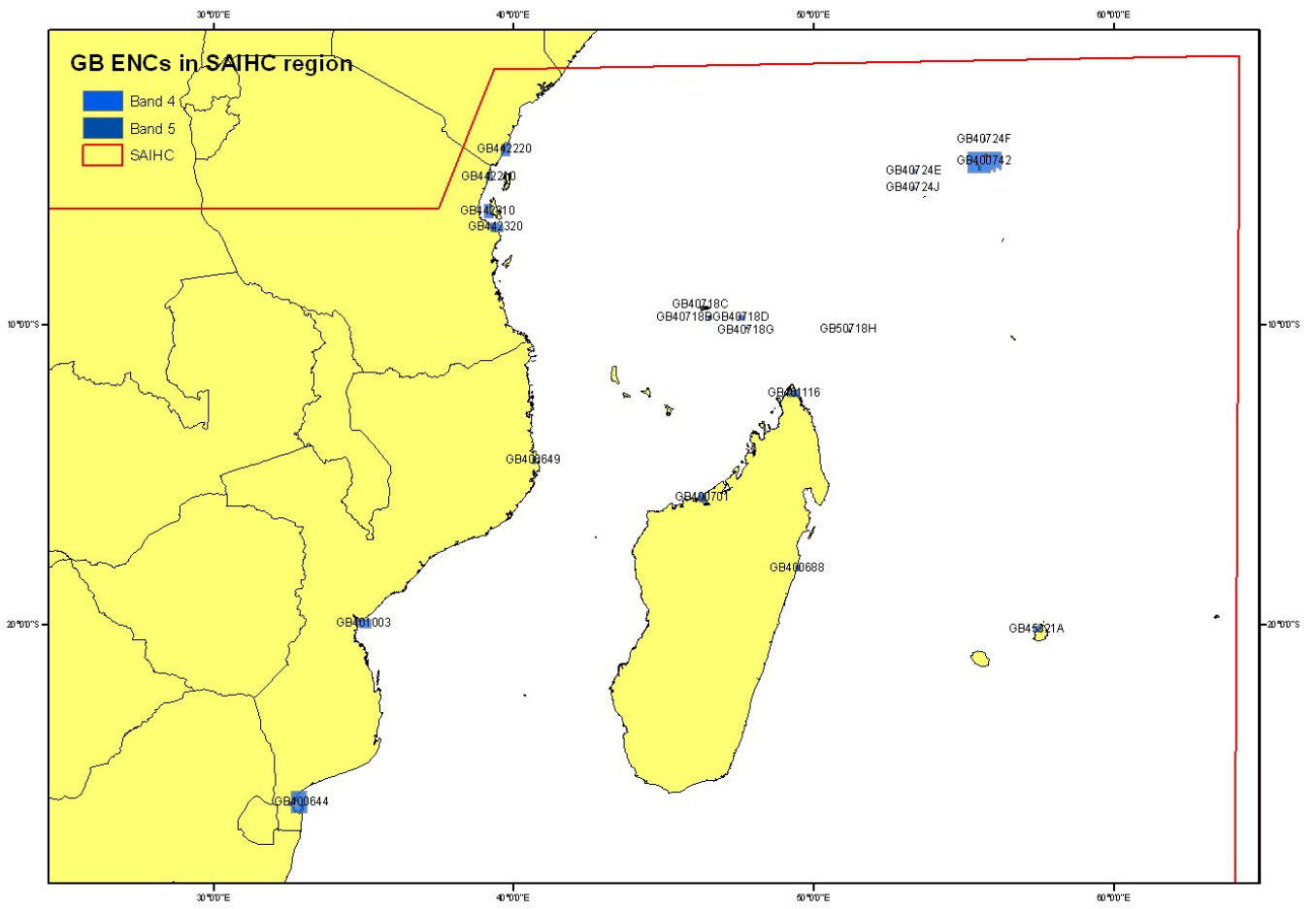
3.4 Within the SAIHC Region, UK has published 108 ENC cells and 2 cells are in progress. (GB300649, GB400692, will be captured as ENC's following the re-compilation of the source paper charts).

The breakdown by usage band is shown in the table overleaf:

SAIHC Region	
ENC Usage Band	Number of GB ENC's
Usage Band 1	18
Usage Band 2	7
Usage Band 3	32
Usage Band 4	34
Usage Band 5	17
Usage Band 6	0
Total Number of ENC'S	108

The diagram below shows the current status of UK ENC's within the SAIHC Region.





ENC Distribution

3.6 The UKHO, along with other European hydrographic offices, was a founder member of the IC-ENC RENC. IC-ENC (International Centre for ENCs) concentrates its efforts on the validation and consistency of ENC data and leaves the marketing of ENCs to the shipping industry to its value-added resellers and chart agents. Additional details can be found on the IC-ENC website (www.ic-enc.org). UKHO actively supports IC-ENC as the world's leading facilitator of getting carriage-compliant ENCs on to the bridges of shipping across the globe.

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Paper Publications



The current status of Admiralty Sailing Directions in the SAIHC region is as follows:

New Editions Published since last SAIHC meeting:

NP01	Africa Pilot Vol 1	July 2012
NP02	Africa Pilot Vol 2	March 2011
NP39	South Indian Ocean Pilot	September 2011

New Editions to be published in next twelve months

NP03	Africa Pilot Vol 3	16th Edition due May 2013
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These publications are all maintained on a continuous revision cycle with new editions approximately every three to five years.

4.2 Digital Publications



The UKHO continues to develop digital equivalents to its existing paper publications; these have advantages to the mariner of providing additional functionality and minimising the task of updating.

4.3 The Admiralty digital catalogue may be downloaded free from the UKHO website (www.ukho.gov.uk); it includes details of all paper and digital charts and publications and is updated weekly. It is a useful tool to check on the ENC coverage within the region and to show the latest edition dates of both charts and publications.

5. MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION



5.1 The UK's principal responsibility within the SAIHC region is for its British Overseas Territories - namely St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, along with those Commonwealth of Nations countries where the United Kingdom is the producer of primary charting, including Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Tanzania.

5.2 UK maintains close liaison with the co-ordinators for NAVAREA VII (South Africa - which covers most of the SAIHC area) and NAVAREA VIII (India - which covers a small part of the area to the NE and East). Meteorological Information and Navigational Warnings are promulgated on SAFETYNET through the AOR(E) and IOR satellites; coastal warnings are broadcast on NAVTEX from stations at Walvis Bay, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Durban. The current unavailability of the NAVTEX transmitter at Walvis Bay, continues to cause operational concerns for the NAVAREA VII Co-ordinator. Coastal warnings are also available on SAFETYNET for the areas around Mayotte, Reunion, and the Kerguelen Islands.

5.3 There is only a limited availability of MSI in the SAIHC region with only South Africa and Namibia having established GMDSS or WWWNS facilities. Whilst the International SAFETYNET service has been in existence for many years, expansion of NAVTEX services are required, particularly to cover the area of the Mozambique Channel. An IMO Mission was carried out by independent consultants to consider the possibility of a NAVTEX site on the Seychelles in September 2011. The implementation of such a site, particularly in this area of the world where acts of piracy are a major concern, would be fully supported by the IMO NAVTEX Coordinating Panel.

6. C-55 (previously known as S-55) LATEST UPDATE

6.1 As described in the UK Generic National Report, the UKHO is committed to providing regular updates to the C-55 entries for UK Home Waters and its Overseas Territories. For the latest update see C-55; we have incorporated the additional breakdown of chart coverage (percentage of metric and WGS84 charts) as requested in IHO Circular Letter 102/2008.

6.2 UK has also provided assistance to update C-55 entries to other countries, including Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Tanzania, where the UKHO is the producer of primary charting, recognising that local input remains critical to the maintenance of C-55 as an up-to-date and authoritative reference document.

7. CAPACITY BUILDING

7.1 UK fully supports the IHO Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC) strategy and particularly its emphasis on putting in place Phase 1 and appropriate Phase 2 capacity in place to enable coastal states to meet their obligations under SOLAS Chapter V Regulations 4 and 9. UK will continue to contribute resources to both CBSC initiatives and to providing bilateral assistance.

7.2 Since the last SAIHC meeting the UK has been involved in the following training:

- The organisation of a joint SAIHC / NIOHC 'Development of a regional Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI)' workshop in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The following SAIHC members participated:

Comoros, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, and Tanzania

7.3 UKHO has a post dedicated to capacity building. Its key aims are to ensure that capacity building is properly considered in UKHO activity and that UKHO's capacity building activities are fully coordinated. It acts as the initial point of contact for UKHO involvement in capacity building activities, including UK involvement in regional hydrographic commission initiatives and IHO Capacity Building Sub Committee activities. It will have a particular responsibility for UK Overseas Territories and liaison with UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office and with overseas High Commissions to generate phased development of capability and new survey activity. Further information can be obtained from Mr. Jeff Bryant (jeff.bryant@ukho.gov.uk). Mr. Bryant is the Capacity Building Coordinator for the MACHC, NIOHC and RSAHC regions.

7.3 Cartographic Training provided by UKHO



A general description of training provided by UKHO is included in the UK Generic National Report. Further details of the training opportunities offered by the UKHO can be found on the UKHO website.

7.4 ENC Training and Assistance



The UKHO strongly supports the successful uptake of ECDIS using ENC, and is happy to assist other nations to produce, maintain and distribute ENCs. Details of courses, sponsorship, venues and options for bespoke training provided by the UKHO are included in the UK Generic National Report.

7.5 Survey Training at Flag Officer Sea Training - Hydrography, Meteorology and Oceanography (FOST-HM)

Nationally and internationally certified courses delivered by FOST-HM in Plymouth, are described in the UK Generic National Report.

8. OCEANOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES

This is described in the UK Generic National Report.

9. OTHER ACTIVITIES

UK Celebrations for World Hydrography Day

The IHO theme for the 2012 World Hydrography day was “International Hydrographic Cooperation - supporting safe navigation”

The UKHO will be celebrating World Hydrography Day 2012 at a reception held Trinity House in London on 2nd October 2012, hosted by Mr Ian Moncreiff CBE (Chief Executive, UKHO) and Rear Admiral Nick Lambert (National Hydrographer, UKHO).



The annual presentation of the Alexander Dalrymple award will be made at the reception. The award is a symbol of recognition for outstanding dedication and contribution to world hydrography and as such is an extremely prestigious award in this sector. It takes its name from Alexander Dalrymple who established the Hydrographic Office in 1795 and is regarded as a leading figure in the history of the development of hydrography.

Building on the theme of this year's World Hydrography Day Celebrations, and in order to recognise the importance and significance of the contribution of Hydrographic Staff to the success and recognition of Hydrography, the UKHO hosted a celebration in recognition of its staffs' contribution to the success of World Hydrography on Friday, 22nd June 2012.

10. CONCLUSION

The UKHO continues its commitment to carrying forward hydrographic activities through the work of the IHO's Regional Hydrographic Commissions, and notes that each commission has its own particular opportunities and challenges.

UK has a strong commitment to the Southern Africa region, through its primary charting responsibilities and through its continuing interest in developing regional hydrographic self-sufficiency through capacity building measures.

The UK, through the UKHO and the national maritime administration (MCA), continues to pursue opportunities to improve access to bathymetric data gathering in waters around British Overseas Territories, particularly to support long-haul deep-sea traffic.

There is a continuing challenge to link the scarce local data gathering resources into a broad programme of prioritised chart compilations and new editions.

The provision of adequate ENC coverage, in support of the IMO carriage requirement for ECDIS that comes progressively into force from 2012, presents a significant challenge in the SAIHC region as well as others.

With a diverse range of shipping interests in the Region, improving the effective distribution of hydrographic publications and updates remains paramount.

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