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CIRCULAR LETTER 21/2012  
16 February 2012

**WITHDRAWAL OF CIRCULAR LETTER 06/2012**

Reference: IHB CL 06/2012

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The IHB has been requested by the Chair of the GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) to withdraw CL 06/2012 dated 24 January 2012.

2 The Chair of the GGC has informed the Directing Committee that, as a result of consultations over recent weeks with a number of people related to the GEBCO world map project, he has concluded that the procedure by which the GGC has considered the map may not have followed as rigorous a process as might normally be expected and therefore it would be premature for IHO Member States to be asked to approve a version of the map that was not finalized in all respects.

3 The Chair confirmed that the statement made in CL 06/2012 indicating that the World Map had been endorsed by the GGC was correct insofar as the GGC had discussed and viewed the map at its annual meetings in Lima in 2010 and La Jolla in 2011 and endorsed the map for publication. However, what was not clearly indicated by the GGC, and was an oversight, was that the GGC had not signed off on the map to the extent that it was ready for consideration for adoption by IHO Member States.

4 Considering the request made by the Chair of the GGC, CL 06/2012 dated 24 January 2012 is hereby withdrawn.

5 Circular Letter 06/2012 also sought the adoption of a new IHO Publication B-11 - *IHO-IOC GEBCO Cook Book*. It is the Directing Committee's intention to resubmit this publication for consideration by Member States through a new Circular Letter.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Hugo Gorziglia', written in a cursive style.

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA  
Director