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Summary report of the MESO-American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC)

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Executive Summary:	This paper provides a summary report of CB activities to CBSC12
Reference:	MACHC CB Plan 2013-2017

Introduction - background

1. A five year plan for CB activity in the MACHC region was approved by the membership in 2012. This plan covers the period 2013-2017 and is reviewed annually (during MACHC meetings) to ensure it meets regional requirements. The plan is based on assessing the phase of development of each of the coastal states within the MACHC region (as determined by the IHO's three phases of CB) and arranging training activity to build the necessary capability to meet SOLAS treaty obligations. There is a great deal of 'SOLAS awareness' required in this region.

Activities completed since CBSC11

2. A technical visit to *Guyana* was conducted in January 2013.

3. A Maritime Safety Information (MSI) Course was delivered in Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago in May 2013 for the following coastal states:-
Antigua & Barbuda, Costa Rica, Dominica, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, St Kitts & Nevis, St Vincent & Grenadines and Trinidad & Tobago (6)

4. The following activities are planned for 2014:-

- Technical Assessment & Advice Visit to *Nicaragua*
- Sub-regional course on hydrography (for Spanish speakers), for *Guatemala (lead) Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Dominican Republic*
- The funding for the Development of a Regional Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) workshop for the MACHC members will be utilised to deliver a Hydrographic Awareness Raising Seminar to precede the next MACHC meeting in December 2014.

Action Required of CBSC

5. The CBSC is invited to take note of this report