

FORTEENTH MEETING OF THE CBSC (CBSC14)**24-26 May 2016, Abu Dhabi****MBSHC CB Summary Report***Submitted by:* Turkey (CB Coordinator for the MBSHC)*Executive Summary:* This document provides a summary report of CB activities of the MBSHC for the period 2015-2016**Introduction – Background**

1. Mediterranean and Black Sea Hydrographic Commission (MBSHC) comprises of:
 - a. *Members (20)*: Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia (suspended), Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine.
 - b. *Associate Members (6)*: Bulgaria, Israel, Malta, Palestinian Authority, United Kingdom, United States of America.
 - c. *Observers*: Albania, Germany, Lebanon, DINMA, IOC, IC-ENC, PRIMAR, IHB.
2. Turkey is CB Coordinator for the MBSHC since 2011.
3. 5-year MBSHC Capacity Building Plan (2013-2017) was approved by the Commission in 2013 and has been implemented since then.

Activities since CBSC13

4. Workshop on MSI (3-day) was held between 22 and 24 October 2015 in Istanbul with 9 participants and the instructional support of Turkey.
5. Technical visit to Montenegro & Albania and workshop on Multi-beam Echosounder & Side Scan Sonar Systems (5-day) in CB WP-2015 were postponed to 2016 (in CB WP-2016) and scheduled for the last quarter of 2016. The technical team for the visit to Montenegro & Albania will comprise of Turkey (lead), Greece and the IHB. The workshop on Multi-beam Echosounder & Side Scan Sonar Systems (5-day) will be held in Istanbul with 7 participants and the support of Turkey (instructor, equipment and vessel).
6. High level visit to Lebanon in CB WP-2016 is scheduled for the last quarter of 2016.
7. The workshop on ENC Production and Distribution (5-day) is subject to IHO CB budget and scheduled for the last quarter of 2016 with 6 participants and the instructional support of Turkey, if the required budget is allocated.
8. The workshop on Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundaries (5 days) request submitted to CBSC14 for 2017 and it will be held in Turkey with 14 participants if approved by CBSC.
9. The draft 3-year MBSHC Capacity Building Plan (2018-2021) was prepared.

Action Required of CBSC

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