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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 CBSC14
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 CBSC13

2. A Phase 1 Skills course for Spanish speakers was delivered in Veracruz, Mexico in November/December 2015 for the following coastal states:-
Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama & Mexico (3)

3. A Workshop on the Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundaries and Baselines was delivered in Paramaribo, Suriname in August 2015 for the following coastal states :-
Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belize (2), Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica (2) & Suriname (11)

4. MACHC members were invited to participate in the SWAtHC's workshop on MSDI & Data Management which was delivered in Niteroi, Brazil in November 2015. The following MACHC members participated:-
Brazil & Colombia (2)

5. A two-day Hydrographic Awareness Seminar was organised to precede the main MACHC meeting in St Johns, Antigua in December 2015. The following coastal states were funded to attend this Seminar :-
Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda (8), Bermuda (2), British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica (2) Panama (2), St Vincent & The Grenadines & Suriname

6. The following activities are planned and funded for 2016:-

- Haiti follow up visit (carried over from 2015)
- MSI & Hydro Governance Workshop for OECS members
- Satellite Derived Bathymetry Workshop
- MSDI Workshop for Spanish speakers
- A further seminar on raising awareness of hydrography to precede MACHC17

Action Required of CBSC

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