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### Paper for discussion at CBSC

#### The recording of capacity building phase stage of coastal states

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<b>Executive Summary:</b>	An amendment to how Capacity Building Phase Stage is recorded in the future
<b>Related Documents:</b>	IHO Capacity Building Strategy Terms of Reference for Capacity Building Coordinator
<b>Related Projects:</b>	xxx

#### Introduction/Background

The IHO Capacity Building Sub Committee (CBSC) developed and published Terms of Reference (TORs) for Capacity Building Coordinator's on 16 May 2014.

Paragraph 4 of the TORs states that "CB Coordinators are expected to keep a record of the Capacity Building Phase Stage of all the countries and territories in their RHC region in accordance with the template in annex. This record will be part of the 5-year regional CB Plan".

#### Analysis/Discussion

As we approach the completion of Programme 3 "Inter Regional Coordination and Support" of the IHO's Five-Year Work Programme, 2013-17, and commence planning for the next Three-Year Work Programme, 2018-2020, it is suggested that the time is right to review how CB Coordinators record the Capacity Building Phase Stage of all the countries and territories in their respective RHC region.

The imperative for this revision is also linked to the requirement to better measure the success of the IHO's CB programme. It is suggested that this can only be achieved by developing a consistent approach across the RHCs where the Capacity Building Phase Stage can be recorded utilising a simple numerical grid. This approach lends itself to future import into GIS systems.

The suggested numerical grid is represented below:-

0	The country is unaware of its national obligations
1	The country is aware of its national obligations but does not have the means to do it
2	The country has the ability to fulfil national obligations
3	The country fulfils its national obligations in a sustainable manner
4	The country fulfils its national obligations through a third party

Once the Capacity Building Phase Stage is consistently recorded by the CB Coordinators (therefore establishing a baseline) it is suggested that future Procedure 1 Forms (Procedure and model for submitting request of support to the CBSC) could use this information as part of the submission process i.e. the submission should clearly articulate how the activity could improve the Capacity Building Phase Stage of a particular country or countries.

A further addition to the template (see Annex of TORs for CB Coordinators) for the assessment of a countries Capacity Building Phase Stage is the addition of a column to record the existence (or not) of a National Hydrographic Committee or National Hydrographic Coordination Committee (NHC or NHCC). It is suggested that in the future, countries with an established NHC or NHCC will be given preferential status when capacity building submissions are considered.

An example of the revised template with some representative assessments is represented below:

	Country / Territory	NHC or NHCC	CB Phase 1	CB Phase 2	CB Phase 3	Last TV
1	Country A	?	1	1	4	2008
2	Country B	?	1	2	4	2012
3	Country C	Yes	3	3	3	N/R
4	Country D	Yes	2	2	4	2013
5	Country E	?	1	1	4	2011

### Recommendations

It is recommended that the TORs for Capacity Building Coordinators are revised to reflect the contents of this paper and in future the Capacity Building Coordinators populate their regional plans in accordance with the numerical grid.

### Action required of CBSC

The CBSC is invited:

- a. to use the contents of this paper for further discussion;
- b. to approve the contents and amend the CB Coordinator TOR's as appropriate

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