

## FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE CBSC (CBSC15)

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### Paper for information of the CBSC

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

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<b>Executive Summary:</b>	This paper provides a summary report of CB activities to CBSC15
<b>Reference:</b>	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.

At the last MACHC meeting in Belem, Brazil, December 2016 the MACHC CB Coordinator presented a further three year MACHC CB Plan to cover the period 2018-2020. The members endorsed this plan.

#### Activities completed since CBSC14

2. An MSI Training Course was delivered in Rodney Bay, St Lucia, in August 2016 for the following coastal states:-

*Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia (5), St Vincent & the Grenadines & Suriname*

3. In conjunction with the FOCAHIMECA Project an MSDI Workshop for Spanish Speakers was delivered in Veracruz, Mexico in October 2016 for the following coastal states:-

*Brazil, Costa Rica (2), Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras (2), Nicaragua, Jamaica, Panama, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines, St Maarten, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago and Mexico (6)*

4. MACHC members were invited to participate in the SWAtHC's Tide Training Course which was delivered in Niteroi, Brazil in October 2016. The following MACHC member participated:-

*Cuba*

5. A two-day Hydrographic Awareness Seminar was organised to precede the main MACHC meeting in Belem, Brazil in December 2016. The following coastal states were funded to attend this Seminar:-

*Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Nicaragua, Panama (2) and St Vincent & The Grenadines*

6. The following activities are planned and funded for 2017:-

- Haiti follow up visit (carried over from 2016)
- Technical implementation visits to Dominican Republic and El Salvador
- MSI Course
- A further seminar on raising awareness of hydrography to precede MACHC18

#### Action Required of CBSC

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