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Paper for Consideration by CSPCWG
Retention of obsolescent symbols in S-4

Submitted by:	CSPCWG Secretary
Executive Summary:	Should obsolescent symbols be retained in S-4?
Related Documents:	S-4; INT1
Related Projects:	None

Introduction / Background.

In S-4, where a formerly charted feature is no longer considered useful for charting, brief details are retained in S-4, including a copy of the redundant symbol. There are several examples in B-480 (radiobeacons).

FR suggested during the revision of B-300 (WG Letter 3/11) that the hand-drawn version of C7 'stony shore' consisting of a scattering of small irregular circles behind the coastline, which we propose to make obsolescent, should be retained at B-312.2:

FR agrees to consider the middle version of C7 obsolescent even if it is very explicit. FR suggests that the symbol and some comments about the former use of this symbol are added as it is done for the mangrove shore (B-312.4) or for Wind turbine (B-374.6).

Analysis / Discussion.

This suggestion could lead to S-4 being expanded to include all obsolescent symbols. However, it is really only useful to retain obsolescent symbols where S-4 needs an explanation of why a feature is no longer to be charted (eg as with windmotors, radiobeacons, observations spots). In other cases, obsolescent symbols would still remain in INT1 for reference if required. An explanation of this convention could be included at B-120.

In the case of mangrove shore, the obsolescent symbol is retained to explain the change in emphasis in charting (ie from 'apparent' coastline to 'real-world' situation).

Conclusions.

Retention of obsolete (or obsolescent) symbols and guidance in S-4 should be the exception, rather than the rule.

Recommendations.

Insert new explanation in S-4, as follows:

B-120.6 Obsolete or obsolescent symbols. Normally, obsolete and obsolescent symbols will be replaced by new symbols; any associated out of date guidance and symbols will be removed. The obsolescent symbols will still be available for reference in INT1 (until they are considered to be obsolete, ie no longer present on any published charts, which in practice may mean they are retained in INT1 in perpetuity). Exceptionally, where considered useful, a brief note may be included stating that they 'were formerly charted as:' and a copy of the obsolescent symbol retained. This is to guide the cartographer in deleting the feature.

Justification and Impacts.

1. It is useful to detail conventions in S-4 to assist future editors and explain to users why and how information is dealt with in S-4.
2. A small clarification task for the Secretary.

Action required of CSPCWG.

The CSPCWG is invited to:

Endorse the recommendation above.