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1	S-57 Appendix A - Chapter 2		Display of SMCFAC area object in ECDIS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Description:**

**Display of SMCFAC area object in ECDIS**

The South African Navy Hydrographic Office has found a layer hierarchical issue concerning the display of the SMCFAC object in an ECDIS\* when it is captured as an area primitive.

\*Transas Navisailor 3000

**The problem in ECDIS**

The SMFAC object is set to too high a layer – meaning that on a Full Display an area SMCFAC object obscures certain objects that happen to be positioned inside the SMCFAC area limits.

The following issues were highlighted during a selected investigation:

**Potentially important Point objects that lay under SMCFAC area objects**

Three **point** objects were captured inside the area limits of a SMCFAC area object in dKart Editor (see Diagram 1).

- (1) LNDMRKs where marked as CONVIS = *not visually conspicuous* **does not** display in the ECDIS eg the Flagstaff (see Diagram 2)
- (2) LNDMRKs where marked as CONVIS = *visually conspicuous* **does** display in the ECDIS eg the Chimney (see Diagram 2)
- (3) BUISGL where marked as CONVIS = *visually conspicuous* **does** display in the ECDIS (see Diagram 2)

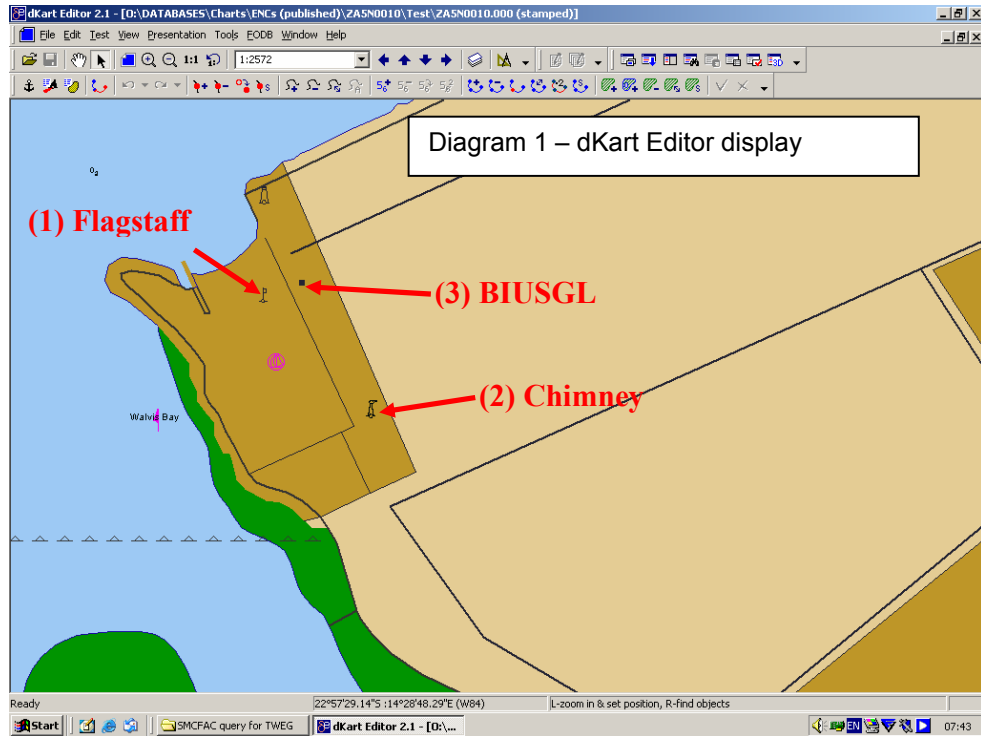
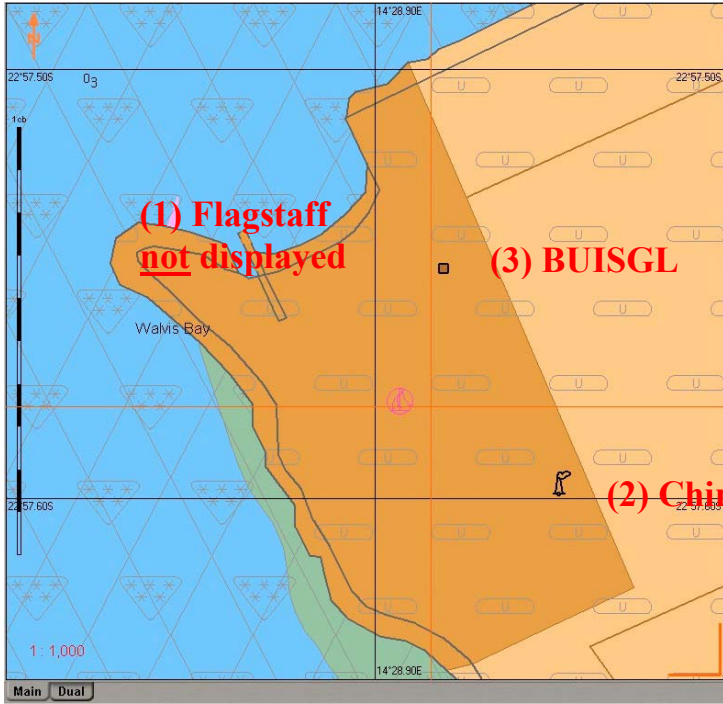


Diagram 2 – ECDIS display



**Potentially important Area objects that lay under SMCFAC objects**

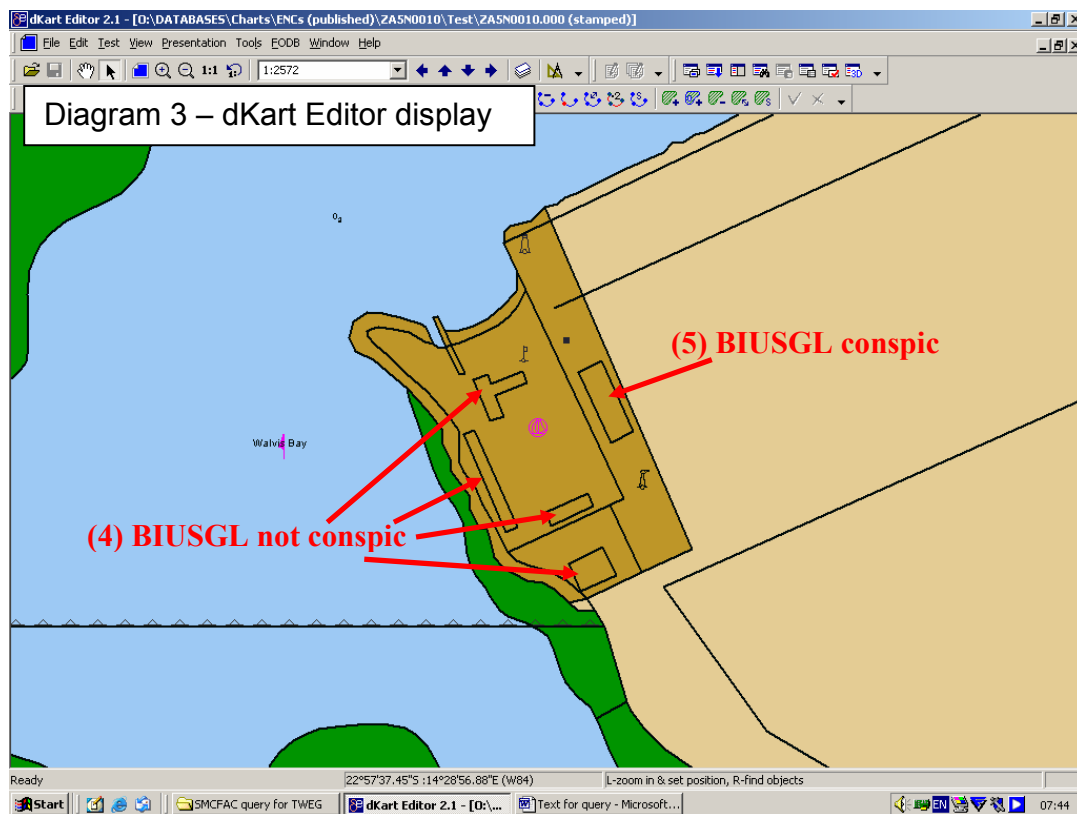
Five area BUISGL objects were captured inside the area limits of a SMCFAC area object in dKart Editor (see Diagram 3)

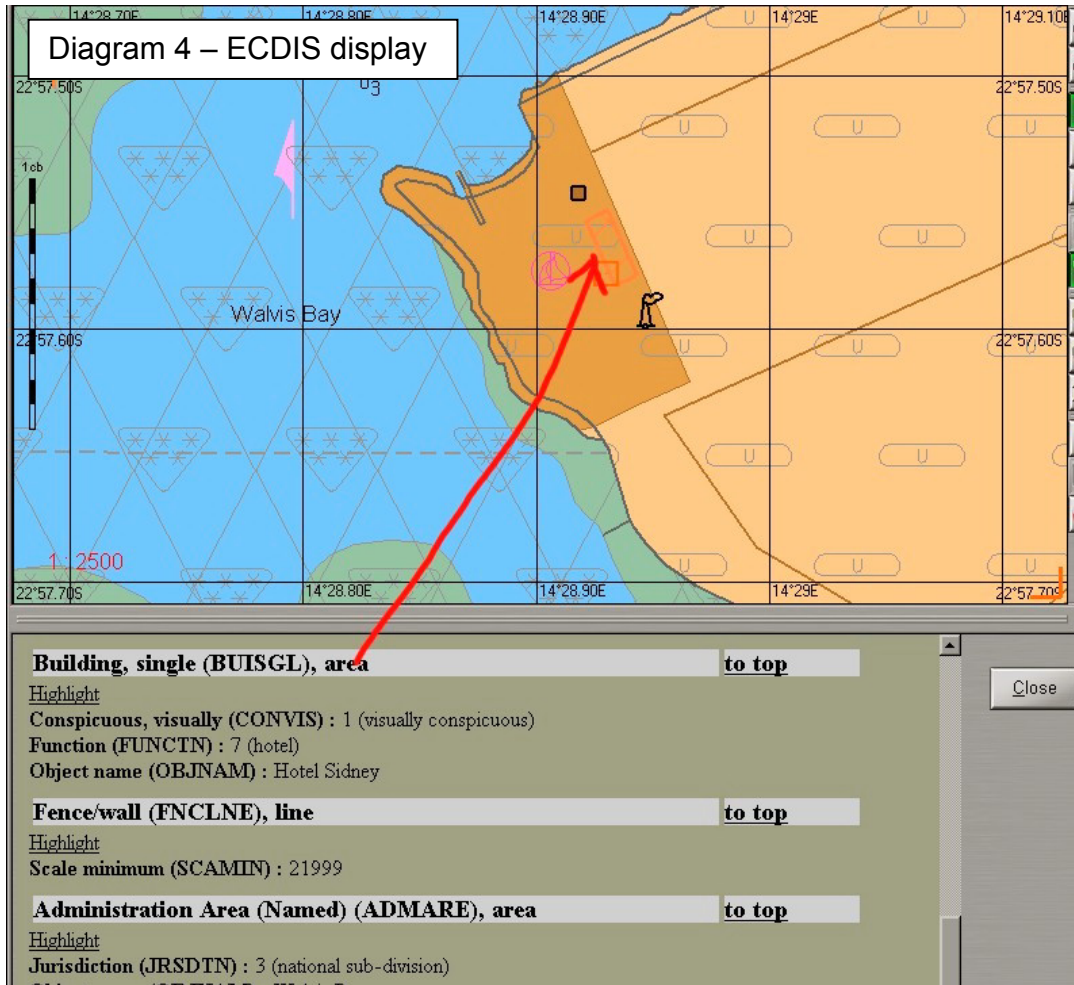
(4) BUISGLs where marked as CONVIS = *not visually conspicuous* **does not** display in the ECDIS (see Diagram 4)

(5) BUISGL where marked as CONVIS = *visually conspicuous* **does not** display in the ECDIS.

The only way the BIUSGL can only be seen is when it is interrogated and highlighted (see diagram 4).

Note that this BIUSGL also has an OBJNAM that is not displayed!





### Conclusion

The SANHO investigation was only selective but the fact that some conspicuously marked objects do not display on an ECDIS when clearly they should raises concern.

### Recommendation

1. The working group conduct a full investigation
2. The next version of S52 changes the display layer of SMCFAC area features