

Relevant Outcomes of IRCC10

Submitted by GGC Secretary

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document provides details on the relevant draft outcomes of IRCC 10.

Action to be taken: 3

Related documents: GGC35/1/8.1 (IRCC10-07I)

1. The 10th session of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) meeting in Goa, India, 4-6 June 2018. Mr Shin Tani presented the report from the GGC (IRCC 10-07I), which included the outcomes and actions from the 34th meeting in Busan, Korea, on 16 to 17 November 2017.

2. The IRCC made the following Decisions, Actions and Recommendations with respect to the particular actions requested of it by the GGC:

a) GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE (GGC):

The GGC Chair introduced the report (*doc. IRCC10-07I*) and started by presenting an insightful look into the quality and density of the underlying GEBCO data, considered insufficient for most uses. In the sequence he explained the objectives and the status of the GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project sponsored by the Nippon Foundation of Japan.

The meeting was exposed with the recent activities related to the Seabed 2030 since its roots were planted during the Forum for Future Ocean Floor Mapping (F-FOFM), held in Monaco in 2016. It was formally announced by Mr Sasakawa, the Chairman of the Nippon Foundation on the occasion of Ocean Conference at the UN in 2017. GGC approved the project at its 34th Session held in Busan, ROK, after which Mr. Satinder Bindra was appointed as Project Director in 2018. Seabed 2030 project started on 20 February 2018.

Seabed 2030 is a global program with the goal of compiling Digital Bathymetric Model (DBM) from openly available data at the highest resolution possible, from the coast to the deepest trenches by the year 2030 with the ultimate goal to leave no features of the World Ocean floor larger than 100 m unmapped. This will empower the world to make policy decisions, to use the ocean sustainably and undertake scientific research for the sustainable development, based on the detailed bathymetric information of the Earth's seabed.

The Committee agreed the following:

Decision 1: to approve the GEBCO Work Plan 2018-2019 (Annex B of *doc. IRCC10-07I*).

Recommendations to RHC:

1. Continue to encourage RHCs to organize contribution of bathymetric data in shallower coastal areas from their member states to GEBCO in order to support the production of higher resolution gridded data products of GEBCO;

2. Encourage RHCs to invite and communicate with GEBCO members to their meetings

Decision 2: to note the reports under agenda item 7 (*docs. IRCC10-07A to I*).

3. The GGC is requested to:

- a. **Note** the information provided;
- b. **Encourage** closer engagement between the GEBCO community and Regional Hydrographic Commissions to improve the contribution of all bathymetry data for inclusion in GEBCO products; and
- c. **Take** any other actions, as appropriate.