

**17th CHRIS MEETING
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ENC PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION STATUS

FRANCE (July 2005)

With 158 ENC's produced, SHOM has covered nearly 90% of national merchant and passenger navigation routes. If priority has been initially given to commercial sea lanes and environmental sensitive areas in metropolitan France (i.e. in the Channel, the Atlantic coast and the Mediterranean sea), SHOM has started in 2005 production of ENC's corresponding to INT paper charts attributed through Regional Hydrographic Commissions and in French overseas territories :

- ENC's are already available in Bab El Mandeb strait, in the regions of Djibouti and Dakar ; small scale ENC's covering Mozambic channel and West Africa will also be distributed this year ;
- ENC's covering La Réunion are now also available and coverage of French Caribbean Islands and French Guyana will be completed in 2006.

Coverage in metropolitan France will also of course be progressively completed to meet fishing and pleasure crafts needs : all of this meaning around 100 new French ENC's until end of 2007.

The encoding of 62 ENC's has been outsourced with CARIS and IIC companies in 2004 and 2005. Final verification of the data, weekly updating of ENC's (ER) and new editions are done in-house at SHOM.

All the ENC production processes are ISO9001 : 2000 certified.

All SHOM ENC's (including ER) are distributed encrypted via PRIMAR-STAVANGER. There are 158 ENC's available in usage band general (4), coastal (56), approach (53), harbour (33), and berthing (12).

