

3RD MEETING OF THE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
IHB, Monaco, 8-10 November 2011
(Chair Group Meeting on 7 November p.m.)

Report of the Advisory Board on Law of the Sea (ABLOS)

ABLOS is a joint board established by the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)
and the International Association of Geodesy (IAG)

Submitted by:	Chair, ABLOS
Related Documents:	None
Related Projects:	None

Chair:	Chris Carleton, UK (IHO Member)
Vice-Chair:	Sunil Bisnath (IAG Member)
Secretary:	Steve Shipman, IHB
Members IHO:	Croatia, Japan, Pakistan, and United Kingdom
Members IAG:	Australia (Indonesia from 1/1/2012), Canada, New Zealand and Sweden (Denmark from 1/1/2012)
Ex Officio:	UN DOALOS and IHB
Observers:	Brazil, Canada, India, Japan and UK
<i>see Annex A for full details</i>	

Meetings Held During Reporting Period

ABLOS 17 and 6th ABLOS Conference 25 – 28 October 2010, Monaco

Future Meetings

ABLOS 18 8 – 10 November 2011 Valparaiso, Chile
ABLOS 19 and 7th ABLOS Conference October 2012 IHB, Monaco, to be confirmed

Work Program

The 6th ABLOS Conference was held at the IHB and had a full programme with 28 papers being delivered across 9 sessions in 2.5 days. Professor Hasjim Djalal from Indonesia, a former President of the International Seabed Authority and author of many books on the Law of the Sea gave the Keynote Address. The Conference which was fully subscribed was attended by 90 delegates.

A short course based on the “Standard Training Programme” developed under Work Plan Item C1 entitled “Technical aspects of maritime boundaries, baselines and the extended continental shelf”, was delivered by a team from the UK Hydrographic Office in Bangkok, Thailand from 15 – 19 November 2010, for the East Asia Regional Hydrographic Commission.

The review of the 4th Edition of the TALOS Manual (C-51) undertaken at Work Item B1 concluded that a revision was necessary. The team which completed the review is now in the process of drafting a 5th Edition and a new task B2 has been included in the Work Plan.

Progress on HSSC Action Items

N/A

Problems Encountered

N/A

Any Other Items of Note

Mr Chris Carleton, UK, assumed the position of Chair of ABLOS following the closure of the 6th ABLOS Conference in October 2010 and Professor Sunil Bisnath, Canada, was elected as the Vice Chair. Both positions are for a 2 year period expiring at the closure of the 7th ABLOS Conference in 2012.

Conclusions and Recommended Actions

N/A

Justification and Impacts

N/A

Action Required of HSSC

The HSSC is invited to:

- a. note this report
- b. endorse the continuation of ABLOS to pursue its work under its existing Terms of Reference
- c. review and endorse the work program at Annex B

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1.1. ABLOS Work Plan

1.1 ABLOS Tasks

- A Organise the 6th ABLOS Conference in 2010 (IHO Task 3.6.1)
- B Maintain IHO Publication C-51 "Technical Aspects of the Law of the Sea (TALOS) Manual" (IHO Task 3.6.2)
- C Prepare a standard training program on the hydrographic aspects of maritime delimitation. (IHO Task 3.6.3)
- D Organise the 7th ABLOS Conference in 2012 (IHO Task 3.6.1)
- E Provide advice and guidance on the technical aspect of the Law of the Sea to relevant organizations, bodies and Member States. (IHO Task 3.1.16)

Task	Work item	Priority H-high M-medium L-low	Milestones	Start Date	End Date	Status P-planned O-ongoing C-completed	Contact Person(s) * indicates leader	Related Pubs/Standard
A1	Organise 6 th ABLOS Conference	H		2009	2010	C	Chris Rizos, Ron Macnab, Chris Carleton, John Brown, Sunil Bisnath, Steve Shipman	N/A
B1	Review C-51 4 th Edition for any necessary updating.	H		2009	2011	C	Chris Rizos, Shin Tani, Ron Macnab, Graeme Blick, Sunil Bisnath and Steve Shipman	IHO Publication C-51

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B2	Prepare draft 5 th Edition of C-51 (TALOS Manual) for adoption by Member States	H		2011	2012	O	Chris Rizos, Sunil Bisnath, John Brown, Chris Carleton, Shin Tani, Ron Macnab, Graeme Blick, Steve Shipman. I Made Andi Arsana, and Clive Schofield	IHO Publication C-51
C4	Prepare standard training programme for the CBSC	H	Outline programmes has been passed to the IHB Director responsible for CB activities.	2009	2010	C	Chris Carleton* John Brown Muhammad Bashir, Shin Tani, Ron Macnab, Steve Shipman	
D1	Organise the 7 th ABLOS Conference	H		2011	2012	P	Decision at ABLOS 18	
E1	Provide advice and guidance on the technical aspect of the Law of the Sea	H		Continuous		O	All members of ABLOS through the Chair	

1.2 ABLOS Meetings (IHO Tasks 3.1.16 and 3.6.1 refer)

Date	Location	Activity
November 2011	Valparaiso, Chile	18 th Business Meeting
October 2012	IHB, Monaco	19 th Business Meeting and 7 th ABLOS Conference

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