



Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

Proposal

to

HSSC-4, September 2012

Increasing technical capacity at the IHB

Background

- ✦ 18th IHC (2012): Decision N° 6
 - Request that the IHB DC, in consultation with HSSC, develop proposals to ensure that there is appropriate technical capacity within the Bureau to support the Organization through a period of significant change resulting from the transition to digital navigation and, where these can be met within the existing budget, encourage them to be acted on, and to report back to the 5th EIHC.
- ✦ The implementation of the IHO Work Programme relies on resources within the IHB as well as through Member States and industry support.



Proposal

- ✦ IHB DC invites HSSC to consider reviewing the technical work programme to identify the critical areas where current resources may be inadequate such as:
 - maintenance of S-52 Presentation Library for ECDIS
 - management and maintenance of S-100 Registry
 - technical support and liaison to future S-100 users
 - provision of advanced (e-)services
 - technical research and investigation related to ENC and ECDIS implementation and evolution
 - support of developments related to Spatial Data Infrastructures
 - ...
- ✦ HSSC and IHB analyse the results and develop options to address shortcomings if any.



Action required of HSSC

- a) note this report
- b) initiate a review of critical areas of the technical programme of the IHO where current resources may be inadequate to fulfil the associated tasks,
- c) initiate an investigation of alternatives to address shortcomings if any, and
- d) take any other action as considered necessary.

