



SWEDISH MARITIME  
ADMINISTRATION



***The relationship between  
the European Commission  
and  
National Hydrographic Offices  
through the  
International Hydrographic Organisation***

# Introduction, background and objectives

1. ***From Rostock Conference (IHO North Sea Hydrographic Commission, 2006) to the signature of the MoU (2012)***
2. ***Background***
3. ***Goals***



# 1 From Rostock to Monaco

1. **27th Conference of NSHC in 2006 in Rostock**
  - Establish a working group on EU marine and maritime policies
2. **10 October 2007, COM(2007)575 on the EU Integrated Maritime Policy**
3. **Meeting in Brussels 25 January 2008**
  - Raise awareness of EU Maritime Task Force and DGs on IHO (EU) capabilities to support maritime policies (DE, GB, NL, BE, DG Mare, FR)
4. **Informal meetings from 2008 and 2011 (Iain Shepherd and Yves Guillam), a couple of letters between DG Mare and the IHB**
  - Working on the draft Memorandum of Understanding
5. **XVIIIth International Hydrographic Conference in Monaco 23 April 2012**
  - Signature of the MoU by Maria Damanaki and VA (Ret.) Alexander Maratos



# 1 From Rostock to Monaco

## PROTOCOLE D'ACCORD ENTRE L'OHI ET LA COMMISSION EUROPEENNE

La Commission européenne et l'Organisation hydrographique internationale (OHI) ci-après désignées en tant que les « parties » souhaitant mettre en place un cadre de coopération entre les deux parties dans le domaine d'une approche intégrée aux affaires maritimes ont décidé de prendre des mesures afin de renforcer la coopération.

Cette coopération ne portera pas préjudice à d'autres accords et dispositions qui peuvent exister entre l'UE et l'OHI.

### OBJECTIF

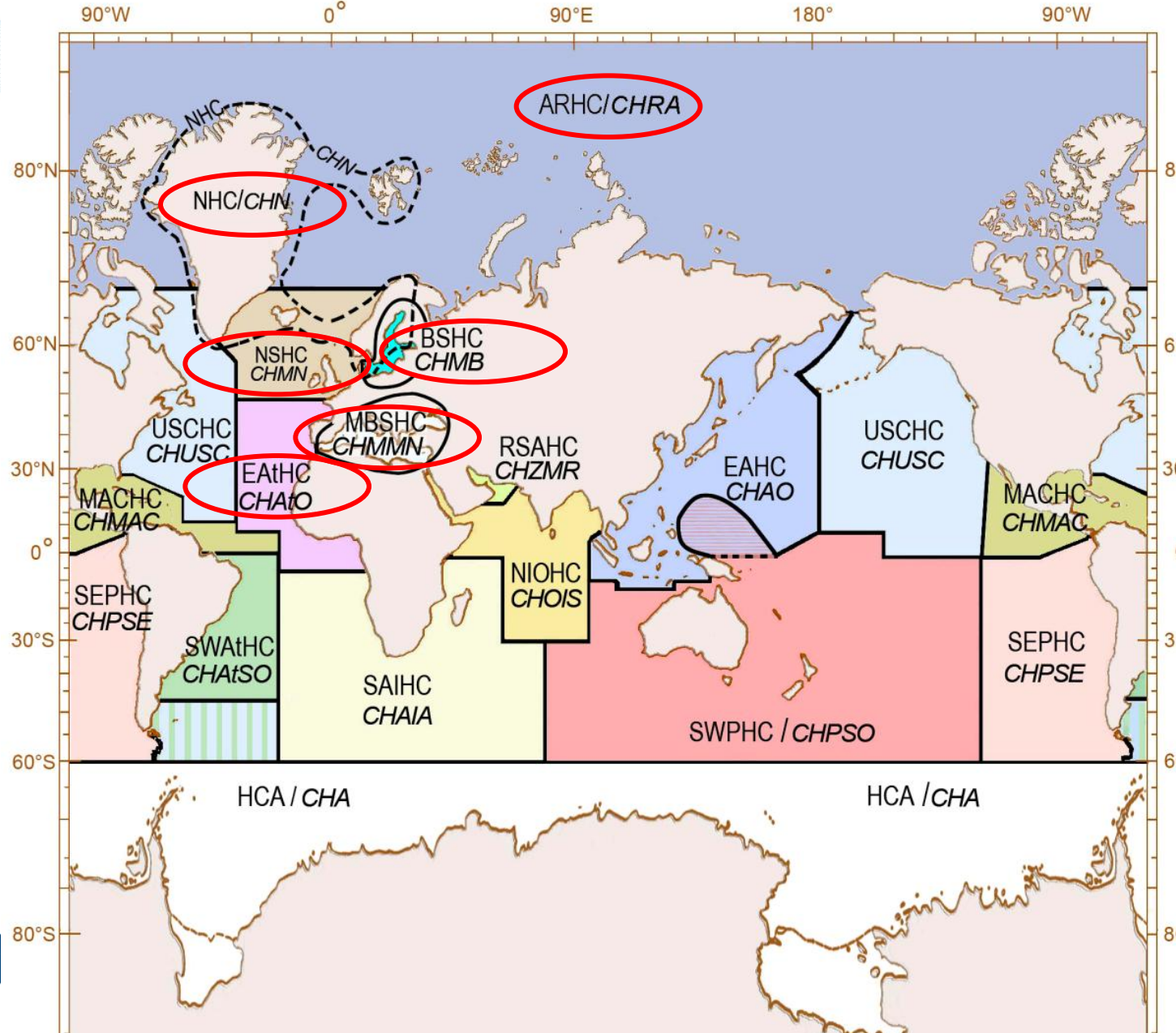
Ce protocole d'accord vise à proposer un cadre permettant d'assurer une liaison régulière entre les deux parties dans des domaines d'intérêt commun spécifiques incluant les activités de surveillance, les énergies renouvelables offshore, la planification maritime spatiale, la gestion de la zone côtière intégrée, les observations maritimes et les réseaux de données, la mise en œuvre de la directive cadre





# 2 HO capabilities : who are we?

## 6 IHO Regional Hydrographic Commissions



First meeting European Commission

# 2 HOs capabilities : *who are we?*

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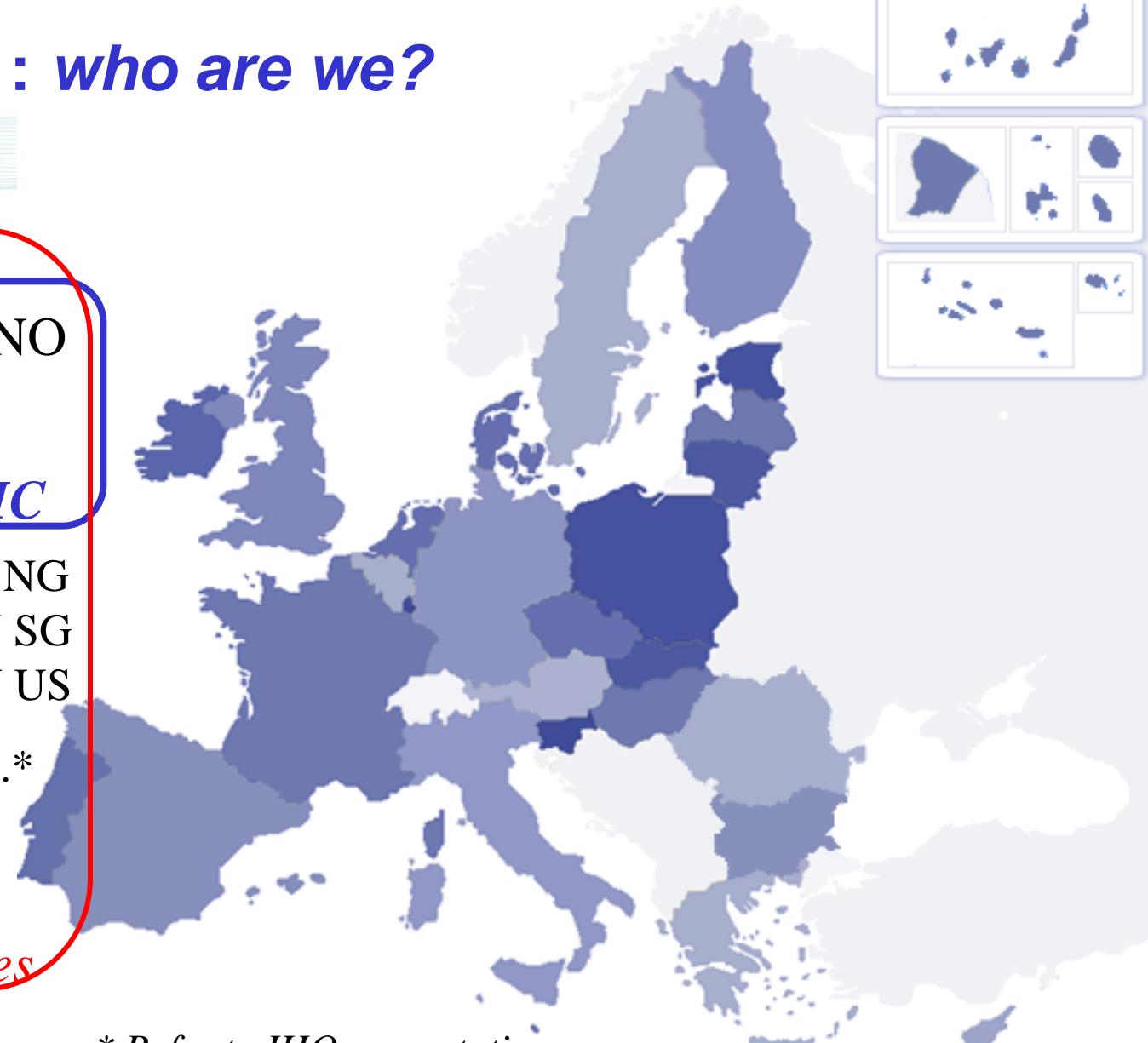
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*EU HOs*

*IHO Member States*

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Etc.\*

*\* Refer to IHO presentation*



## 2 HOs capabilities: *what is hydrography?*

***“Hydrography is the branch of applied sciences which deals with the measurement and description of the physical features of oceans, seas, coastal areas, ..., as well as with the prediction of their evolution, for the primary purpose of safety of navigation and in support of all other marine activities, including economic development, security and defence, scientific research, and environmental protection”***

***(Source : IHO 4thEIHC Decision n°2 , and IHO S-32 Hydrographic Dictionary)***



## 2 HOs capabilities: *what are they?*

*Responsibilities (varies from country to country):*

- ***Operation of hydrographic services (surveying, charting, tidal and water level forecasting, nautical warning services) as mandated under international law by the SOLAS Convention for maritime safety***
  - *Includes electronic charting, marine GIS*
- ***Administration of national EEZ***
- ***Marine spatial planning***
- ***Marine meteorology (cooperation with WMO)***
- ***Oceanography, National Oceanographic Data Centre (cooperation with IOC)***
- ***Marine environmental monitoring***
- ***Aids to navigation (cooperation with IALA)***
- ***Search and Rescue, Coast Guard***
- ***Maritime security***
- ***Capacity building***

*Core competence of HOs is collecting data about the sea, and providing related data services to shipping (merchant and Navy) and all other customers, e.g. for coastal zone administration, commerce and marine industry*





# 3. Goals

- ***To improve mutual knowledge of the EC projects and maritime policies***
- ***To make sure that, at the EC level, there is a clear understanding of IHO/HOs responsibilities, activities (and business model)***
- ***To get guidance and suggestions in order to draft a joint roadmap as an enabler to make sure that HOs / IHO take into account EC priority tasks into their national and IHO programmes of work***



# *QUESTIONS ?*

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