



Report on the 10th North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission Meeting to the IRCC



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Members: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Kingdom.

Associate Members: France, Oman, Pakistan, Seychelles, USA.

Observers: Malaysia.

1. The 10th NIOHC meeting was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh (23 – 24 February 2010).
2. The status of important activities of the NIOHC during the past year is as follows:-
 - a) ENC coverage: It was reported that all the routes and top 800 ports have adequate coverage owing to the concerted efforts by MS and assistance of UKHO.
 - b) ENC coverage: There are still many issues with overlaps within the area. IHB suggested that if MS could not agree then it may pass to end user providers to clip the data.
 - c) The NIOHC disaster response contacts and plans were updated.
 - d) S-55 database was updated.
 - e) An updated status report on INT chart production in area 'J' was compiled by India and IHB advised.
 - f) MS were reminded to forward survey data within areas of INT charts to the INT chart producer for inclusion.
3. Through the National Reports forwarded by the MS there appears to be generic requirement for survey and training assistance. The highlights of other activities of the MS are: -
 - a) Bangladesh proposed changes to INT scheming within the NIOHC region.
 - b) India is increasing its survey fleet from eight ocean going survey vessels with the addition of six catamaran hull coastal survey vessels.
 - c) Mauritius has requested assistance from NIOHC MS to enable them to set up a hydrographic unit.
 - d) Myanmar has received a number of training placements in the last year.
 - e) Oman intends to set up production of ENC's, currently receiving training for ENC production.
 - f) Pakistan has undertaken a joint project with PNHD, US, Seychelles, Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia for a joint survey of the Seychelles.
 - g) Thailand has concentrated on the production of ENC's for coverage of their waters.
 - h) UKHO has created a new post dedicated to capacity building. Its key aims are to ensure that capacity building is properly considered in UKHO activity and that UKHO's capacity building activities are fully co-ordinated.

4. The net requirement of training in the region is as given below:-
- a) ENC course for 9 personnel
 - b) Multibeam course for 1 personnel