



## North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC) Report to IRCC3



**Chairman:** Rear Admiral Nick Lambert – UK

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

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

**Observers:** IHB, Malaysia, IOC, Fugro Survey, Jeppeson.

1. The 11th NIOHC meeting was held in New Delhi, India, 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 (attendees underlined above).

2. Main items under consideration:

### 2.1. INT Chart Scheme

India as Region J INT chart coordinator provided an update on INT charts within the region.

The formation of an NIOHC International Charting Coordination Working Group (IRCC Action No. 02/14) was discussed without agreement and MS agreed to revisit this proposal at the next NIOHC meeting.

### 2.2. ENC coverage

The IHB provided a strategic overview on the status of ENC coverage and the mandatory carriage of ECDIS.

The Chair (UK) provided diagrams of current ENC coverage within the NIOHC region; there is currently no regional ENC coordinator.

UK and India stated that if MS were not able to produce ENC's by the 2012 mandation date then they would be happy to assist.

### 2.3. Capacity Building (CB)

The establishment of a NIOHC CB Coordinator was discussed by MS and endorsed. It was agreed that Mr Jeff Bryant, UKHO, should share the duties of CB Coordinator for the NIOHC region with Commodore Badhwar (INHO) and build on the excellent CB work already undertaken by India

3. General aspects

The Commission would like to highlight that ENC coverage of the region is progressing well and that the small number of gaps are in the process of being addressed. The NIOHC meeting agreed that a regional CB Plan should be developed (following the process advocated by the IHO of awareness, assessment, analysis and action) and a draft plan will be ready for discussion at the next NIOHC meeting.

4. Conclusions

NIOHC is committed to carrying forward hydrographic, cartographic and capacity building activities in alignment with IHO objectives and goals.

The Commission would like to build on the considerable progress made by India on cooperation and capacity building in the area by agreeing a 2 year work plan with specific targets and deadlines.

5. Next meeting: Sri Lanka, February/March 2012

6. Proposals

The IRCC (and the WEND-WG) are invited to note this report.