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SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ISLANDS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (SAIHC)

SAIHC Report to IRCC03 Niteroi, Brazil, 26 – 27 May 2011

Chairman: Captain Abri KAMPFER, Hydrographer South Africa (2009 – present))

Membership: France, Mozambique, Mauritius, Norway, South Africa and United Kingdom.

Associate Members: Angola, Comoros, Kenya, Malawi, Madagascar, Tanzania, Portugal and Seychelles.

Observers: Brazil, USA

1. Meetings:

The 7th SAIHC Conference was held in St Gilles, La Réunion from 16 – 17 September 2009 and the 8th SAIHC Conference will be held in Luanda, Angola on 6 to 7 September 2011.

2. Status of IRCC Actions

IRCC02/01: *Adopt objectives to accelerate the process of ratification of the protocol of amendments to the IHO Convention in order to meet the end of 2011 deadline.*

Only applicable to two MS, South Africa and Mozambique. Process completed in South Africa and convinced approval instruments will be delivered in Monaco soon. Process ongoing in Mozambique.

IRCC02/02: *Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership.*

Standing agenda item for SAIHC Conference. Associate Member States are also continuously encouraged to consider applying for IHO membership.

IRCC02/05: *Report to IRCC3 on:*

a. the methodology used for assessing and displaying survey status, taking into account navigational and MSDI requirements.

C-55 is still the only tool utilized for assessing and displaying survey status. Member States are encouraged to continuously provide updates to ensure the validity of the data. Online facility for updating should be considered.

b. the implementation of the guidance for the preparation and maintenance of International chart schemes (CL 23/2010 of 3 March 2010).

South Africa as the Chart Coordinator for Area H works closely with all the Member States with charting responsibilities with positive results. CL 23/2010 of 3 March 2010 will be tabled at the 8th SAIHC Conference for discussion.

c. their experience in dealing with marine disasters in relation with IHO guidelines (TR 1/2005).

Nothing to report.

d. strategies to involve non-IHO MSs in RHC's activities.

The Chair of SAIHC communicates all IHO training opportunities to the SAIHC Associate Member States. All are encouraged to communicate Capacity Building requirements to the Chair and to participate in SAIHC Capacity Building Training Opportunities. Technical Visits are considered to be the most important tool to interact with decision makers in the various states.

IRCC02/12: Request follow up reports from recipients of CB Fund support and submit them to the IHB.

Feedback requested on 27 July 2010. Recipients responded to the IHB.

3. Proposals

IRCC is invited to note the content of this report