

ROPME SEA AREA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (RSAHC) REPORT 2011-2012

Singapore, 7-8 June 2012

1. **Chair:** Cdr. Thani al Mahrouki, (Oman).
- Vice-Chair:** Mr. Vladan JANKOVIC (Qatar).

2. Membership:

Members:

Bahrain, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates.

Associate Members:

United Kingdom, United States of America.

Observers:

Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME), Middle East Navigation Service (MENAS) and Arabian Maritime and Navigation Aids Services (AMNAS).

IHB Representatives:

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA (Director) and Mr. Steve SHIPMAN (PAH)

3. Meetings.

- a. 4th Meeting - Muscat, Oman (21-22 March 2011).
- b. 5th Meeting will be in March 2013. The venue will be in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (To be confirmed).

4. Agenda of Items:

The main subjects dealt with during the 4th meeting are:

- a. Review of the Statutes of the Commission.
- b. Report of the IHB.
- c. National Reports.
- d. Review of Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting in the ROPME Sea Area Region (IHO Special Publication C-55 and questionnaires / updates from RSAHC Countries).
- e. Establishment of RSAICC-WG (IHO CL23/2010).
- f. Progress on the implementation of the INT Chart Scheme.
- g. Progress on the implementation of ENC coverage and other ENC issues.
- h. New techniques and equipment in Hydrography and Oceanography.
- i. Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings within NAVAREA IX area, MSI in NAVAREA IX and the implementation of GMDSS.
- j. Capacity Building matters.

- k. RSAHC input to WEND-WG.
- l. Development of Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) in the region.
- m. Engagement of ROPME Sea Area members with IHB, IHO, IRCC and IHOWGs.

5. CB

LOS workshop was conducted in Muscat between the period 11-15 February 2012.

6. Proposals

IRCC is invited to note the content of this report