



SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ISLANDS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (SAIHC)

Report to IRCC 5 Submitted by SAIHC Chairman

- 1. Chairman:** Captain Abri KAMPFER, Hydrographer South Africa
Vice Chairman: Mr Abdool Oozeer, Senior Chief Executive of the Ministry of Housing and Lands, Mauritius
 - 2. Membership:** France, Mozambique, Mauritius, Norway, South Africa and United Kingdom.
 - 3. Associate Members:** Angola, Kenya, Malawi, Madagascar, Tanzania, Portugal, Comoros, Namibia and Seychelles.
- Observers:** Brazil and United States of America

Previous Meeting:

9th SAIHC Conference Mauritius – 18 - 19 September 2012

4. Agenda Items

The SAIHC Conferences tend to work to a standing agenda with modifications for new issues as they arise. The principal agenda items dealt with during the above-mentioned meetings are:

- Feedback from other IHO Bodies affecting SAIHC
 - IRCC
 - CBSC
 - IHB
- SAIHC Activities in the light of IHO Workprogramme
 - INT chart scheme for Region H and NAVAREA VII Self Assessment: Progress made since last meeting; actual Charting Status; ENC production status; new requirements and modifications proposed to the scheme.
 - Bilateral and Regional Cooperation Agreements, Projects and Regional Capacity Building Management Plan. CBSC Technical Visits and Regional Projects.
 - Presentation of National Reports: Hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, nautical publications and information status
 - Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting (C-55)
 - Procedures in response to Marine Disasters

- Marine / Hydrographic Spatial Data Infrastructure
- Feedback on Regional Projects
- Revision of SAIHC Statutes

5. Status of IRCC actions (relevant for the SAIHC)

No	ACTION	RESP.	COMMENTS
IRCC4/01	Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership.	RHCs	Discussed at 9 th SAIHC and confirmation that all are in process
IRCC4/06	Comply with the CBSC Procedures and ensure the timely provision of the appropriate documentation that justify expenses associated to CB projects, and to demand refund, if needed, not later than one month after the event has finalized.	RHC	Compliance achieved
IRCC4/07	Invite GEBCO Guiding Committee / Bathymetric Regional Project Chairs to attend corresponding RHCs meetings, aiming at strengthening collaboration with a priority on improving high resolution shallow water bathymetry at the regional level.	RHCs / GEBCO	Standing invitation. GEBCO Delegate invited to 9 th SAIHC, but unable to attend at last moment, but contributed a presentation.
IRCC4/08	a) Circulate draft C-55 framework developed by Australia. b) RHCs to provide comments to Chair. c) Chair to provide final version to IHB	a) Chair b) RHCs c) Chair	No inputs, but ready to contribute.
IRCC4/09	Consider amending Statutes of the RHCs in order to allow non-IHO MSs to host RHCs conferences, when and if applicable.	RHCs	Standing practise in SAIHC where majority are non-IHO MSs
IRCC4/13	Provide written feedback on Annexes B and C of WEND Principles (CONF.18/WP3) according to 18 th IHC Decision 13	RHCs	Done
IRCC4/17	Circulate the paper " A Blueprint for Ocean and Coastal Sustainability " to RHCs to be used as a raising awareness tool.	Chair RHCs	Provided paper as an information document at 9 th SAIHC

No	ACTION	RESP.	COMMENTS
IRCC4/18	Provide the IRCC Chair with their report on the progress of the relevant tasks of the IHO 2012 Work Programme.	RHCs and IRCC subsidiary organs	Normal progress
IRCC4/20	Review the relevant tasks of the IHO 2013 Work Programme in their respective work plans and report on suggested updates, if any, to the IRCC Chair	RHCs and IRCC subsidiary organs	Done. No updates required
IRCC4/27	Inform MSs of the IMO's transition to and the implication of the mandatory IMO Member States Audit Scheme from 2015	RHC Chairs	Communicated
IRCC4/30	Consider the participation of the stakeholders at the RHC conferences	RHC Chairs	Standard practise in SAIHC for a number of years
IRCC4/32	Provide to the IRCC Chair the estimated values of SPIs and agreed WPIs as of 31 December 2012 and target values for 31 December 2017	RHC Chairs	Not completed, will address at next SAIHC Conference
IRCC4 05/2013 IHO WP2013 3.2.11	Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership.	RHCs	All made aware that progress should be monitored
IRCC4 07/2013	Secure the ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention.	RHCs	Only one MS still outstanding, but reported to be in progress.
IRCC4 08/2013 IHO WP2013 3.4.3	Contribute to the development of C-55.	RHCs and Chair	Ready to contribute
IRCC4 09/2013	Contribute to improving the framework of IHO response to marine disasters.	RHCs	No experience in region, but emergency contact list to be finalised at next SAIHC Conference.
IRCC4 10/2013	Contribute to monitoring and improving the global status of hydrographic surveying.	RHCs	Ongoing.

6. INT Chart Scheme

The first SAIHC INT Chart Coordinating Committee Meeting was convened in the margins of the 9th SAIHC Conference and the discussions were found to be of great value. Good charting progress was made in charting Region H with reference to the INT Chart Catalogue, IHO S-11. Seven new INT Charts has been produced and it is expected that more successes

will be reported at the next SAIHC Conference.

7. ENC Production Status

ENC coverage is similar to that of INT paper chart coverage and this is mainly due to the sterling efforts of the SAIHC Member States with charting responsibilities. Deficiencies in charting coverage will only be improved through modern surveys as the lack of data is the main inhibitor.

8. Capacity Building Projects

The 2012 IHO Capacity Building Work Programme allowed for the provision of support for the delivery and attendance of a Phase 1 Skills Training Course with the objective of giving participants a highly practical introduction to the assessment and promulgation of navigational significant information. The course was held at Fish Hoek, South Africa from 26-30 November 2012 and very good attendance was achieved with only two Associate MS not attending. Technical visits to Kenya, Tanzania and Mozambique were also achieved by experts. SAIHC MS contributing staff members for technical visits were UK, Norway, Portugal and South Africa.

9. Venue and date of next meeting

The 9th SAIHC Conference will be held in Lisbon, Portugal on 18 and 19 September 2013.

10. Actions required from IRCC5

IRCC is invited to note this report