

South East Pacific Hydrographic Commission (SEPHC)

Report to IRCC-6

Submitted by SEPHC Chairman

- 1. Chairman:** Rear Admiral Hugo VERÁN M, Hydrographer of Perú
- 2. Membership:** Chile – Colombia – Ecuador - Perú.
Observers: IHO Representative – Panamá
- 3. Meetings:**

Last Meeting: SEPHC11 was held in Lima, Perú 17 – 19, June 2013.

Next Meeting: SEPHC12 to be held in Quito, Ecuador.

4. Status of achievement of IRCC5 List of Actions and Tasks:

No.	LIST OF ACTIONS	RESP.	COMMENTS
IRCC5/01	Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership.	RHCs	Chile: Pending application is in Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ecuador and Colombia in similar situation.
IRCC5/02	Continue to engage pending applicants in their region to encourage the ratification of the IHO Convention		Chile and Peru have ratified and Colombia and Ecuador are considering this issue.
IRCC5/04	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	RHCs	All procedures have been completed during 2013.
IRCC5/06	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 (6)	RHCs	SEPHC Chairmanship invited GEBCO authorities to XI SEPHC meeting with no success.
IRCC5/07	Consider the participation of the stakeholder at the RHC conference	RHC Chairs	SEPHC Chairmanship takes permanently in mind this recommendation

IRCC5/14	b) Chair to circulate it to IRCC Members for comments. c) Provide this input to IHB for consideration. (3)		The SEPHC Chair has not received any document for comment
IRCC5/19	Provide to the IRCC Chair the estimated values of SPIs and agreed WPIs as of 31 December 2013 and target values for 31 December 2017, complemented by the comments on the difficulties encountered and suggestions for the way forward	RHC Chairs	Accomplished. It was sent by e-mail.
IRCC5/28	Encourage RHCs to support GEBCO regional mapping projects and report back to IRCC (6)	RHC Chairs	During XIth CHPSE was dealt this subject.
IRCC5/29	Encourage participation of Stakeholder in the region on IFHS-IHO Stake holders Conference of October 2013(7)	RHC Chairs	The SEPHC Members do not have a particular identified need for a stakeholders' forum
IRCC5/34	Encourage Member States and representatives of industry and academia to promote and to work together to ensure that the best possible use is made of Satellite. Derived bathymetry (11)	RHC Chairs	Due to it is a new topic. SEPHC has considered putting this issue on the Agenda of the next XIIa. SEPHC meeting.
IRCC5/35	Encourage discussions on how Crowd Source bathymetry can be used in official navigational products and report back to IRCC6 (11)	RHC Chairs	SEPHC Chairmanship has considered putting this subject on the Agenda of the next XIIa. SEPHC meeting.
IRCC5/36	Provide material to the IHB to promote the achievements of IRCC Bodies including CBSC, GEBCO.	Permanent	SEPHC Chairmanship encourages to MSs to provide referenced material.

	IRCC TASKS		
IRCC5 05/2013	Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership	RHCs	Chile informed that the Brunei Darussalan and Georgia applications are in Ministry of Foreign Affairs of its country. Peru informed that the Brunei Darusalan application is in Ministry of Foreign Affairs of its country. This Chairmanship has invited Ecuador and Colombia to progress and monitor this procedure.

IRCC5 06/2013	Encourage the ratification of the IHO Convention by approved applicants	RHCs	This Chairmanship has invited SEPHC members to progress and monitor this procedure
IRCC5 07/2013	Secure the ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention	RHCs	Chile and Peru have ratified and Colombia and Ecuador are considering this issue.
IRCC5 08/2013 IHO WP2013 3.4.3	Contribute to the development of C-55	RHCs and Chair	The SEPHC stands ready to contribute to the New Scheme, format and objectives
IRCC5 09/2013	Contribute to improving the framework of IHO response to marine disasters.	RHCs	The SEPHC Members are well coordinated to face marine disasters. There are technical and political channels well established.
IRCC5 10/2013	Contribute to monitoring and improving the global status of hydrographic surveying	RHCs	The SEPHC stands ready to contribute to improve with this subject.

5. Other main items under consideration

5.1. INT Chart Scheme

There has been no progress in the production of the INT Chart series.

5.2. ENC Scheme

The table below shows the current situation, updated to April 29, 2014.

Country	Cells produced and delivered	Cells produced not yet delivered	Cells to be produced	Total cells
Chile	187	16	16	219
Colombia	39 NCR	11 NCR	22 NCR	72 NCR
Ecuador	0 NCR	48 NCR	14 NCR	62 NCR
Peru	122	8	6	136
Total	348	83	58	489

*NCR – No changes reported.

5.3. SEPH Coordination Working Groups

All Coordination Working Groups of the Commission (HSSC, IRCC, CBSC and WEND) have been working by e-mail. Objectives have been partially reached.

6. Conclusions

Thanks to the support of CBSC and CBSC Fund, SEPHC Members States are identifying common areas concerning hydrography and cartography. This will lead to work on a common technical language in our region which will enhance the opportunities for information exchange and to have common tools.

On the other hand, we can note the IRCC keeps on in a constant reviewing of our commitments and objectives. At the same time, we are aware of the development of their work of many of them. So, SEPHC expects to achieve the IHO objectives according to our own capabilities.