



SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ISLANDS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (SAIHC)

Report to IRCC 6 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:

10th SAIHC Conference Lisbon, Portugal – 16 – 18 September 2013

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 conferences 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

The SAIHC meets every year to discuss developments, co-operation and capacity building and submit national reports with respect to hydrographic matters in the member countries.

5. IHO Work Programme

Participation in Programme 2 of the IHO WP 13 is limited to member state attendance of the various committees and participation in the workings of the various technical working groups. The execution of the tasks of Programme 3 relevant to SAIHC was achieved for serials 3.0, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8. The successful execution of these tasks was mainly due to the attendance of the IRCC and CBSC by the SAIHC Chair where feedback was provided and capacity building submissions were submitted. The two CB projects scheduled for execution in 2013 were also successfully completed and reports have been submitted to the IHB. The 10TH SAIHC Conference proved again to be most beneficial to monitor the performance of all members and associate members of SAIHC and to sensitize participants on the contents and objectives of the IHO WP 13.

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

No	ACTION	RESP.	COMMENTS
IRCC5/01	Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership.	RHCs	Discussed at 10 th SAIHC and confirmation that the process is ongoing
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.	RHC	Compliance achieved
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.	RHCs / GEBCO	Standing invitation. GEBCO Delegate invited to 10 th SAIHC, but unable to attend. Support to GEBCO an ongoing discussion item on SAIHC agenda
IRCC5/07	Consider the participation of the stakeholders at the RHC conferences	RHC Chairs	Standing practise in SAIHC to invite members of industry
IRCC5/16	Provide the IRCC Chair with their report on the progress of the relevant tasks of the IHO 2013 Work Programme.	RHCs and IRCC subsidiary organs	Done
IRCC5/18	Publicize the IHO CB Stakeholders Seminar	RHC Chairs	Communicated to delegates of 10 th SAIHC Conference
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	No updates

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IRCC5/20	Consider proposing agenda items to the next EIHC5	RHC Chairs	No inputs
IRCC5/28	Encourage RHCs to support GEBCO regional mapping projects and report back to IRCC (6)	RHC Chairs	Communicated at 10 th SAIHC Conference. Some interaction has already taken place.
IRCC5/29	Encourage participation of Stakeholders in the region on IFHS-IHO Stakeholders Conference of October 2013	RHC Chairs	Communicated at 10 th SAIHC Conference
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	Discussed at 10 th SAIHC Conference. Further Presentations planned for 11 th SAIHC Conference
IRCC5/35	Encourage discussions on how Crowd Source Bathymetry can be used in official navigational products and report back to IRCC6	RHC Chairs	Planned for 11 th SAIHC Conference
IRCC5 05/2013 IHO WP2013 3.2.11	Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership.	RHCs	Standing Agenda Item at SAIHC Conferences. All made aware that progress should be monitored
IRCC5 07/2013	Secure the ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention	RHCs	Standing Agenda Item at SAIHC Conferences. All made aware that progress should be monitored.
IRCC5 08/2013 IHO WP2013 3.4.3	Contribute to the development of C-55.	RHCs and Chair	Ready to contribute
IRCC5 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.
IRCC5 10/2013	Contribute to monitoring and improving the global status of hydrographic surveying.	RHCs	Standing Agenda Item at SAIHC Conferences.

7. INT Chart Scheme

The 2nd SAIHC INT Chart Coordinating Committee Meeting was convened prior to the 10th 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. Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the SAIHC ICCWG have been published and the document is available at: http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/rhc/SAIHC/SAIHC_Misc/SAIHC_ICCWG_ToR_RoP.pdf

8. 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.

9. Capacity Building Projects

SAIHC, at its last meeting (Sept 2013, Lisbon, Portugal), considering the IHO CBSC guidelines, approved a Capacity Building Plan. The SAIHC CB Plan considers the IHO Objectives and Strategic Directions, together with the peculiarities of the SAIHC region. A submission for two projects for 2015 has been made to the IHO CBSC.

10. Venue and date of next meeting

The 11th SAIHC Conference will be held in Maputo, Mozambique on 12 and 13 August 2014.

11. Actions required from IRCC5

IRCC is invited to note this report