

**SIXTH MEETING OF THE IHO INTER REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
IHO-IRCC6**

Paris, France, 19 – 20 May 2014

REPORT OF THE NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

1. Chair: Vice Admiral Witoon Tantigun (Thailand)
Vice Chair: Rear Admiral Tom Karsten (United Kingdom)

2. Membership
Members: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Myanmar, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Kingdom.
Associate Members: Australia, France, Oman, Mauritius, Seychelles, USA.
Observers: Malaysia.

3. Meetings: 14th NIOHC Conference, 26 – 28 February 2014, Bangkok, Thailand

4. IHO Capacity Building
 - 4.1. 2013

Event	Venue	Status
Technical and Advisory Visits	Eritrea	Cancelled
Technical and Advisory Visits	Sudan	Cancelled
Technical and Advisory Visits	Sri Lanka	6-10 January 2014
Advanced Chart Production	Sri Lanka	11-15 Feb 2013
2-weeks Regional Training Course on Basic Hydrography and Hydrographic Awareness (SWPHC and NIOHC)	Suva, Fiji	10-21 Feb 2014

4.2. 2014

Event	Venue	Date
Technical and Advisory Visits	Jordan	TBD
MSI (training on establishment of MSI structure and basic MSI procedures)	Oman	TBD
Advanced Chart Production	Myanmar	3-7 Mar 2014

Advanced ENC Production	Bangladesh	4-8 May 2014
Development of a Regional Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) Workshop	-	Cancelled

5. Status of IRCC5 actions (relevant for the NIOHC)

5.1. IRCC5/01 Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership – **In the 14th NIOHC Conference, MS were encouraged to approve pending applications for IHO membership.**

5.2. 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 - **In the 14th NIOHC Conference, the CBSC procedure together with a CBSC website was mentioned and MS involved were encouraged to follow the procedure.**

5.3. 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 – **Chair of GEBCO attended and gave presentation in the 14th NIOHC Conference.**

5.4. IRCC5/07 Consider the participation of the stakeholders at the RHC conferences – **Industrial sectors attended and gave presentation in the 14th NIOHC Conference.**

5.5. 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 – **No proposals.**

5.6. IRCC5/20 Consider proposing agenda items to the next EIHC5 – **No proposals.**

5.7. IRCC5/28 Encourage RHCs to support GEBCO regional mapping projects and report back to IRCC - **In the 14th NIOHC Conference, MS were encouraged to support GEBCO regional mapping projects.**

5.8. 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 – **The topic was presented and discussed in the 14th NIOHC Conference.**

5.9. IRCC5/35 Encourage discussions on how Crowd Source Bathymetry can be used in official navigational products and report back to IRCC6 – **The topic was presented and discussed in the 14th NIOHC Conference.**

5.10. IRCC5/36 Provide material to the IHB to promote the achievements of IRCC Bodies including CBSC, GEBCO – **in the future.**