

**7th MEETING OF THE IHO-INTER REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
IHO IRCC-7
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, 01-03 JUNE 2015**

Input from HSSC-6

Submitted by:	Secretary, HSSC
Executive Summary:	This liaison report outlines the outcomes from the sixth meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC-6) of interest to the IRCC.

General

1. The sixth meeting of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) took place in Viña del Mar, Chile, hosted by the Hydrographic Office of Chile (Servicio Hidrográfico y Oceanográfico de la Armada - SHOA), from 10 to 14 November 2014. The meeting was attended by 44 representatives from 18 Member States, the IHB, and six international organizations accredited as observers.
2. The final minutes of HSSC-6, together with the list of actions arising from the meeting are available from the HSSC page of the IHO website (www.iho.int > Committees & WG > HSSC), at section HSSC 6. The consolidated HSSC Work Plan 2015-2016 is also available from that page, at section Miscellaneous.
3. The 7th HSSC meeting (HSSC-7) will be hosted by the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administration (KHOA) and held from 9 to 13 November 2015, in Busan, Republic of Korea.

Reorganized structure of the working groups of the HSSC

4. The HSSC agreed at HSSC-6 on the implementation of a new structure including four new working groups(WG):
 - S-100WG,
 - ENC Standards Maintenance WG,
 - Nautical Information Provision WG,
 - Tides, Water Level and Currents WG.
5. The HSSC agreed to the continuation - under their current terms of reference - of the Chart Standardization and Paper Chart WG (CSPCWG), to be renamed the Nautical Cartography WG (NCWG), the Data Protection Scheme WG and the Data Quality WG. The continuing existence of these working groups will be subject to annual review and further consideration of their interactions with the new working groups.
6. The HSSC approved the transfer of the Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures WG (MSDIWG) from the HSSC to the IRCC (see paragraph 9 below).
7. The HSSC tasked the Directing Committee to seek the views of the Member States on the scope, topics and work items, if any, to be addressed through the possible establishment of a Hydrographic Surveys WG (see paragraph 11 below).

Consideration of the outcome of IRCC-6

8. The IRCC Vice-Chair reported on IRCC activities impacting the HSSC.
9. The HSSC approved the transfer of the MSDIWG under the IRCC from 1 Jan. 2015, and agreed on the MSDIWG draft work plan 2015-16 for further consideration by the IRCC. The Committee decided that the agenda of future HSSC meeting will include a specific item on MSDIWG activities affecting HSSC.
10. The HSSC welcomed the instruction given to the WENDWG to assess the impact and consistency of updates for ENCs and paper charts and to include this as a permanent agenda item.

Issues referred to the IRCC

11. IHO CL 25/2015 dated 17 March invites Member States to provide their views on the adequacy of S-44 - *IHO Standards for Hydrographic Surveys*, on related work items which might be relevant, if any, and on the possible establishment of a dedicated Hydrographic Surveys WG. These views may be impacted by the development of an IHO policy for trusted crowd-sourced bathymetry in accordance with Decision No. 8 of EIHC-5.

12. Noting the report of the Correspondence Group of the WWNWS Sub-Committee on the development of a Product Specification for Navigational Warnings (S-124), the HSSC confirms the relevance of liaison with the S-100WG.

13. The HSSC expects feedback from the WENDWG on action IRCC6/35 (WENDWG to assess how representative are the performance indicators based solely on the inputs from PRIMAR and IC-ENC, and propose alternatives, if appropriate), in time for consideration at HSSC-7.

Proposals

14. IRCC is invited to

- a. **Note** this report;
- b. **Consider** the draft MSDIWG work plan for 2015-16;
- c. **Consider** the impact of the development of an IHO policy for trusted crowd-sourced bathymetry on the possible establishment of a Hydrographic Surveys WG;
- d. **Request** the S-124 CG to liaise with the S-100WG;
- e. **Request** the WENDWG to report on action IRCC6/35 in time for consideration at HSSC-7;
- f. **Take** any other actions as it considers appropriate.