

SEVENTH MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

IHO-IRCC7

Mexico City, Mexico, 01-03 June 2015

DRAFT LIST OF DECISIONS AGREED AT IRCC7

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1	the IRCC endorsed the revised IRCC ToR. (Annex NNN).
2	the IRCC noted the reports of the Chair and the IHB.
3	<p>the IRCC agreed to the following procedures for Regional INT Chart Coordinators to monitor and validate of the INT Chart production as an experimental phase for two years before final approval:</p> <p>a. New INT Chart Producer Nations to provide first edition INT charts to Regional INT Chart Coordinator (or ICCWG);</p> <p>b. INT Chart Coordinators/ICCWGs to manage the review of the first edition INT charts produced by new INT Chart Producer Nations to check their compliance with IHO standards, provide feedback to the Producer and to report progress to the next RHC meeting;</p> <p>c. All INT Chart Producer Nations to provide first edition and new edition INT charts to Regional INT Chart Coordinator (or ICCWG) 3 months prior to every RHC meeting to enable Regional INT Chart Coordinator (or ICCWG) to validate current INT chart Scheme;</p> <p>d. All editions of INT charts submitted under paragraphs a and b, to be subsequently transferred to the IHB to be included in the IHB reference collection for internal use; and</p> <p>e. IHO Member States to provide an update of the list of on-line chart catalogues, either directly or when updating the Yearbook.</p>
4	the IRCC decided to add the topic of satellite-derived bathymetry as a standing agenda item at all future IRCC meeting.
5	the IRCC noted the high level of engagement for the implementation of capacity building activities being undertaken in the SWPHC region.
6	the IRCC noted the SWPHC's significant collaborative and cooperative association with IMO, IALA, SPC and development agencies in moving forward with combined initiatives to raise awareness of hydrography and deliver practical improvements in the region.
7	the IRCC noted New Zealand's commitment to conduct additional hydrographic risk assessments and chart remediation programmes for a number of SW Pacific nations.
8	the IRCC noted Vanuatu's recent application for IHO membership.
9	the IRCC agreed on the need to update IHO publication C-16 - <i>National Hydrographic Regulations</i> , and for the IRCC Chair to seek input from RHC Chairs, to allow a subsequent new edition of C-16 to be published by IHB.

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10	the IRCC noted the NIOHC support for an IHO resolution on Maximising Hydrographic Data.
11	the IRCC agreed to encourage greater communication between ICCWG coordinators.
12	the IRCC noted the reports under agenda item 7 (docs IRCC7-07A, IRCC7-07B, IRCC7-07C, IRCC7-07D, IRCC7-07E, IRCC7-07F, IRCC7-07G, IRCC7-07H, IRCC7-07I, IRCC7-07J, IRCC7-07K, IRCC7-07L, IRCC7-07M, IRCC7-07N, IRCC7-07O).
13	the IRCC endorsed the proposed procedure for the maintenance of the IHO Publication S-53 which is to place the relevant annex to <u>MSC.1/Circ.1310/Rev.1</u> under the cover of IHO S-53 and its Preface.
14	the IRCC endorsed the proposal described in doc IRCC7-08B2, to submit proposed revised texts to MSI documents directly to IMO by the IHB due to the tight timeline for submission to the IMO.
15	the IRCC noted the potential impact caused by the existing resource limitations of the IHB secretariat to support the administration of the CB programme.
16	the IRCC invited its members and the IHB to allocate additional contributions to the CB Fund.
17	the IRCC approved the proposed amended ToR for the MSDIWG.
18	the IRCC confirmed the MSDIWG to continue its work under its revised ToR.
19	the IRCC approved the proposed MSDIWG Work Programme.
20	the IRCC noted the establishment of the MSDI training syllabus by the MSDIWG.
21	the IRCC noted the potential impact caused by the existing resource limitations of the IHO secretariat to support the administration of IBSC activities.
22	the IRCC endorsed the new edition of S-5B.
23	the IRCC endorsed the IBSC work plan for the development of new edition of the standards S-5A, S-5B, S-8A, S-8B).
24	the IRCC noted the reports / papers under agenda item 8 (docs IRCC7-08A, IRCC7-08B1, IRCC7-08B2, IRCC7-08C, IRCC7-08E, IRCC7-08F, IRCC7-08G1, IRCC7-08G2, IRCC7-08H, IRCC7-13C).
25	the IRCC approved the WENDWG WP for 2015-2016.
26	the IRCC approved the continuation of the WENDWG under its current ToR.
27	the IRCC noted the work items K.1 and K.2 in the proposed WENDWG 2015-16 work programme (as given in Annex) for addressing information overlay issues.
28	the IRCC commended the work of the RENCs in their support to the WENDWG and the IHB and accepted their offer for the RHCs/ICCWG/ENC Chart Coordinators and IHB to use the RENC Coverage and Overlap Checker on-line tool [designed by PRIMAR].
29	the IRCC decided to accept the offer made by the RENCs (on the RENC coverage and overlap checker on-line tool), and agrees to invite the IHB to issue a CL announcing the availability of this tool for RHCs/ ICCWG Coordinator, IHB (password protected for

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	every charting Region).
30	the IRCC noted work items J1 to J.4 in the proposed WENDWG work programme for 2015-16 (as given in Annex) are intended to address EIHC5 Decision No 12 on the implementation of the WEND Principles.
31	the IRCC agreed that no further action should be taken for the moment for amending the WEND Principles and Guidelines.
32	the IRCC noted the reports under agenda item 9 (docs IRCC7-08D, IRCC7-09A, IRCC7-09B, IRCC7-09C and IRCC7-09D).
33	the IRCC noted the report of the HSSC (doc. IRCC7-10A).
34	the IRCC noted the potential impact of the development of an IHO policy for trusted crowd-sourced bathymetry on the possible establishment of a Hydrographic Surveys WG.
35	the IRCC noted the report on relations with other international organizations and IHO stakeholders (doc. IRCC-10B).
36	the IRCC noted the list of events in Annexes 1 to 4 of the report on relations with other international organizations and IHO stakeholders and how the IHO might be represented in those events considered relevant.
37	the IRCC noted the relevance of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 on the applicable IHO Resolutions and activities.
38	the IRCC established a Crowd-Sourced Bathymetry Working Group (CSBWG) under the Terms of Reference contained in Annex A to doc. IRCC7-11A.
39	the IRCC appointed the Director of the IHO DCDB as the Chair of the CSBWG.
40	the IRCC noted the papers concerning access to bathymetric data (docs. IRCC7-11B and 11E) and decided to prepare a relevant supplement or additional chapter, as appropriate, to C-17-Spatial Data Infrastructures: “ <i>The Marine Dimension</i> ” - <i>Guidance for Hydrographic Offices</i> and to seek examples of national legislation that enable government access to bathymetric data collected for commercial or scientific purposes for inclusion in IHO publication C-16 - <i>National Hydrographic Regulations</i> (see also Action IRCC7-30).
41	<p>the IRCC noted the recommendations outlined in paragraphs 15 to 18 of the paper on <i>Considerations on the development of the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO)</i> (doc. IRCC7-11D.) and agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the development of the GEBCO Data Store should be coordinated with the current upgrade of the IHO DCDB that is intended to improve support for CSB and ocean mapping data discovery; 2. mechanisms should be developed to promote the collection of bathymetric data from scientific and crowd- sourced cruises and to ensure that the data is made available to GEBCO, accompanied by appropriate metadata, through the IHO DCDB; 3. methods and initiatives to improve the recognition of GEBCO as the “the most authoritative publicly available bathymetry of the world’s oceans” in support of global and regional programmes related with Earth observation and monitoring should be identified; and

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	4. affordable methods to produce geo-referenced raster copies of the repository of GEBCO ocean maps and plotting sheets that are held at the IHB should be further identified and, if appropriate, the relevant specifications should be developed.
42	the IRCC noted the other reports under agenda item 11 (docs IRCC7-11A, IRCC7-11C, IRCC7-11D, IRCC7-11F, IRCC7-11G, IRCC7-11H).
43	the IRCC noted the report on GIS developments at the IHB (doc IRCC7-12A).
44	the IRCC noted the reports from Japan and The Philippines on responses to natural disasters (docs IRCC7-13A and IRCC7-13B).
45	the IRCC noted the report on SPIs and WPIs (docs IRCC7-14A).
46	the IRCC invited the IHB to revise the IRCC Work Programme based on the decisions and discussions that took place in the meeting and circulate the resultant programme for comment together with the draft record of the meeting.
47	the IRCC decided to continue holding its meetings over three days.
48	the IRCC decided that consideration of the potential impact of the new structure that will be established with the approval of the amendments to the IHO Convention on the roles and functions of the IRCC should be included as an agenda item at IRCC8.
49	the IRCC accepted the offer of the UAE to host IRCC8 in UAE (Abu Dhabi) from 29 to 31 May 2016 back to back with CBSC14.
50	the IRCC accepted the tentative offer of Suriname to hold IRCC9 in Suriname (Paramaribo) in 2017.
51	the IRCC accepted the tentative offer of India to hold IRCC10 in India (Goa) in 2018.