

5th Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group Meeting (MSDIWG)

Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, February, 5-7, 2014

Summary of MSDI final minutes from HSSC5

5.7 Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group (MSDIWG)

Docs: HSSC5-05.7A rev2 Report and Recommendations of MSDIWG (MSDIWG Chair)

HSSC5-05.7B IHO Participation in the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) (IHB)

The MSDIWG Chair presented the report and the recommendations of the working group (see MSDIWG presentation). He noted that a new work plan (presented in the report) had been established in order to cope with new challenges.

UK noted that the issues to be addressed by the MSDIWG look more educational than technical and questioned whether the working group should sit under HSSC rather than IRCC.

Chile expressed concerns about the proposed amendments to the TOR as they appear to expand the scope of the working group and questioned the role of the working group in relation with national activities.

Canada shared the concerns of Chile and questioned also whether the working group should have a coordination role or a technical role.

The Chair noted that there appears to be many national and regional activities and therefore did not see how the working group could provide any direction to all these initiatives. However, he would welcome that the working group identifies the lessons to be learned from these initiatives. The MSDIWG Vice-Chair confirmed that the working group has no intention to coordinate national projects, but rather aims to learning from the similarities and best case practices with a view to applying them to future MSDI work.

The TSMAD Chair offered the assistance of TSMAD to implement the S-100 content model, but recommended that there might be a need to investigate if there are any divergences with other content models such as the INSPIRE model.

Australia questioned also whether MSDI should be placed under HSSC as most of the work items seem to deal with capacity building or regional coordination issues.

A drafting group (Chair, Secretary, MSDIWG Chair and Vice-Chair) revised the proposed TOR and work plan and reported back to the Committee which reviewed the outcomes (see Annexes H and I).

The IHB presented the report on IHO participation in the United Nations initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) (see IHB presentation). The Committee endorsed the recommendation that the IHB continues to contribute to the UN-GGIM initiative on behalf of the IHO and invited the MSDIWG to consider the impact of the initiative on its work plan.

Outcome:

- The Committee noted the report of the MSDIWG and approved the revised TOR (as amended at the meeting – see Annex H), and the revised work plan (as amended at the meeting – see Annex I).
- The Committee noted the report on UN-GGIM and endorsed its recommendations.
- Action HSSC5/48: IHB to amend the terms of reference of MSDIWG as agreed by the Committee.
- Action HSSC5/49: MSDIWG to consider the impact of the UN-GGIM initiative on its work plan, taking into account the items identified in paragraph 11 of HSSC5-05.7B, and report to HSSC-6.