Workshop for INT Chart / ENC Coordinators IHB, Monaco, 25 April 2016

The first workshop for INT Chart / ENC Coordinators took place at the IHB in Monaco on 25 April, the day before the 2nd meeting of the Nautical Cartography Working Group (NCWG). Twenty delegates from 11 Member States (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Korea (Rep. of), Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom, USA), and the IHB Directing Committee attended the workshop. The INT Chart / ENC Coordinators of 14 charting regions out of 15 were present or represented. The workshop was moderated by Assistant Director Yves Guillam, supported by Mr Daniel Menini and Mr Yong Baek from the IHB.



Participants in the Workshop for INT Chart / ENC Coordinators

President Robert Ward welcomed the participants to the workshop. He highlighted the importance for them to make the best of the information session on the use of the new web based services for the maintenance of S-11 Part B – $Catalogue \ of \ INT \ charts$, for efficiency purposes in their region on one hand, and for improving the quality of the database in general on the other hand.

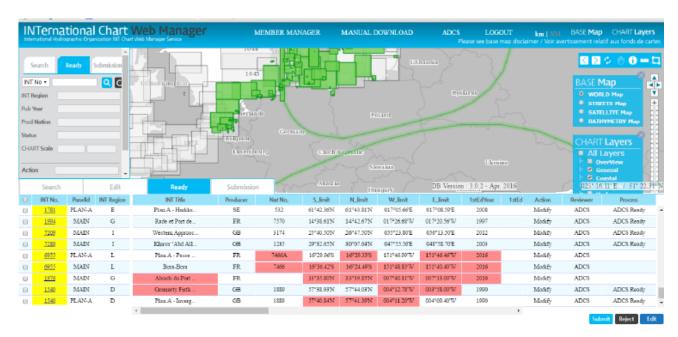
After a short overview of the relevant standards and publications, and a review of the fundamental principles that drive the concept of INT Charts and ENCs schemes, the Coordinators delivered their self-assessment reports. Most of the Coordinators consider that the INT chart schemes are now mature. As a consequence, the workload for maintaining the catalogue of INT charts for each region is manageable, notwithstanding the fact that reaching agreement between States is sometimes complex. One concern is the potential for inconsistencies

between INT chart schemes and ENC coverage schemes, when they are established. It was also noted that the monitoring of INT chart production and ENC coverage varies significantly from region to region.

A principal objective of the workshop was to inform the Coordinators of the available tutorials and tools that can facilitate their day-to-day tasks. A comprehensive demonstration of the new INToGIS web-based INT chart scheme management tool was provided.

President Robert Ward concluded the workshop by leading a discussion on the future of the INT chart concept. He invited the workshop participants to considering the fact that the ECDIS mandatory carriage requirements may lead to a reduction in the need for INT charts by some ships, however, a significant number of vessels are not obliged to carry ECDIS. He also pointed out that only about 80% of the charts planned in the INT scheme have been produced so far and the number of new INT charts has fallen from about 40 to 15 charts per year since 2011. Taking all these facts into account, the workshop participants confirmed the need to maintain the INT chart concept for the foreseeable future, at least for small scale charts.

Further information concerning the workshop is available on the IHO web site at www.iho.int > Committees & WG > NCWG > NCWG-2 and Workshop > Documents.



The web management interface of the INToGIS chart database