

Paper for consideration by NIPWG3

Information on HSSC related to NIPWG

Submitted by:	NIPWG Chair
Executive Summary:	Brief on HSSC discussions and items related to NIPWG
Related Documents:	
Related Projects:	All NIPWG ProdSpec

Introduction/Background

The 8th meeting of the HSSC took place at the IHB premises, 15 to 18 November 2016. The meeting was attended by 23 member states and 8 organisations which are directly or indirectly affected by HSSC decisions. A meeting of the WG chair persons took place at the IHB, 14 Nov.

Analysis/Discussion

The main topics were the reports of the HSSC WGs. The committee discussed and endorsed the work done during the last reporting period.

The works of two HSSC WGs, namely the DQWG and the DPSWG, reached a level of maturity that justifies disband of the WGs in 2017. The archived work results will be integrated in the work packages of the affected WGs.

The committee agreed to investigate ways to provide financial support to WGs which need external contributions to complete their work packages.

The MoU between the IHO and the International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC) has been signed. The NIPWG initiative to provide a common text box on cable protection information has been positively recognised.

A work on the visualisation of the certainty of bathymetric data was presented. The proposals can be easily adopted to visualise data quality information of any other products.

The NIPWG application to initiate the development of a ProdSpec on regulatory information was rejected. The committee was the opinion that the development of IHO own ProdSpecs should be in focus.

The work items assigned by HSSC8 to NIPWG are listed below:

SUBJECT	ACTION No.	ACTIONS (in bold, action by)	TARGET DATE/EVENT
Deadlines for submission of proposals	HSSC8/02	HSSC reiterated the timelines fixed by the Instructions for the Submission of Reports and Proposals for Consideration by HSSC and agreed to decide the consideration of late submissions, on a case-by-case basis.	
S-122 test beds	HSSC8/04 (ex HSSC7/20)	For S-122 (<i>Marine Protected Areas</i>), and assuming that sufficient information is available, NIPWG , in liaison with NCWG and S-100WG, to make use of test beds opportunities (e-navigation projects as appropriate).	
	HSSC8/14	HSSC decided to establish: - a Cross-Domain Control Body and an Executive Control Body for the IHO Registry, - and an Expert Group for the HYDRO domain, and invited the S-100WG to propose their membership and TORs accordingly.	HSSC-9
	HSSC8/15	S-100WG, NIPWG to submit formal requests to the IHO Sec., through the HSSC Chair, for financial support from the IHO special project fund for the relevant items of their respective work plans.	NIPWG-3, S-100WG-2
S-122, S-123	HSSC8/29	HSSC endorsed the development schedules proposed by NIPWG with a high priority for S-122 (<i>Marine Protected Areas</i>) and S-123 (<i>Radio Services</i>).	
Regulatory Information	HSSC8/30	HSSC decided not to proceed with the development of Product Spec. for Regulatory Information until further requests from IMO.	
E-navigation	HSSC8/55	HSSC confirmed current arrangements to develop and provide IHO input to relevant on-going and planned outputs related to e-navigation.	
Cables, Development of standardized information in nautical publications	HSSC8/67	ICPC Focus Group to submit amendments to the proposal to Submarine Cables Text Box for consideration by NIPWG .	End of Nov. 2016 (for NIPWG3)

Action required of NIPWG3

The NIPWG3 is invited to:

- a. note this paper,
- b. integrate the HSSC working items to the work program,
- c. act as appropriate.