



National Report of Finland

1. Finnish Hydrographic Office

The Finnish Hydrographic Office (FHO) is responsible for nautical charting over the Finnish sea area and the most important inland water bodies. This covers 98 400 km² and 23% of all regions of Finland.

Staff is now 50 persons, including 7 consultants. Annual budget for hydrographic operations and activities is about 10 million euros.

The FHO has working. External Audit by DNV GL has performed successfully on 1.-4. June 2018.

No changes in organisation since last meeting, but the Ministry of Transport and Communications is planning a according to the Quality Management System based on the ISO 9001 (2015) standard major reorganization for the year 2019. According the plan, two agencies is going to be established to where existing functions and tasks from the Finnish Transport Agency, the Finnish Transport Safety Agency and the Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority will be reorganised. In addition, a new state owned company, Traffic Management Ltd. will be established. The company will provide several services for maritime shipping i.e. VTS.

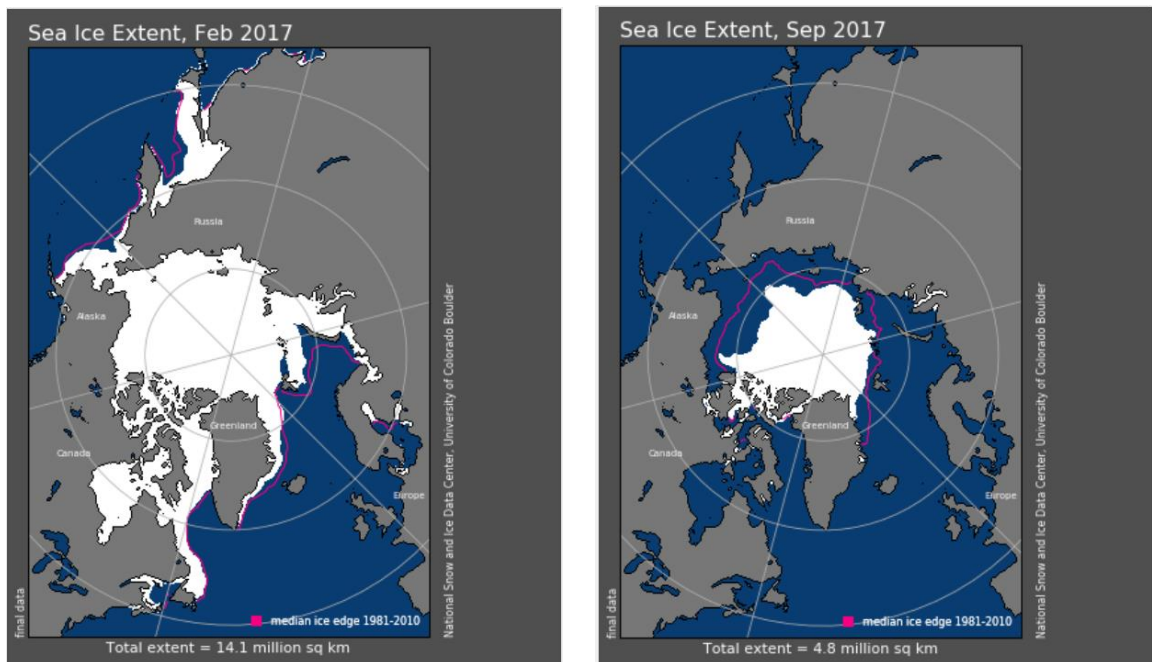


Fig 1: Arctic Sea Ice Extent 2017, min. and max. (NSIDC data)

2. Hydrographic surveys

Having fulfilled the HELCOM Ministerial meetings 2001, 2007, 2010 and 2013 decisions on Cat I and II (fairways and shipping routes) re-surveys Finnish Hydrographic Office has concentrated hydrographic surveys to the nearshore shallow areas.

LiDAR has been piloted as part of an areal survey service procurement, in which the responsibility lies on the service provider. Promising results has been achieved in data density in depth region between shoreline and 6 m of water depth. Results from the Archipelago Sea areal surveys are under analysis.

During 2017 surveys were completed on inland lake area in Lake Saimaa Savonlinna – Varkaus (SAVA2016) up to IHO S-44 ed5 standard and FSIS-44. In the [Table 1](#) there are statistics of 2017 on survey task. In [Fig.1](#) there are shown survey projects 2017 and [Fig.2](#) shows re-survey status in Finnish territorial sea and EEZ area at the end of 2017.

Task	Surveyed by	Multibeam [Km ²]	Line sounding [Km ²]
Lake Survey 2016 SAVA2016	IIC Technologies Ltd	300	130
Archipelago Sea areal surveys	Meritaito Oy	450	LiDAR 60

Table 1: Survey statistics for 2017.



Fig. 1. Survey projects 2017

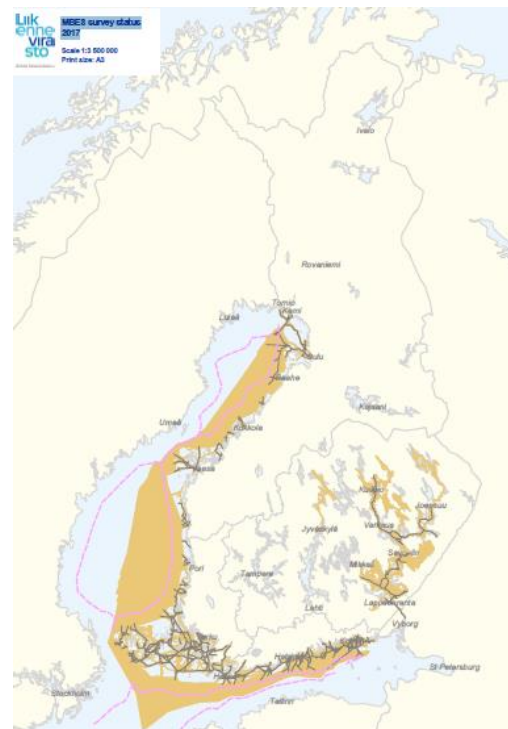


Fig. 2. Hydrographic re-survey coverage in 2017



The Finnish part of the HELCOM-BSHC Revised Harmonised Hydrographic Re-Survey Scheme has been enhanced and the database updated. The HELCOM survey plan has been the driving force to perform the hydrographic surveys in Finnish waters until these days. The focus of hydrographic surveys now moves towards the inadequately surveyed coastal nearshore areas. As a total Baltic Sea Re-survey scheme, the requirements of the HELCOM Moscow 2010 Ministerial Declaration are in progress in all Baltic Sea countries.

Co-operation with Swedish Maritime Administration in service-provider work supervision and LiDAR planning has been most helpful. LiDAR has been piloted to replace SBES surveys from shoreline to 6 m of waters, if receiving data.

Finland is participating in the EU INEA CEF Transport TEN-T grant FAMOS Odin (2016-2018), headed by Swedish Maritime Administration for support on renewing the bathymetric DB and chart production system. FAMOS Odin has provided fruitful co-operation platform for benchmarking various HO activities.

The bathymetric data is also utilised for winter navigation and icebreaker manoeuvre on ice conditions.

Hydrographic data processing and management

The renewal of the Bathymetric database is continuing. The Bathymetric Data Management System (MERTA) will be a system for validating, handling, storing hydrographic survey data and creating surface models and other deliverable data products out of it. MERTA final delivery was accepted at the end of February 2018. The aim is that the system will be taken into use step by step during the summer-autumn 2018. Migration of the data started in June 2018.

External human resources have been procured and rented from private companies in order to ease the workload on data processing and validation tasks. The planned organisational change has had an effect on available expertise at FTA as highly qualified personnel seeks new positions.

Several data sets of bathymetric data have been provided for the Baltic Sea Depth Model within the limits of Finnish national legislation. Information will be updated continuously after new surveys.

3. Nautical Charts

Printed charts

The FHO has not published printed charts on Arctic waters.

On Baltic Sea Area Printed charts in 2016 have been produced generally according to the plans. [Link](#) to new chart catalogue 2018.



Published printed charts	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>General charts</i>	3	2	4	3	3	1
<i>Approach charts</i>	10	18	13	11	7	9
<i>Harbour charts</i>	6	10	8	2	4	9
<i>Chart series</i>	3	3	4	2	2	1
<i>Other charts</i>			-			1

Table 2 Statistics of published New Editions of Finnish nautical charts in 2012 – 2017.

Statistics for sold charts are shown below in *Table 3*. There was a big drop in the sales of paper charts during the year 2016.

Chart product (printed)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>International traffic</i>						
General charts	1620	1977	1984	1874	1241	1361
Coastal charts						
Approach charts	5379	4943	5434	3939	2800	2513
Harbour charts	1267	1313	2162	718	991	1127
Chart series (inland areas)	1998	1490	1538	1412	1525	1075
<i>Domestic traffic</i>						
General & approach charts	1000	748	645	747	341	513
Chart series (sea areas)	11116	11489	12600	16574	7419	7236
Chart series (inland areas)	1503	1913	2496	1750	698	1588
Other charts	0	0	0	74	28	15
Total sold copies	24006	24078	26 859	27088	15043	14555

Sales reduction (2016 and 2017) has contributed etc.:

- limited number of new editions of most selling charts
- increased use of ENC on SOLAS vessels
- increased use of chart plotters on leisure crafts
- economic downturn

ENC production and distribution

The FHO has not published ENCs on Arctic waters.

ENC production and distribution have been realized mainly according to the plans. In 2017, 5 new cells and 50 new editions have been released. The number of sold ENCs increased 6 %, number of customers 16% and amount of ships using ENCs increased 14 % in 2017. The number of ENC Statistics are shown in *Table 4* and *Table 5*.

Released ENCs	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>New ENCs</i>	8	4	3	25	17	5
<i>New editions</i>	44	33	43	48	38	50
<i>Number of Finnish ENCs</i>						208

Table 4. Statistics of produced Finnish ENCs



Use of ENC	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>ENCs sold annually (excluded trial and demo usage)</i>	50832	61022	69982	77533	89927	95193
<i>No of ships(annually)</i>	1769	1908	2270	2713	3212	3659
<i>No of customers (annually)</i>	595	669	793	898	1054	1232

Table 5: Statistics for the use of Finnish ENCs

S-57 ENC service for derived product producer's and for governmental users i.e. the Finnish Navy and the Finnish Coast Guard was taken into operational use in 2016.

Quality control of ENCs has been further improved in the chart production process. Some software tools for hydrographic data quality control and operation guidance have been enhanced.

Chart data processing and management

Implementation of new ENC and paper chart production system is continuing with Teledyne Caris.. System design milestones and first system implementation milestone was passed in 2017. The aim for production to start with AHTI is in November 2018.

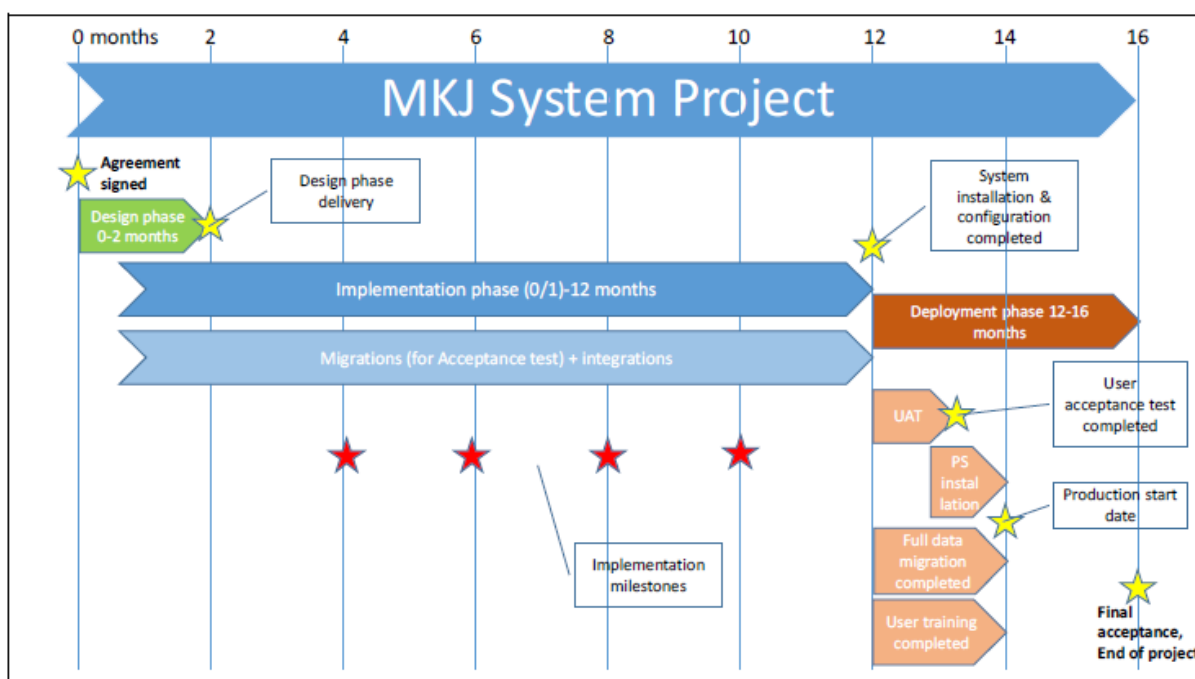


Fig.6. Implementation plan of AHTI-project

Nautical chart production system implementation, data migration, system integrations and deployment (2018):



- ✓ Pilot system testing 5/18
- ✓ Implementation milestones (4) delivered 6/2018
- ✓ System installations and configurations completed and accepted 8/18
- ✓ User acceptance testing of complete system 9/18
- ✓ User training 10/18
- ✓ Data migration and system integrations completed and production start 11/18
- ✓ Deployment phase completed and final acceptance of delivery 02/19

Other projects

Study to determine specifications and a portfolio for Bathymetric Surface products (based on IHO/S-102), was continued as a part of Smart Marine Fairway Project under FTA's DIGI 2016 - 2018 Program.

External human resources have been rent from private companies in order to ease workload on depth data processing to the chart database and quality assurance of printed charts and ENC.

4. Nautical publications

NtMs has been published according to the plans. Notices to Mariners are distributed from website as download service (PDF), free of charge. In the beginning of 2017 the additional NtM Online web-service was opened, with capability of viewing the Notices filtered by time of publication, area or charts affected.

The Lists of Lights are published for coastal areas and inland waterways. The Lake Saimaa area is now included as a part of the publication for inland waterways. Lists of Lights are available as downloadable PDFs and in addition, information of lights can be search based on ID, area of interest or related chart product.

Statistics of nautical publications are shown in *Table 6*.

Publication /service	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>Notices to Mariners, vol of publications</i>	32	33	34	34	35	35
<i>Number of NtM notices</i>	398	422	397	391	366	388
<i>Number of ER updates</i>	449	431	534	605	504	668

Table 6: Statistics for nautical publications

5. MSI

Finnish Transport Agency is responsible for safety radio communications in Finnish territorial waters and for distress radio communications in the deep channels of the Saimaa waterways system..



In total 239 navigational warnings were published during 2017.

Publication / Service	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Navigational Warnings	412	276	234	236	237	239

Table 7: Statistics for navigational warnings

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Status of hydrographic Surveys

Survey coverage Couverture hydrographique Cobertura hidrográfica	Depth < 200m Profondeur < 200m Profundidad < 200m			Depth > 200m Profondeur > 200m Profundidad > 200m		
	<p>60% Adequately surveyed Correctement hydrographié Adecuadamente levantado</p> <p>35% Re-survey required Nécessitant de nouveaux levés Requiere nuevo levantamiento</p> <p>5% Never systematically surveyed Jamais hydrographié systématiquement Nunca levantado sistemáticamente</p>	60	35	5	100	0

Status of Nautical Charting

Coverage of charts published Couverture des cartes publiées Cobertura de cartas publicadas	Offshore passage Navigation au large Pasaje offshore			Landfall and Coastal passage Atterrissage et navigation côtière Recalada y Pasaje costero			Approaches and Ports Approches et ports Aproches y puertos		
	<p>95% Covered by INT or other paper charts meeting S-4 Couvert par des cartes papier INT ou autres conformes S-4 Cubiertas por cartas de papel INT o otras cumpliendo S-4</p> <p>0% Covered by RNC meeting S-61 Couvert par des RNC conformes S-61 Cubiertas por RNC cumpliendo S-61</p> <p>100% Covered by ENC meeting S-57 Couvert par des ENC conformes S-57 Cubiertas por ENC cumpliendo S-57</p>	95	0	100	100	0	100	100	0

7. Capacity building

Nothing to report.

8. Oceanographic activities

The implementation project for "New vertical chart reference N2000" (Baltic Sea Chart datum 2000) has started with data conversation, planning and customer information. Detailed project plan will be write down summer 2018.

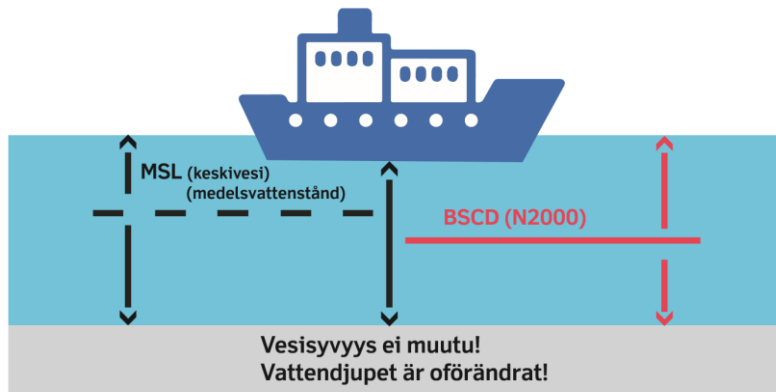


Fig.7. New vertical system N2000 (Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000)

9. Other activities

National Geodata Portal

The non-navigational use of hydrographic data has increased exceedingly. View service is in use via the interface of National Geodata Portal. The FHO is actively supporting hydrographic data to the National Geodata Portal. The metadata of FHO is also available at the National Geodata Portal. Inspire specific national spatial data sets have been created.

National Geodata Portal Paikkatietoikkuna:
<http://www.paikkatietoikkuna.fi/?lang=en>

FTA Open data view and download services

- ✓ File download service for viewing and downloading datasets
- ✓ Web Map Service
- ✓ Web Feature Service
- ✓ Tiled map service (WMTS) for viewing FTA's nautical chart data in raster format

The data available from these services is not suitable for navigation and does not meet the requirements for an official nautical chart.

Finnish Transport Agency:
<https://julkinen.liikennevirasto.fi/oskari/?lang=en>

FHO has bilateral Arrangements with Estonia, Sweden, Norway, Germany and UKHO. The arrangement with Estonia is under review.

Finland is participating to the following IHO Committees and WGs: HSSC, IRCC/WEND-WG (representing BSHC), IRCC/MSDIWG, HSSC/ENCWG, HSSHC/S-100 WG, HSSC/DQWG, HSSC/NCWG (Chair), HSSC/NIPWG, HSSC/TMCWG, HSSC/S-101PT, HSSC/UKCMPT, BSHC, BSHC/CDWG,



BSHC/BSICCWG (Chair), BSHC/BSDIWG, BSHC/BS-NSMSDIWG, BSHC-HELCOM/MWG (Chair), NHC, NHC/NCPEG, NSEG, and ARHC (Associate member), ARHC/OTWG, ARHC/ARMSDIWG

Finland is member of PRIMAR and current chair of the PRIMAR Advisory Committee. Finland is actively participating Primar WGs.

10. Conclusions

This report highlights the main activities and developments of the Finnish Hydrographic Office since ARHC7 Meeting 2017.