9th MEETING OF THE IHO INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

IHO-IRCC9

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Resume report IRCC9

IRCC9 took place in Suriname past June 2017. Most important issues treated were:

1. Maritime Safety Information, **MSI**.

- **Action 2**: engage with Member States in their regions to identify potential instructors to accompany MSI trainings in order to become MSI trainers and report back to IRCC.

- **Action 3:** consider using Trainer for Trainers (TFT) and e-learning methods to support the development of CB Phase 1 for developing coastal States and report back to IRCC.

- **Action 4:** encourage the attendance of Member States and Observers at World-Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS-SC) meetings, to highlight the use of the Joint Manual on MSI to ensure correct terminology and formats are used in MSI messages, to encourage closer engagement of the National MSI Coordinators of Member States with the relevant NAVAREA Coordinator(s) and report back to IRCC.

- **Action 5:** encourage closer coordination between NAVAREA Coordinators and Regional CB coordinators in planning and student selection for the Capacity Building (CB) MSI training courses.

- **Action 6:** engage with the IMO to improve the coordination of MSI-related matters and trainings and report back to IRCC.

2. Electronic Navigational Chart, **ENC**.

- **Action 14:** encourage the Member States in the region to consider making all ENC data available through the RENCs.

- **Action 15:** encourage the work of the IHO community to increase existence of ENC schemes at regional level.

3. Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures**, MSDI.**

- **Action 18:** encourage Member States in the region to nominate Regional Hydrographic Committee (RHC) MSDI Ambassadors to promote MSDI and to help Member States to prepare the national reports with respect to the status of MSDI.

4. **DATA.**

- **Action 21:** encourage IHO Member States to release datasets or subsets into the public domain via the IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry (DCDB).

- **Action 22:** request IHO Member States to consider reviewing data gathering restrictions within their maritime areas of jurisdiction to enable Crowd-Sourced Bathymetry (CSB) activities to be undertaken.

- **Action 23:** encourage IHO Member States to support the CSB initiative with positive actions, such as requiring all research vessels collect bathymetric data for late uploading, when on passage or when it does not interfere with other research activities.

5. Satellite Derived Bathymetry, **SDB.**

- **Actions 32 and 33:** encourage Member States in the region to consider using satellite derived bathymetry and risk assessment methodologies in uncharted or poorly charted areas in their respective regions as a way of developing survey priority areas as part of attracting donor funding and report back to IRCC.

- **Action 34:** encourage Member States to participate in the workshop on satellite derived bathymetry sponsored by Canada in March 2018.

6. Capacity Building, **CB.**

- **Action 10:** invite Member States to investigate the possibilities of fund raising and engagement in CB via national organizations and report back to the IRCC.

7. Others.

- **Action 36:** note the list of events organized by other intergovernmental and stakeholders, consider how the IHO might be represented in those events that are considered relevant and liaise with the IHO Secretariat for the appropriate and report back to IRCC.

- **Action 35:** invite Member States to provide technical resources to the Data Quality Work Group (DQWG) and report back to IRCC.

- **Actions 37, 38 and 39:** encourage Member States to support the establishment of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information (WG-MGI) by working with their national representatives to the UN-GGIM to offer interventions in favor of the WG-MGI during the next UN-GGIM meeting. Besides, to encourage Member States to attend the next UN-GGIM meeting and the UN-GGIM-MGI Side Event and promote the UN-GGIM in their regions.

- **Action 43**: consider using the IHO Online Registration System for their meetings and report back to IRCC.

- **Action 44**: invite Member States to review entries related to their region in IHO C-55 and P-5 (Yearbook) at least annually.

ACRONYMS

- WWNWS-SC: World-Wide Navigational Warning Service.
- IRCC: Inter-Regional Coordinating Committee.
- RHC: Regional Hydrographic Committee.
- MSI: Maritime Safety Information.
- CB: Capacity Building.
- DQWG: Data Quality Work Group
- UN-GGIM: United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.
- WENDWG: World-Wide Electronic Navigational Chart database.
- CATZOC: Category of Zone of Confidence.
- CSB: Crowd-Source Bathymetry.
- GEBCO: General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans
- TWCWG: Tides, Water level and Currents Working Group.