

**MESOAMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**  
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**NATIONAL REPORT – SURINAME**

1. Hydrographic Office / Service:	<b>Maritime Authority Suriname (MAS)</b>												
2. Surveys:	Coverage of new surveys: during the last year, the MAS conducted surveys in coastal zone. Processing takes place now.												
3. New charts & updates:	The nautical paper charts of the Suriname waters are produced by the NHO. Suriname provides the hydrographic data. Regarding chart production, Suriname hope to sign a new MoU with the NHO this year, to guarantee the updating of the resisting paper charts and the production of ENC's. Until than de the charts are updated by Notice to Mariners. For now the UKHO produces ENC's of the Suriname waters												
4. New publications & updates:	Not applicable												
5. MSI	Local Warnings: Notice to Mariners Coastal Warnings: Partial Port Information: Partial												
6. S-55	<p align="center"><b>HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYING</b></p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th align="center">A</th> <th align="center">B</th> <th align="center">C</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Depths &lt; 200m</td> <td align="center">3</td> <td align="center">100</td> <td align="center">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Depths &gt; 200m</td> <td align="center">0</td> <td align="center">5</td> <td align="center">95</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A = percentage which is adequately surveyed.  B = percentage which requires re-survey at larger scale or to modern standards.  C = percentage which has never been systematically surveyed</p>		A	B	C	Depths < 200m	3	100	0	Depths > 200m	0	5	95
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7. Capacity Building	Training needed: Nautical Cartography												
8. Oceanographic activities	Not applicable												
9. Other activities Participation in IHO Committees / Working Groups:	Not applicable												
10. Conclusions	Great efforts has been made to guarantee save navigation in the Surinames waters, but Suriname is aware of the challenges that have to faced in the future. Capacity building is needed.												