REPORT

Overall status of the work programme of MACHC

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Principal goals and priorities	Current or expected gaps and needs	Comments
increase membership and regional cooperation	developments on the use of Spanish needed	membership is growing. The IHO/OECS regional
		cooperation has the potential to become an
		important driver for further progress.
shared progress to reach an up to date bathymetric	1. limited survey capacity;	1. emerging survey methods (LIDAR, SDB, CSB)
coverage of the MACHC area	2. lack of a basin-wide risk assessment	are taken into account
		2. developments on risk assessment methodologies
		are followed closely
achieve full ENC coverage	none	1. coordinated by the MACHC Integrated Charting
		Committee.
		2. of the 799 current and planned ENCs required
		to meet WEND principles for adequate ENC
		coverage, 685 are currently published and
		available (86%)
ensure all coastal states reach CB Phase 1 status.	none	1. coordinated by the MACHC CB Committee.
		2. The requirement to deliver capacity building
		activities in Spanish is being met.
		3. Annual Hydrographic Awareness Seminars are
		organized in conjunction with MACHC meetings
		to raise awareness in the region.
establish a regional marine SDI through the	none	coordinated by the MACHC MEIP WG.
Marine Environmental Infrastructure Programme		
(MEIP) of MACHC.		