



**MACHC Circular Letter
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To: MACHC Members

Subject: ECC Report - MACHC ENC Coverage

Starting with the 10th MACHC in Barbados and continuing with subsequent MACHC meetings in Suriname and St. Kitts, the Electronic Chart Committee (ECC) agreed to develop and execute a plan to achieve adequate ENC coverage for the MACHC Region in response to the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) July 2012 mandatory carriage requirement. The results are contained in the attached report. One of the goals of the ECC was to make this document available to the IHB prior to the upcoming IMO meetings this month. The report:

- Summarizes the current status of ENC coverage for the MACHC region,
- Depicts a regional ENC scheme agreed to by the Member States (Annex A)
- Makes recommendations for future action. The report is a living document that is continually updated, and this version represents the results to date.

I believe you will agree that substantial progress has been made for the MACHC region and hopefully these results will be useful for your discussions during the course of the IMO meetings you are attending. This is an important regional step toward achieving the IMO mandate for ECDIS carriage requirement for large passenger, tanker and cargo ships, and helps demonstrate the IHO's commitment to achieve adequate coverage, availability, consistency and quality of ENCs.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact:

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Sincerely,

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