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MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



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To: MACHC Members, Associate Members and Observers.

**Subject: International Association Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)  
Questionnaire**

Dear Colleagues

At the 13<sup>th</sup> MACHC we had the pleasure of Rear Admiral Jean-Charles Leclair, Dean of the IALA World-Wide Academy participating at the meeting.

Following discussions on the work of IALA, IHO Capacity Building and how the training provided by IALA can be beneficial to all countries please find attached the IALA questionnaire as stated in MACHC Action 13.3.04.

I strongly encourage all states to complete the questionnaire and provide responses to [contact@iala-aism.org](mailto:contact@iala-aism.org) or fax to IALA at: +33 1 34 51 82 05 by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

Countries are recommended to respond to this questionnaire so that IALA is aware of each countries competent authority and are able to assist in training in order to raise awareness and standards.

Kind Regards,

## IALA World-Wide Academy – Competent Authority Questionnaire<sup>1</sup>

**Notes:**

1. If an answer is not known or not applicable, please insert “NK” or “NA” as appropriate

<b>I GENERAL INFORMATION<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Date:</b>	
1. Name of State:		
2. Full contact details for the Ministry/Administration/Organisation and Senior Executive within the Competent Authority responsible for:		
a. <b>Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)</b>		
<b>Name of Ministry/Administration/Organisation</b>		
<b>Name and Title of Senior Executive</b>		
<b>Address</b>		<b>Telephone: +</b> <b>Fax: +</b> <b>E-mail:</b> <b>QMS<sup>3</sup> used:</b>
b. <b>Aids to Navigation (AtoN) services</b> (if different to the above)		
<b>Name of Ministry/Administration/Organisation</b>		
<b>Name and Title of Senior Executive</b>		
<b>Address</b>		<b>Telephone: +</b> <b>Fax: +</b> <b>E-mail:</b> <b>QMS used:</b>

<sup>1</sup> This is the IMO Competent Authority in each IMO/IALA Member State with overall responsibility for the establishment and operation of Vessel Traffic Services and/or aids to navigation and as regulated by SOLAS Chapter V Regulations 12 and 13.

<sup>2</sup> IALA Member States are encouraged to also complete the existing IALA Questionnaire on the number and type of existing or planned AtoN which is distributed by email in December each year

<sup>3</sup> Quality Management System

c. Full contact details of the Maritime Authority and Senior Executive of the <b>Maritime Authority</b>		
<b>Name of Ministry/Administration/Organisation</b>		
<b>Name and Title of Senior Executive</b>		
<b>Address</b>		<b>Telephone: +</b> <b>Fax: +</b> <b>E-mail:</b> <b>QMS used:</b>
d. Details of <b>other</b> government bodies covering safety of navigation related activity <sup>4</sup>		
<b>Name of Government Body</b>	<b>Navigational Safety or Environmental Protection</b>	
	Global Maritime Distress and Safety System	
	Navigation warnings (local)  Navigation warnings (coastal)	
	National Coordinator for WWRNS	
	Hydrographic services	
	Protection of the Marine Environment	
	Other	

<sup>4</sup> It is understood that one government authority or Ministry might have responsibility for more than one aspect of navigational safety

e. Details of Approved or Accredited Maritime Training Organisations or Institutes		
Name of Training Organisation <sup>5</sup>	IMO; STCW or IALA courses conducted <sup>6</sup>	Date of White List or Training Organisation Accreditation
II. Amplifying Information		
1. International Conventions (Please ring the relevant answer)	a. Is your State a party to the following UN/IMO instruments?	
	UNCLOS 82	YES/NO/ NK
	SOLAS	YES/NO/ NK
	MARPOL	YES/NO/ NK
	STCW	YES/NO/ NK
	Load Line	YES/NO/ NK
	TONNAGE	YES/NO/ NK
	COLREGs	YES/NO/ NK
2. Maritime Law and Boundaries	a. Does your State have its own Maritime Law legislation?	YES/NO/In Preparation/NK
	b. Are the agreed limits of your maritime boundaries agreed with adjacent or opposite States?	YES/NONE/ NOT ALL/NK/NA

<sup>5</sup> Including Universities

<sup>6</sup> Such as IALA Model Course E-141 (AtoN Management) or V-103 (Vessel Traffic Services)

3. IMO Voluntary Audit Scheme <sup>7</sup>	a. Has your State been subjected to the IMO Voluntary Audit Scheme	
	b. If the answer to 3(a) above is Yes, please send a copy of the completed IMO Pre-Audit Questionnaire on Framework and Procedures, as an attachment	
4. Search and Rescue	<p>How many SAR or MRCC centres in your State?</p> <p>Name and title of responsible Head</p> <p>Address</p> <p>Telephone: +</p> <p>Fax: +</p> <p>E-mail:</p>	
5. GMDSS and Radio Navigation Warnings	a. In which NAVAREA does your State lie?	
	<p>b. Who is your State's NAVAREA coordinator?</p> <p>Name and title of responsible Head</p> <p>Address</p> <p>Telephone: +</p> <p>Fax: +</p> <p>E-mail:</p>	
	c. How many Coastal Radio Stations in your State transmit NAVTEX messages	
6. Commercial and Military ports	a. How many commercial ports are responsible for the operation and maintenance of their own AtoN?	
	b. Do your military bases operate and maintain their own AtoN?	YES/SOME/NO/NA/NK

<sup>7</sup>See IMO Resolution A.974(24)

7. Vessel Traffic Services	a. How many VTS Centres operate in your State?	
	b. Are all operators trained in accordance with IALA Recommendation V-103?	YES/SOME/OTHER/NA/NK
	c. Does your State operate a Ship Reporting System?	YES/NO/NA/NK
	d. How many maritime traffic routing schemes exist in your waters?	IMO Adopted: Not (yet) adopted by IMO:
8. National AtoN service provider, if different from Section I 2(b)	a. Who is the national AtoN service provider?  Name and title of responsible Head  Address  Telephone: + Fax: + E-mail:	
	b. Are some AtoN in your waters operated or maintained under commercial contract?	YES/NO/NK
	c. Are ships required to pay any form of levy or fee for the use of AtoN services?	YES/SOME/NO/NK
	d. How many AIS stations operate in the waters of your State?	
	e. Does your State contribute to IALA-Net?	YES/NOT YET/NO/NA/NK
9. Hydrographic services	Is your State a member of a Regional Hydrographic Commission?  Name and title of responsible Head  Address  Telephone: + Fax: + E-mail:	YES – Name:  NO/NK

10. Marine environmental Protection	a. Are there any Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs) in your waters?	YES/NOT YET/NO/NA/NK
	b. How many marine accidents have been reported in your waters in the last 5 years?	
	c. How many oil spills or emergencies have been reported in your waters in the last 5 years?	
	d. Is your State a member of a regional environmental protection programme?	YES – Name: NO/NOT YET/NA/NK
	e. Name and title of responsible Head for oil spill and HNS <sup>8</sup> pollution response  Name and title of responsible Head  Address  Telephone: + Fax: + E-mail:	
11. Ship Registration	How many ships larger than 100GT are on your State's Register?	Passenger: Cargo: Fishing: Other:
12. Port State Control	Does your State carry out Port State Control? Name and title of responsible Head  Address  Telephone: + Fax: + E-mail:	YES/NOT YET/NO/NK
<b>III Other Comments by Competent Authority</b>		

<sup>8</sup> Hazardous and Noxious Substances

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please either:

a. Scan and email your reply to: [contact@iala-aism.org](mailto:contact@iala-aism.org)

**or**

b. Fax it to IALA at: +33 1 34 51 82 05