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The IHO has defined a three-phase development strategy to build national hydrographic capacity.

- Phase One focuses on the collection and dissemination of marine safety information (MSI).
- Phase Two involves the provision of advice and training assistance to support the creation of a basic hydrographic surveying capacity in a particular country.
- Phase Three supports further development of a national hydrographic service including such capabilities as production of paper charts, electronic navigational charts and nautical publications.

Underpinning the IHO capacity-building strategy is a four-step process of awareness, assessment, analysis and action. By proceeding in this coordinated manner the NIOHC CB Coordinator can produce a plan to develop appropriate levels of hydrographic capability (through provision of training, technical visits etc) and thereby improve the safety and efficiency of maritime trade and protection of the environment.