



# PAKISTAN

## NATIONAL REPORT

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PAKISTAN NAVY HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT

## **HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT OF PAKISTAN** **(NATIONAL REPORT)**

1. Pakistan Navy Hydrographic Department (PNHD) was established in 1949 and became member of IHO in 1957. As a National Hydrographic Organisation, the department is primarily responsible for conducting hydrographic surveys of coastal and offshore waters of Pakistan and publishing nautical charts and relevant publications to fulfill national and international requirements. The department is well equipped to undertake surveys as per IHO standards and has already published a series of International / National charts for the entire coast of Pakistan. PNHD comprises Charting Centre, Chart Depot, ENC Division, HQ Navarea-IX, Survey Vessel/boats and Hydrographic School. Since 1976, Pakistan is also shouldering the responsibility of Navarea IX coordinator for promulgation of Maritime Safety Information.

### **HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS**

2. Pakistan's coast is approximately 990 Kms long and by the virtue of its unique characteristics, is divided into 02 parts; Makran coast & Sindh coast. The later lies from east of Karachi till Pakistan India border at Sir Creek and is mainly comprised deltaic regions because of out fall creeks of Indus river. Whereas, Makran coast lies from west of Karachi to Gawatar Bay bordering with Iran, consisting of sandy shores & cliffs of sedimentary rocks.

3. Hydrographic Department being national hydrographic Organization is responsible for undertaking hydrographic survey activities in Pakistani waters. SV BEHR PAIMA (hydrographic cum oceanographic survey vessel) has carried out surveys of entire coast of Pakistan as well as deep water. The department has taken up the survey work in a systematic way in order to meet both, national and international requirements / obligations. Continuous efforts have been made to survey the critical areas for safe navigation within Pakistani waters. The department is presently involved in fresh surveys of critical areas, which includes deep sea bathymetric surveys of international shipping routes. Detailed information in this regard is as under:

a. **Coverage of New Surveys.** Survey activities for 0 – 200 m depth areas continued to improve the coverage in A1 category area and about 90% coverage is complete. Survey data of deep sea areas that falls under A2 category is relatively old. Work to complete deep sea (> 200m) area using new survey equipments and techniques is progressing at a moderate pace due to commitment of survey assets in high priority areas. However, a considerable portion of deep sea area has been recently surveyed in offshore Indus delta. The same will be utilized to update small scale charts of major shipping routes.

b. **New Technologies / Equipment.** SV BEHR PAIMA is well equipped to undertake all kind of hydrographic and physical oceanographic surveys. State-of-the-art sensors like multi-beam echo sounder, deep sea echo sounder, multi frequency digital side scan sonar, RTK & Satellite based DGPS, SV Probe, CTD, Current Meters and Automatic Tide Gauges etc equipment are part of the ship's inventory.

#### **NEW CHARTS AND UPDATES**

4. **ENCs** ENC division was established in 2005 and since then considerable headway has been made in ENC production. Detail of the same is given below:

a. ENCs of all major ports i.e Karachi Harbour, Port Qasim and Gwadar Deep Water Port are available to mariners.

b. Small scale ENC cells of INT-751 and INT 7019, covering shipping route through Arabian Sea, are available to mariners.

c. Coastal charts that can facilitate mariners and fall within the major shipping routes have been converted to ENCs. Adjacent cells to these ENC cells are also under production and will be available to mariners shortly. During this time, coastal area coverage is available through paper charts for use/reference.

- d. **ENC Distribution Method.** Pakistan being member of IC-ENC is utilizing its services for data validation and distribution of ENCs. PNHD carry out quality checks prior forwarding to IC-ENC through validation software which improves the quality of products.
- e. **RNCs** It may be highlighted that PNHD is neither producing nor has plans to produce RNCs.
5. **INT /National Paper Charts.** Pakistan Navy Hydrographic Department has published 31 in number charts of different scales covering entire coast and off shore waters of Pakistan. These are kept up to date. Out of these, 8 charts presently form part of INT area "I". Pakistan doesn't produce other charts e.g for pleasure craft, as their demand is almost nil but this product can be met if required.

#### **NEW PUBLICATIONS & UPDATES**

6. **New / Updated Publications.** Following publications are printed by the Hydrographic Department on annual and weekly basis.
- a. Weekly Notices to Mariners (NTMs).
  - b. Annual Summary of NTMs
  - c. Annual Pakistan Tide Table.
  - d. Annual Sun & Moon Rise / Set Table.
7. In addition to the printed version of said documents, up-to-date information on navigational warnings and NTMs are also available on website [www.paknavy.gov.pk/hydro](http://www.paknavy.gov.pk/hydro)). Moreover, issuance of a List of Lights of national waters is planned.

#### **MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION**

8. Pakistan being Coordinator is responsible for transmission of MSIs in NAVAREA IX. Under GMDSS, following two types of MSI are issued:
- a. NAVAREA IX warnings through International Safety Net.

- b. Coastal warnings through NAVTEX.
9. **NAVAREA IX Warnings.** NAVAREA IX broadcast is passed daily at 0800 UTC through INMARSAT using LES Perth. Whereas, unscheduled broadcast for urgent navigational warnings is done at any time. A numerical list of all enforced NAVAREA IX warnings is broadcasted each Saturday. A reprint of all NAVAREA IX warnings issued during a week is also included in the weekly edition of Pakistan Notices to Mariners.
10. **Coastal Warnings.** Coastal warnings are broadcasted on NAVTEX on 518 kHz from GMDSS Coast Radio Station, Karachi. These Warnings are broadcasted six times a day i.e. after every four hours at 0230, 0630, 1030, 1430, 1830 and 2230 UTC. Weather messages are transmitted at 0630 and 1830 UTC daily.
11. **Monitoring of MSI Broadcast.** In order to ensure the integrity of MSIs being received by mariners, Coordinator NAVAREA IX monitors its broadcasts by placing an INMARSAT C terminal at shore. Similarly, NAVTEX broadcasts are also monitored.
12. **Problems Encountered.** Navigational hazards occurring in the region are effectively communicated by relevant state, for further issuance of Nav warnings through Fax, email and telephone. The most effective mean has been through email. However, few countries are not maintaining communication through e-mail and use other means such as fax and post, which at times causes delays.

### **HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYING & NAUTICAL CHARTING WORLD WIDE (S-55)**

13. PNHD regularly assesses status of hydrographic surveying & nautical charting of all navigable waters within the limits of national jurisdiction and the EEZ. Based on this assessment, S-55 i.e Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting World Wide is kept updated. Composite contents of the same are reproduced at Annex A.

## **CAPACITY BUILDING**

14. In order to maintain the quality of bathymetric data and cartography as per recognized international standards, Pakistan Navy Hydrographic Department gives a lot of emphasis on the training of both surveying officers and survey recorders. Officers undergo Cat B course from Japan/Italy and Cat A from UK as they progress in the hydrographic service. Officers are also trained in traditional and electronic cartography from renowned international institutes. Sufficient training facilities are available to train the survey recorders with-in the country.

15. Pakistan Navy Hydrographic Department can offer assistance to regional countries in following areas:

- a. Hydrographic surveys.
- b. Geodetic and bathymetric data processing / production of charts.
- c. Basic Survey Recorder / Technician Course.
- d. Assistance in ENC production line procedures and quality management system.
- e. Handling of MSIs
- f. Cat B Hydrographic Course

16. PN Hydrographic School contributing a lot to trained regional countries survey officers and technician in various cadres. Following courses were conducted in this regard:

<b><u>Country</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Candidates</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Course Name</u></b>
FIJI	04	1989	Basic Hydrography Course
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Nigeria	01	2008	Basic Cartographic Officers Course
Azerbaijan	01	2009	Basic Hydrography Officers Course
Sir Lanka	01	2009	Basic Hydrography Course
UAE	01	2009	Basic Hydrography Course
Sir Lanka	02	2009	Basic Cartographic Officers Course
Bangladesh	01	2009	Advance Professional Course

Sudan	01	2010	Advance Professional Course
Sudan	01	2010	Basic Hydrography Officers Course
Sri Lanka	01	2010	Basic Hydrography Officers Course
Nigeria	01	2010	Basic Hydrography Officers Course
Bangladesh	01	2010	Basic Hydrography Officers Course

### **OCEANOGRAPHIC ACTIVITEIS**

17. **General.** Oceanographic activities in Pakistan are carried out in collaboration with National Institute of Oceanography (NIO). Oceanographic cruises are arranged in which scientists from both the organizations participate actively for various oceanographic observations and data collection. The processing of data is carried out at NIO, which is adequately equipped for undertaking such tasks. PN Hydrographic Department provides her ship SV BEHR PAIMA for oceanographic cruises.

18. **Tide Gauge Network.** Pakistan is working on the installation of national network of highly precise, satellite aided, fully automated tide gauges along the coast. At present, three tide gauges i.e. at Karachi, Ormara and Gwadar are working and data is being transmitted. The data received from tide gauge network is being used for sea level measurements, tidal analysis for subsequent tide predictions and tsunami early warning etc. One more tide gauge will be installed at Keti Bandar and will be on line by mid this year.

19. **Acquisition of New Survey Ship.** In view of the increasing requirement of oceanography and marine sciences, efforts are at final stage to acquire another new state of the art hydrographic cum oceanographic vessel.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

20. **Participation in IHO Working Groups.** Pakistan actively participates in IHO working groups.

21. **Participation in Hydrographic Activities.** During 7<sup>th</sup> NIOHC meeting, Pakistan accepted the leading role of a joint regional mobile survey team to initiate a pilot project for capacity building in the region. Under the said project, a joint team

lead by Pakistan and comprising surveyors from US, Seychelles, Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia participated in IHO sponsored hydrographic survey around Bird Island and Denis Island in Seychelles Waters from 19 Jan to 03 Feb 09.

22. **Meteorological data Collection.** Meteorological data from Pakistan Navy ships at sea and from major coastal stations is acquired to maintain met data bank of Pakistan Coast and North Arabian Sea. Moreover, the Deptt has installed a permanent automatic weather station to monitor the weather changes. The data is shared with Met Department, which issues met forecasts for Met AREA-IX.

23. **Dredging activities.** PNHD has also started looking after dredging activities. PNHD has acquired one trail and suction dredger (85m length) in year 2008. Now an additional backhoe dredger is also being acquired very soon.

## **CONCLUSION**

24. PN Hydrographic Department is carrying out surveys of waters under national jurisdiction as per IHO standards. In addition, PNHD is actively participating in all national, regional and international level maritime activities / forums. PNHD has completed the surveys of entire coast of Pakistan and has published charts giving complete coverage. At present, resurveys of critical areas and new surveys including deep sea surveys are being conducted. As a COORDINATOR of Navarea IX, responsibility for promulgation of navigational warnings is being effectively fulfilled. PN ENC division has been setup and ENC cells concerning three major ports and small scale ENCs adequately covering shipping route of Arabian Sea have been made available to commercial shipping.



**ANNEX A TO NATIONAL REPORT-PAKISTAN**

<b>IHO S-55:</b>	<b>PAKISTAN</b>		<b>UPDATED</b>	<b>15 MARCH 2011</b>	<b>INT Region</b>	<b>I</b>
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**Status of Hydrographic Surveys**

A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2	A1/A2 = % adequately surveyed 0-200m / .200m		
90	30	10	70 <sup>1</sup>	0	70 <sup>1</sup>	B1/B2 = % requiring re-survey at larger scale or to modern standards 0-200m / .200m		
						C1/C2 = % which has never been systematically surveyed 0-200m / .200m		
<b>Comments:</b>								
1. Data for 70 % area with depths > 200 m is based on miscellaneous lines of soundings. This needs to be systematically surveyed on modern standards, which is being undertaken gradually.								

**Status of Nautical Charting**

A = % covered by INT Charts B = % covered by RNC C= % covered by ENC

Offshore passage/Small			Landfall Coastal passage / Medium			Approaches Ports/Large				
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C		
100	0	66	100	0	25	100	0	100		
<b>Comments:</b>										
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**Status of Maritime Safety Information**

Local Warning	Coastal Warning		Port Information		NAVAREA Warning	
No	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Master Plan	Area A1	Area A2	Area A3	Area A4	NAVTEX	SafetyNET
	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>Comment:</b>						
1. All local information necessary for safety of navigation are promulgated through coastal warning.						

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