



**Southern and East African and Islands
Regional Group
for Safety of Navigation
and Marine Environment Protection
(SEAIGNEP)**

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Background



- At 1995 Maputo Conference on Hydrography and Aids to Navigation (AtoN), the need for regional co-operation in hydrography and AtoN was identified
- Two groups were subsequently formed:
 - *Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC), and*
 - *Southern African Regional Co-Operation Group on Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection (SAGNEP)*

Background .



- SAIHC is formal body within the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) and
- SAGNEP (now SEAIGNEP) enjoys the support of:
 - International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)
 - International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
 - International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), and
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
 - Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)
 - Etc.

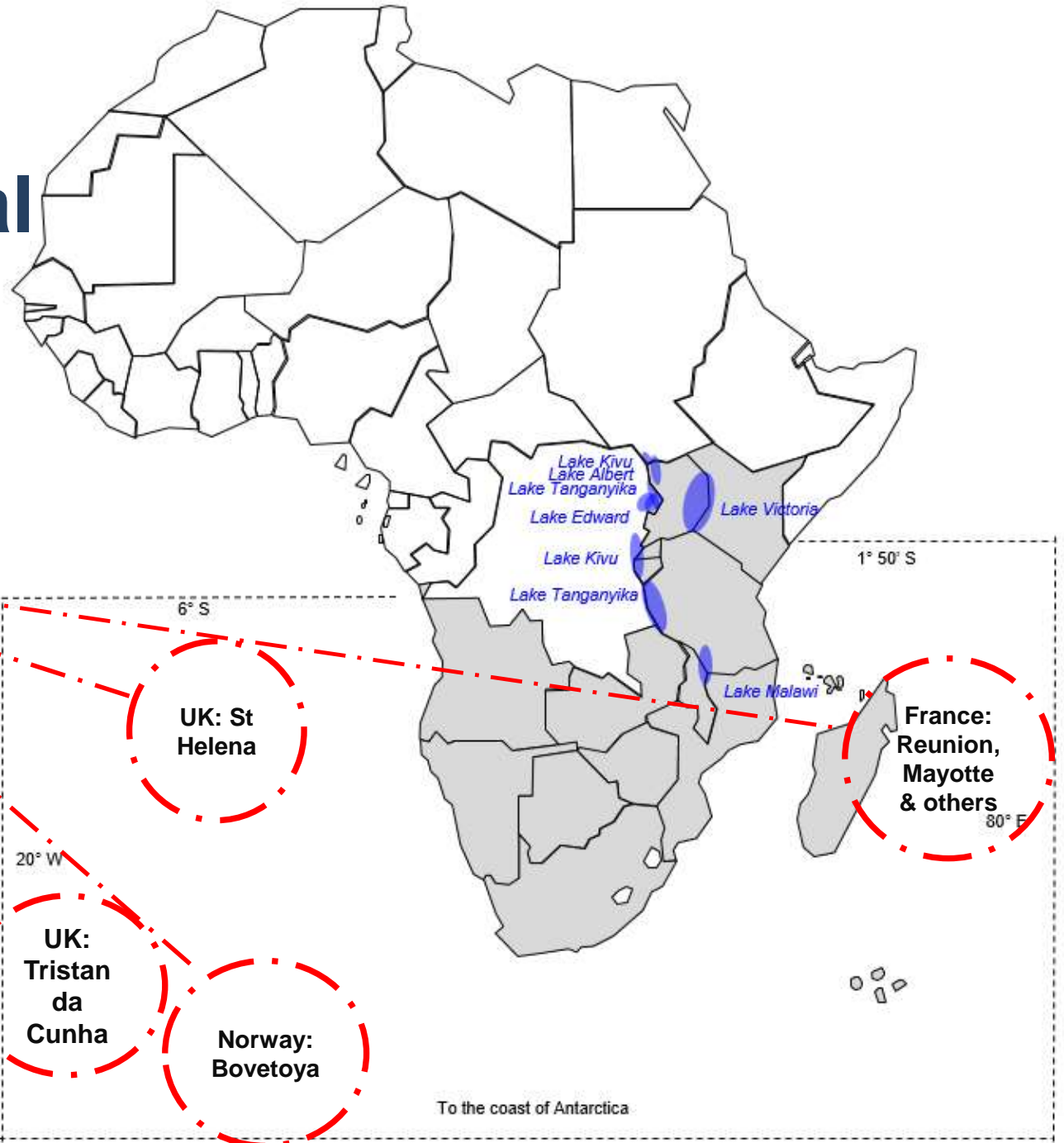
Background ..



In 2018

- It was agreed to change the name from Southern African Regional Co-Operation Group on Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection (SAGNEP) to *Southern and East African and Islands Regional Group for Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection (SEAIGNEP)*.
- It was agreed to increase the geographical area, which includes Southern (from Angola), Central, and Eastern Africa (up to Kenya) and the Islands
- The principle to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was preferred than a Constitution. The amended version of the draft MOA is to be distributed in order for members to get the necessary mandate to accept the relevant text and for it to be signed, as appropriately.

SEAIGNEP's Geographical Area



Include Norway, France, Portugal and UK.

SEAIGNEP Functions

- Discussion forum on matters of mutual interest related to safety of navigation and marine environment protection.
- Act as a communication facilitator between the member states of the Group and the International Organisations.
- Exert regional influence to improve Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection, which also includes coordinated capacity-building measures.
- Exert influence on behalf of member states on International and National Funding Organisations to promote and improve Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection and for a state to co-operate in Regional efforts.

SEAIGNEP Functions .

- Facilitate co-ordination and sharing of aids to navigation assets and services. To ensure co-operation in improving the provision and operation of aids to navigation, pooling of resources and sharing of expertise.
- Encourage the exchange of information and technical support.
- Encourage and organise co-operation in training and the attainment of the required standards [of competence], to include skills development and research.
- Promote awareness of the need to establish internationally agreed aids to navigation and maritime safety information services.

SEAIGNEP Functions ..

- Following on the objectives of the Western Indian Ocean GEF-Marine Highway and Coastal Contamination Prevention (WIOMHCCP) Project, prepare and participate in sustaining development of national and regional plans for the improvement of Safety of Navigation and Marine Environment Protection in the region.



Databases



SEAIGNEP Contact Database

Aim: To enhance communication within the Region

SEAIGNEP Regional Master Plan

Aim: To improve Safety of Navigation and the Environment by:

- (a) Having an up-to-date comprehensive Regional Master Plan, which could be used to source the required funding –
possible WIOM Project Phase 2 to sustain and enhance the work of the WIOMHCCP Project??
- (b) Having a data base of resources that are available in the Region.

In order to keep the databases up to date, both are circulated on a regular basis for members to confirm that all details are either:

- correct or
- to be updated.

Update on outcomes of meeting no. 5

- Suitable life jacket to be used by fishers

The sharing of information is on-going

- Need for Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan & the establishment of the Regional Co-ordination Centre and the finalisation of the Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

The IOC offered to convene a workshop in order to discuss the way forward

The SEAIGNEP Regional Master Plan is to be used to gather information in terms of the current status of national contingency plans

- Regular updating of contact information and other specific information (Data Base & Regional Info)

At most, one or two countries respond regularly

- Amendment of the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for consideration

No comments received on the amended draft. It would now be distributed to allow members to discuss it with their principals and to obtain a mandate to sign it

Next Meeting



SEAIGNEP5

SEAIGNEP5 was held in Mauritius in February 2018

SEAIGNEP6

Unfortunately Seychelles had to withdraw its acceptance to host SEAIGNEP6 in June 2019 due to unforeseen circumstances.

A request for another host was distributed, but has not yet yielded a positive result.

Importance of SEAIGNEP

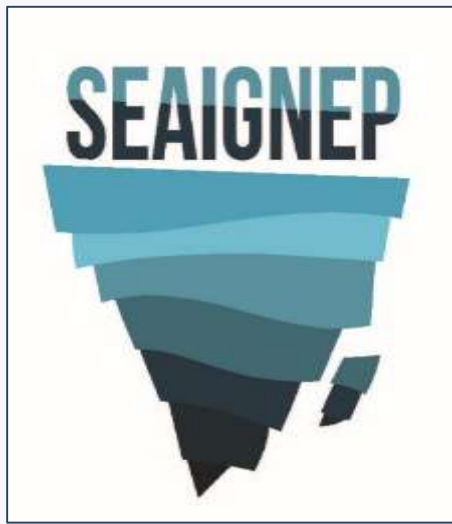
- Excl. IHO Regional Commissions, SEAIGNEP is the only regional group addressing issues related to aids to navigation (AtoN) and other matters of safety of navigation in any region on the African Continent – but needs high-level support to be successful
- Can provide support in meeting the Institutions' international legislative responsibilities
- Contribute towards the implementation of:
 - Ministerial Declaration and Plan of Action with regards to Aids to Navigation of the 2007 African Union (AU) Ministerial Conference on Maritime Transport held in Abuja, Nigeria.
 - The 2009 African Union Maritime Charter
 - The Africa Integrated Maritime Strategy 2050 (AIMS 2050)
 - Preparedness for IMO Mandatory Audits

Assistance requested from SAIHC16 Attendees

PLEASE: Convey the message back home of the importance:

- SEAIGNEP's Aims
- To keep SEAIGNEP “alive”
- Respond to the updating of the x2 Data Bases
- To find a host for SEAIGNEP6 in 2020
- To participate in SEAIGNEP activities
- To have the support of “high level of government.”





Thank you for your attention

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