

Status of SHOM bilateral agreements

Referring to bilateral agreements, SHOM currently follows a two-tier policy consisting of:

- Establishing hydrographic arrangements with other HOs, as recommended by the IHO Technical Resolution A.3.4 on the exchange and reproduction of nautical products, and
- Proposing a transfer mechanism to those countries that have kept traditional links with France and where SHOM still fulfils a number of SOLAS hydrographic responsibilities. These transfers, which are covered by intergovernmental administrative arrangements can include, but are not limited to, provision of maritime safety information, training, surveys and joint chart production.

Type-TR A.3.4 hydrographic arrangements

Hydrographic Office	Status
Brazil/DHN	Ongoing discussions since February 2007.
Croatia/HHI	A first project was submitted to the Croatian HO in November 2007.
Germany/BSH	Ongoing discussions since November 2004.
Greece/HNHS	Ongoing discussions since June 2003.
Italy/IHI	A first project was submitted to the Italian HO in January 2005.
Netherlands/RNLHO	Signed on 9 January 2008.
Russia/GONIO	A first project was submitted to the Russian HO in 1996.
Spain/IHM	Signed on 15 June 2006.
Turkey/SHODB	Signed on 15 June 1998.
UKHO	Signed on 31 January 2001. Last update: 11 February 2008
Ukraine/SHS	A first project was submitted to the Ukrainian HO in 2005.
USA/NGA	Ongoing discussions since June 2006.
Venezuela/DHN	A first project was submitted to the HO of Venezuela in March 2007.

SOLAS-type intergovernmental administrative arrangements

Country	Status
Algeria	A first project was submitted to the Algerian HO in December 2006. Signature expected in 2008.
Benin	A first project was submitted to the Benin Directorate of Merchant Navy in December 2006. Ongoing discussions.
Cameroon	A first project was submitted to Cameroon in March 2007. Ongoing discussions.
Côte d'Ivoire	A generic project was communicated to the Côte d'Ivoire representative during the 8th EAHC (October 2004). Stale.
Djibouti	Signed on 4 October 2006.
Guinea (Conakry)	A generic project was communicated to the representative of Guinea during the 8th EAHC (October 2004). Stale.
Lebanon	No progress due to the present political situation.
Madagascar	A first project was submitted to the Madagascar HO (FTM) on the occasion of the IHO/CBC visit of May 2006. Ongoing discussions.
Mauritania	A generic project was communicated to the Mauritanian representative of the occasion of his visit to SHOM (September 2003). Stale.
Monaco	Signed on 19 September 2005 (the first of its kind).
Morocco	Signed on 21 January 2008. A first chart (INT Tanger Med) has been jointly published in 2007.
Senegal	Signature expected in June 2008.
Tunisia	A first project was submitted to the Tunisian HO in July 2004. Stale.
Togo	A first project was submitted to the Port of Lome in August 2006. Ongoing discussions.
Vietnam	Ongoing discussions.

Other types of agreements

Country	Status
Norway	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RENC agreement signed in September 2002 with Primar.• A tripartite MOU is envisaged to cater for Madagascar Capacity Building.

