Kiribati Technical Implementation Visit $2^{nd} - 5^{th}$ November 2015

Recommendation Table

2011 Recommendation	Status	Updated Recommendation	Timescale	Dependencies
(1) The Kiribati government should formally designate a national coordinator for hydrography and charting, such as the Marine Department, to be responsible for ensuring the provision of appropriate nautical charting services for Kiribati in accordance with the international Convention on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS).	No action to date.	(2015 - 1) Position to be established within the proposed Kiribati Hydrographic Unit. See x for proposed structure.	First Quarter 2016	Action 2015 – 12.
(2) The Kiribati government should seek urgent assistance from regional neighbours such as Australia and New Zealand or from relevant international agencies, such as SPC-SOPAC, to carry out chart modernization	(a) Some work has been undertaken in the environs of the Betio port and approaches by RAN and SPC in 2009 and 2015 respectively. (b), (c), (d) No work undertaken to date.	(2015 - 2a) Kiribati Ministry of Fisheries are to request the assistance of SPC in conducting survey work in the environs of Port of London. This request should be made through the NHCC.	Last Quarter 2015	Action 2015 – 1. Action 2015 – 12.
a. Tarawa and Port Betio (BA3269, BA700) b. Kiritimati Atoll (Christmas Island) (BA2867, BA2995)	to date.	(2015 - 2b) Tabuaeran Atoll is now the only remaining cruise ship destination in Kiribati. KHU should work with the Cruise industry to identify requirements and communicate these to the	First Quarter 2016	Action 2015 – 1. Action 2015 – 12. Adequate response from the Cruise operators

c. Tabuaeran Atoll, formerly		UKHO and SPC through the		
called Fanning Island (BA2971)		NHCC.		
d. Aba-Riringa Island (Kanton) (BA184, BA1451)		(2015 - 2 c) Kanton is to be designated as the Phoenix Island Protected Area (PIPA) and there is an aspiration to develop eco-tourism in this region. In order to facilitate this, the port is to be upgraded and remedial survey work will be required. KHU to consolidate requirements through the NHCC before communicating them to SPC and the UKHO.	Second Quarter 2016	Action 2015 – 1. Action 2015 – 12. Appropriate engagement with PIPA project lead
(3) The Kiribati government should authorise SPC-SOPAC and any other organisations holding	Partially complete. Letter of Authorisation was signed during the visit empowering	(2015 - 3) Kiribati should use the draft letter template included at annex x to request	Fourth Quarter 2016	SPC to provide draft authorisation letter
bathymetric or other relevant data covering Kiribati, such as overseas military organisations, to provide that data to the charting authority (UKHO) for use in the compilation or revision of the existing charts.	SPC to pass any hydrographic data to the UKHO for the purposes of updating navigational products.	that NZ, US, Aus governments (and any others who may have data) release any data holdings in Kiribati waters to the UKHO.		
(4) The Kiribati government through the national coordinator for hydrography and charting, should start a national programme that encourages all	Not started.	(2015 – 4) Once KHU, NHCC and National Hydrographic Coordinator role have been established, Kiribati should request through the PRNI or	Second Quarter 2016	Action 2015 – 5 Action 2015 – 12

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mariners and other interested		SWPHC that an in-country		
parties to report discrepancies		workshop on MSI conducted.		
on existing charts together with				
as much information as possible				
on what should appear on the				
chart.				
(5) The Kiribati government	Not started	(2015 – 5) The Marine Division	First Quarter 2016	Action 2015 – 12.
should ensure that the national		should lead the		This will be easier to
coordinator for hydrography and		implementation of the		achieve once the NHCC
charting establishes at least:		proposed National		has been endorsed.
		Hydrographic structure and		
a. An MSI Coordinator position		associated roles. See x. The		
to fulfil Kiribati obligations under		implementation of this		
SOLAS V/4 (navigational		structure will see the		
warnings);		establishment of a MSI		
		coordinator.		
b. The MSI Coordinator position		coordinator.		
should be combined with the				
role of a survey technician, to				
assist in gathering and				
forwarding new and updated				
information to the charting				
authority (currently the UKHO)				
to enable existing charts to be				
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kept up to date.				
(6) The national coordinator for	This is currently being	(2015 – 6a) The Marine	Fourth Quarter 2015	No dependencies. This can
hydrography and charting should	facilitated by the Head of the	Division should identify	onwards	start immediately.
establish relations with the	Marine Division.	funding for their short term	Uliwalus	Start illilleulately.
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SWPHC, the IHO, the UKHO and		fora until such time that the		
SPC-SOPAC and represent				
Kiribati in all relevant		KHU has been established and		

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hydrographic activities and discussions.		has its own budget. (2015 – 6b) Once established, the KHU should assume responsibilities identified in the original action.	Second Quarter 2016	Action 2015 – 1 Action 2015 – 5 Action 2015 – 12
(7) The Kiribati government should ensure regular funding and travel support for the national coordinator for hydrography and charting to attend relevant meetings of the SWPHC and SPC-SOPAC.	The Head of the Marine Division facilitates this through his wider budget however no formal funding is set aside for hydrographic liaison.	(2015 – 7) Ref. 2015 6a & 6b. The KHU, once established, should ensure funding is identified specifically for international hydrographic liaison.	Second Quarter 2016 Onwards	Action 2015 – 1 Action 2015 – 5 Action 2015 – 12
(8) The national coordinator for hydrography and charting should apply, through the SWPHC, for MSI training under the IHO Capacity Building Program.	In lieu of the proposed national hydrographic structure (and positions contained within it), the Head of the Marine Division has ensured that Kiribati is an active participant in the IHO's	(2015 – 8a) It is recommended that once established, The KHU take responsibility for identifying CB requirements and opportunities.	Second Quarter 2016	Action 2015 – 5 Action 2015 – 12
	CB programme.	(2015 – 8b) Following the establishment of the MSI coordinator role, That the KHU seek training, mentorship and ongoing support for the incumbent, from the SWPHC, IHO, SPC, The NAVAREA Coordinator, UKHO and other regional partners.	Second to Third Quarter of 2016	Action 2015 – 5 Action 2015 – 12
(9) The national coordinator for hydrography and charting should	Not achieved.	(2015 – 9) Marine Division, in lieu of the KHU, should ensure	Last Quarter 2015 onwards	Not dependencies. Can commence immediately.

liaise with the UKHO's Regional Team 5B to ensure new navigationally significant information is forwarded and included in existing charts of Kiribati. (10) The Kiribati government should provide the national coordinator for hydrography and	A suite of equipment (including a CeePulse SBES and a Starfish SSS) has been purchased under	that better communication is established with the UKHO in the provision of information relevant to the updating of the Navigational Charts. (2015 – 10) It is recommended that an agreement is sought for the equipment to be	First Quarter 2016	Action 2015 - 12
charting with at least one outfit of portable hydrographic surveying equipment. An estimated breakdown of cost is shown in Annex C - Typical Costs of Portable Surveying Equipment. Funding will also be required for the regular maintenance of this equipment and for the training and requalification of operators;	the EU funded Environmentally Sustainable Aggregates for Tarawa (ESAT) project. Once complete this equipment will be transferred to Kiribati. The ESAT project currently falls under the Ministry of Fisheries and Minerals and ownership of the equipment will fall to the Fisheries division.	transferred to the KHU, and its use overseen by the NHCC. This should then be added to the ToRs of the NHCC.		
(11) The national coordinator for hydrography and charting should seek appropriate training for a hydrographic surveying technician. Short courses can be provided through the IHO Capacity Building programme;	A member of the Marine Police unit has received his CAT B training in hydrographic surveying from JICA.	(2015 – 11a) It is recommended that the Marine Division and the Marine Police, in lieu of the KHU, use the Draft MoU contained at annex x to agree a cross divisional working arrangement that allows the Cat B trained surveyor to take part in hydrographic survey work as required.	Last Quarter 2015 – First Quarter 2016	SPC to supply draft MoU

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		(2015 – 11b) Until such time that Kiribati has an active survey programme, opportunities should be sought to involve The Marine Police Unit's Cat B surveyor in fieldwork conducted by other regional partners such as SPC. This will be essential to ensure that skills and currency are not lost.	First Quarter 2016	No dependencies. Discussions can start immediately
(12) The national coordinator for hydrography and charting should establish and chair a national	A planning meeting was held during the visit. This was attended by key stakeholders	(2015 – 12) Head of Marine Division to circulate the draft ToRs contained at annex x	Last Quarter 2015	No dependencies
hydrographic consultative committee or forum that coordinates national hydrographic requirements including input to a National Charting Plan, a National Hydrographic Survey Plan and a National Maritime Safety Information Plan. This group should include representatives from all stakeholders, including but not limited to: maritime police, ship operators, port authorities, maritime education authorities, provincial representatives, tourism operators, fisheries, geology and	of such a committee and the Draft ToRs were produced, reviewed and broadly endorsed by the participants.	amongst the potential members of the NHCC and once agreement has been gained, a cabinet submission made to formally establish the group.		

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coastal survey, and SPC-SOPAC and other potential assistance agencies;				
(13) The Kiribati government should ensure the development and execution of: a. A National Charting Plan – by endorsing and proposing the chart modernization plan detailed in this report to the PCA (UKHO);	Not achieved. All three plans will be the responsibility of the KHU and the NHCC has the role of reviewing this on an annual basis (included in the ToRs).	(2015 – 13a) The Marine Division should request the assistance of SPC under the PRNI in the review of all relevant legislation and policy, to understand whether it is fit for purpose in terms of accountability wrt. SOLAS obligations.	Last Quarter 2015	No Dependencies
b. A National Hydrographic Survey Plan – by seeking resources through foreign funding or assistance to complete the surveys listed and prioritised in the National Hydrographic Survey Plan in support of the National Charting Plan. c. A National Maritime Safety Information Plan – by ensuring		(2015 – 13b) KHU should formally request assistance in the development of these 'plans' through its relationship with the UKHO, and under the auspices of SPC's objectives under the PRNI.	Second Quarter 2016	Action 2015 – 5 Action 2015 – 12
that field checks are carried out on the current charts and publications and the results are forwarded promptly to the PCA.				
(14) The Kiribati government should engage an overseas	Not yet in a position to action.	(2015 – 14) Kiribati to seek assistance from the UKHO and	First to Second Quarter 2016.	Action 2015 – 5 Action 2015 – 12

hydrographic adviser to guide		the SPC through the NHCC		
and assist the national		once national hydrographic		
coordinator for hydrography and		structure has been endorsed.		
charting during the				
establishment of an in-country				
hydrographic data gathering				
capability and to foster close				
liaison and possible support				
from recognized national				
hydrographic authorities in other				
countries.				
(15) The SWPHC and the IHO	Ongoing. Significant research is	N/A		
should monitor the further	ongoing throughout the	,		
development of satellite	International Hydrographic			
bathymetry as a possible	Community.			
emerging technology that could	•			
help address the type of chart				
modernization issues being				
faced by Kiribati.				
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(16) The Kiribati government	Not achieved	(2015 – 16) IHO rep. to discuss	Last Quarter 2016	Confirmation of the next
should apply for membership of		benefits and timings with		SWPHC meeting
the IHO (details available in IHO		Kiribati during next SWPHC.		
publication M-2), including				
allocating on-going funding for				
the annual subscription (about				
€8,000 per annum) and travel				
support for Kiribati delegates to				
attend relevant meetings.				