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Paper for information of the CBSC

Summary report of the ROPME Sea Area Hydrographic Commission (RSAHC)

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Executive Summary:	This paper provides a summary report of CB activities to CBSC12
Reference:	RSAHC CB Plan 2013-2017

Introduction - background

1. A five year plan for CB activity in the RSAHC region was approved by the membership in 2012. This plan covers the period 2013-2017 and is reviewed annually (during RSAHC meetings) to ensure it meets regional requirements. The plan is based on assessing the phase of development of each of the coastal states within the RSAHC region (as determined by the IHO's three phases of CB) and arranging training activity to build the necessary capability to meet SOLAS treaty obligations.

Activities completed since CBSC11

2. High Level and Technical Level visits to the *United Arab Emirates* in October and December 2013

3. Workshop on Port & Shallow Water Surveys for RSAHC Members (was arranged but not completed in 2013)

4. The following activities are planned for 2014:-

- Technical Assessment & Advice visit to *Iraq* (replaces similar visit to Eritrea and Sudan)
- MSI (training on establishment of MSI structure and basic MSI procedures), for RSAHC Members
- Tides & Water Levels Workshop for RSAHC Members
- Workshop on Port & Shallow Water Surveys for RSAHC Members (carried over from 2013)
- Development of a Regional Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) Workshop for RSAHC Members. There was little support for this activity when it was made clear that RSAHC members would need to fund travel & subsistence themselves. This course is unlikely to take place.

Action Required of CBSC

5. The CBSC is invited to take note of this report