

**TWELFTH MEETING OF THE CBSC (CBSC12)
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MBSHC CB Summary Report

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Executive Summary: This document provides a summary report of CB activities of the MBSHC for the period 2013-2014.

Introduction - Background

1. The MBSHC region comprises 27 coastal States. 19 (one suspended) are IHO and MBSHC members, 5 are associated members and 3 are observers.
2. Awareness is generally high in the region but some coastal States need Capacity Building such as Technical/advisory visits and training;
3. In 2011 MBSHC CB Coordinator was designated by the Commission and 5 year MBSHC CB Plan (2015-2019) is approved in 2014. According to the 5 year plan relevant documents for 2015 were submitted to CBSC12 for approval.

Activities since CBSC11

4. MBSHC18 was held in İstanbul between 25-27 September 2013. Outcome of the meeting regarding the CB activities is as follows:
 - Defining the CB requirements and 5 year plan,
 - Dates and team of experts for technical visits to Georgia, Israel and Lebanon in 2014.
5. Technical visit to Lebanon was paid by the team comprised of France, Turkey and the IHB between 4-6 February 2014.
6. Technical visit to Georgia was paid by the team comprised of Turkey and Ukraine between 22-24 April 2014.
7. Technical visit to Israel is planned to be paid by the team comprised of Greece, Turkey and the IHB between 1-3 July 2014.
8. Technical visit to Montenegro and two workshops on MSI and Multi-beam Echosounder&Side Scan Sonar Systems are requested for 2015.

Action Required of CBSC

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