

MSI Capacity Building

Submitted by IHB

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document provides details of proposed MSI Capacity Building courses for 2016

Action to be taken: paragraph 7

Related documents: CBSC13-08B, WWNWS6/5/2b, WWNWS7/5/1

1. At CBSC13 held in Mexico City, 27-29 May 2015, it was agreed to fund 2 MSI Capacity Building training courses – one each for the MACHC and SWPHC. The dates and venues for these courses have not been confirmed. WWNWS-SC is invited to discuss the details with the appropriate CB Regional Coordinators and the CBSC Secretary.
2. At WWNWS6, it was agreed the process outlined in document WWNWS6/5/2b would be followed to identify National Coordinators of coastal states within respective NAVAREAs, which the NAVAREA Coordinator identified were in need of or would benefit from MSI training. Only one NAVARERA report was received during the last year.
3. Despite the contents of most reports provided to RHC meetings, evidence from IHB attendance at RHC meetings, particularly the MACHC, NIOHC, SAIHC and SWPHC, indicates that the infrastructure, knowledge and capability of a number of coastal states is a long way short of achieving the IHO CB Phase 1 level necessary to meet their SOLAS V/9 requirements. Even for those states which have received MSI training there appears to be limited follow up or monitoring of performance.
4. NAVAREA Coordinators are therefore requested to consider adopting the processes articulated in WWNWS6/5/2b – to make an annual assessment of the state of provision of MSI within their NAVAREA, identify coastal states/National Coordinators in need of MSI training and engage with the appropriate Regional CB Coordinator to ensure this information is brought to the attention of the CBSC to ensure CB funds are targeted at the most needy regions. Consideration should also be given for follow up workshops aimed at helping countries to develop and maintain their national MSI infrastructure.
5. In addition to the process detailed in WWNWS6/5/2b, it is proposed that NAVAREA Coordinators identify in their Self-Assessment reports and reports to respective RHCs, those national coordinators that are not active and who need attention. Individual coastal states will also be required to complete a short self-assessment on their MSI provision performance in their National Reports to their RHC, see WWNWS7/5/1.

6. There are a number of ways to highlight where training is required – Self-Assessment reports, annual return to Regional CB Coordinators, reports to RHCs, report to IRCC and direct input to CBSC – and NAVAREA Coordinators and WWNWS-SC are encouraged to make use of these opportunities to highlight to the CBSC where training is most needed. MSI Phase 1 training is always a priority and will always be funded ahead of other courses.

7. The Sub-Committee is requested to note this information and take whatever action is deemed appropriate.