

Paper for Consideration by the WENDWG

**List of decisions and actions arising from IRCC-8,
that are of interest to the WENDWG**

<i>Submitted by:</i>	IHO Secretariat, WENDWG Sec.
<i>Executive Summary:</i>	This paper provides updated information on the decisions and actions arising from IRCC-8 that are in relation with WENDWG's activities.
<i>Related Documents:</i>	IRCC8-07D IRCC8 Report, List of Actions, List of Decisions
<i>Related Projects:</i>	N/A

Introduction and Background

1. The eight meeting of the IHO Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC-8) took place in Abu Dhabi, UAE, from 29 to 31 May 2016. The meeting was chaired by Dr Parry Oei (Singapore) and attended by 41 participants. 15 Regional Hydrographic Commissions were represented. The WENDWG Chair was present and delivered its report (Doc. [IRCC8-07D](#)), based on the decisions made at WENDWG-6. The WENDWG Work Programme for 2016-17 ([Annex A](#) to Doc. IRCC8-07D) was endorsed.
2. The IRCC-8 meeting was informed of the developments in ENC for the leisure market and the requirement for authoritative and standardised chart products for Electronic Chart Systems (ECS) on ships that are not subject to the ECDIS carriage requirements of SOLAS so as to support national maritime administrations.
3. The IRCC-8 meeting noted with concern several issues related to ENC coverage. Little progress has been made to resolve existing ENC overlaps, some of the top 2000 ports still lack adequate ENC coverage and some ENCs are not available through or distributed through the RENC distribution system. Difficulties in providing ENC updates at the same frequency as the equivalent paper chart updates was also discussed. The meeting observed that progress in improving coverage is now largely dependent upon new surveys being conducted in those areas where the existing data is insufficient to support the production of ENCs. The Committee agreed guidance on the conditions under which Marine Information Overlays (MIO) could be issued to assist in drawing attention to any differences between a published paper chart and a corresponding ENC or to assist in displaying Temporary & Preliminary Notices to Mariners on ECDIS.

List of Decisions and Actions from IRCC-8 in relation to WENDWG activities

4. The following decisions and actions of interest to the WENDWG were made:

N°	Decision
IRCC8/13	to endorse the continuation of the WENDWG under its current ToR and according to the proposed work plan.

IRCC8/14	<p>to endorse the recommended actions from WENDWG concerning Marine Information Overlays (MIOs) as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taking into account the report of WENDWG6 concerning the situation where a Marine Information Overlay (MIO) is used to assist in drawing attention to any differences between a published paper chart and the corresponding ENC or to assist in displaying T&P notices for an ENC recommends: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All parties concerned with producing the respective MIO, paper chart and ENC should agree on the promulgation of the MIO for the relevant sea area concerned. b. In such circumstances, and mindful of serving the best interests of the mariner, those producers of the MIO and related paper chart and/or ENC should work together bilaterally. c. Production of the MIO should be carried out in close cooperation of producers of both the paper chart and the ENC d. The MIO should utilize the same T&Ps source as the producer of the ENC. 2. In parallel there is a need to raise awareness of T&P NM updates for ENCs, and HSSC is encouraged to include within its work plan for the ENCWG the delivery of an improved solution for T&P updates in future S-101 based ECDIS. In the interim period possibilities of S-124 should be considered.
IRCC8/15	to note that further progress on delivering global ENC coverage is now largely dependent upon new surveys or re-surveys of areas where there is no satisfactory coverage.

N°	Action	Responsible	Deadline
IRCC8/05	provide a status report for the use of official data for the production of leisure charts and report back to the IRCC the findings and best practices	NHC Chair	IRCC9
IRCC8/13	work to reduce overlaps by applying the WEND Principles in defining approved ENC schemes	RHC Chairs	Permanent
IRCC8/14	draft an IHO Resolution to address the overlapping issues and report to the IRCC	WENDWG	IRCC9
IRCC8/36	collate the submissions from the CBSC and WENDWG and to propose the PIs that have no data or that serve to no purpose to be deleted and submit to the IRCC for intersessional approval	Secretariat	10 Aug 2016

Recommendations

5. Following Decision IRCC8/13 (see above), it is suggested to reconsider the continuation of the WENDWG activities under its current ToR at the end of the WENDWG-7 and to provide appropriate recommendations, if any, for being endorsed at IRCC-9.
6. Following Decision IRCC8/14 (see above), it is suggested to consider that work items K.1 and K.2 of the WENDWG Work Programme related to MIO/AIO are complete, as far as the WENDWG is concerned.
7. It is suggested to take note of Decision IRCC8/15 and Action IRCC8/5 (see above).
8. It is suggested to consider the way forward on Action IRCC8/13 if any, under agenda item 4.4 of WENDWG7

(Report by RHCs' Reps on the implementation of ENC's approved Schemes.

9. Following Action IRCC8/14, it is suggested to consider the draft IHO Resolution addressing ENC overlapping issues proposed as Doc. WENDWG7-04.5B.
10. Following Action IRCC8/36, it is suggested to consider the outcome of the 1st Session of the Assembly on the IHO Strategic Plan before any other action. It is reminded that proposal for new performance indicators were made at WENDWG-6 (Doc. [WENDWG6-04.4F4](#) refers).

Actions required from the WENDWG

11. The WENDWG is invited to:
 - Note this document.
 - Consider recommendations in paragraphs 5 to 10 and take any action as appropriate.