

**IHO HYDROGRAPHIC COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTICA (HCA)
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NATIONAL REPORT – NORWAY



Kartverket

NORWEGIAN HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE
(NHS)

1. General

Hydrographic office

The Norwegian Hydrographic Service (NHS) is responsible for the provision of hydrographic services for Norwegian waters and sea areas, including the Svalbard and Jan Mayen area.

NHS' Chart Portfolio consists of 237 paper charts and more than 1050 ENC's.

Through the past years we have seen a significant decrease in sales of paper chart. Since the Print on Demand service was established in January 2011 we have increased the sales of Print on Demand charts, but not similar or more than the decrease in sales of traditional paper charts.

The main focus for NHS this year, and next year, is to reduce the production time of charts.

The earlier reported high turnover, due to the high competition on the labour market in our region, has not been a problem in 2013.

PRIMAR International ENC service, operated by the NHS, now includes approx 11.668 ENC's from more than 55 countries.

2. Surveys

The NHS is not carrying out any surveying or nautical charting activity within the HCA region.

3. Charts and Publications

a. Charts:

NHS has, according to the INT chart scheme, produced one chart for Antarctica - **INT 904** (National No. 550) Dronning Maud Land, which was issued in 2002. The chart was published as an Overview ENC in 2008.

The NHS has undertaken the production responsibility for **INT 909** Martin Peninsula, Cape Colbeck (In the Ross Sea) and planned to produce the chart in 2011.

Due to other project given higher priority this chart has been delayed, and the new plan was to finalize the Chart INT 909 in 2013.

At the moment our external producer in India are working on this chart, and the ENC's will be finalized in the end of 2013, and the paper chart will be finalized in January 2014.

b. Publications:

NHS is not publishing any nautical publications for Antarctica.

4. MSI

Outside the responsibility of the NHS.

5. Capacity Building

The NHS is involved in the IHO CBSC, there is however little activity related to HCA.

6. C-55 Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Worldwide

The NHS has provided the IHB with updates to C-55, March 2013. There are no survey activities in Antarctica to report.

7. Oceanographic activities

Nothing to report

8. Conclusions

- Chart INT 909 are under construction, and the ENC's will be finalized in December 2013 and the paper chart will be finalized in January 2014
- The NHS has not undertaken any surveying activity in Antarctica since the last meeting.