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Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica

Report

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AUSTRALIA

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Overview

- Australian focus has been primarily on completion of ENC for Australia and PNG, but now includes all 15 planned ENC for Antarctica.
- The total Aus Charting Area includes 872 published ENC with 4 more required to achieve full coverage by early 2014.
- The AHO will be introducing new production systems in 2014 and progressively harmonising ENC through all scale bands prior to re-publishing as new editions.



Survey Activities 2012-13

 RSV Aurora Australis passage sounding data processing (1996-2012)

 - (done with deployed team onboard ship due to unique collection system/software)

 Terrestrial observations (GPS) at Davis and Mawson during station resupply visits.



AAD workboat 'Howard Burton'

- Horsehoe Harbour, Mawson Station



Planned Activities for 2013-14

 Focus on test and evaluation of refitted Antarctic Survey Motor Boat

 (during Casey Station resupply visit)

 Processing passage sounding data collected in 2013





ENC

Australia has achieved its planned ENC coverage of Antarctica.
Production will shift to 'ENC first' from March 2014.



Charting

Paper & Raster Charts

- Since HCA 12 (Oct 2012) there have been no new paper charts or new editions for Antarctic waters.
- 14 New Charts/new editions (including 2 existing INT Charts) in the Antarctic are currently scheduled to be produced over the next 5 years (see table). Some may be made available as INT charts.
- The raster chart service is being discontinued in Jun 2014.





Aurora Australis

Stuck in ice 180 nm off Davis Station (16-28 Nov 2013)



