

Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica

Seminar on the status and the impact of hydrography in Antarctic waters

Item 2.4 Conclusions - Proposals



EXISTING ATCM RESOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO HYDROGRAPHY

International Hydrographic Organization

Resolution 5 (2008), ATCM XXXI, Kiev, Ukraine

"...Recommend that Governments... clarify requirements for the collection of hydrographic data... identify priority areas... encourage their national programme vessels to collect data... endeavor to find additional resources towards..."

→ Since 2008, slow progress!

Resolution 5 (2014), ATCM XXXVII, Brasilia, Brazil

"...Recommend that the Parties... promote contacts between national Antarctic programs and national HOs... increase mutual cooperation... coordinate hydrographic surveys... complete their inventory of data holdings... avoid duplication of effort... encourage...all other vessels to... collect data including passage soundings, ...forward data collected to chart producer ..."

→ Since 2014, we are getting better but...



SO, WHAT CAN WE DO BETTER? PROPOSALS

International Hydrographic Organization

- 1. ATCM to consider the ways and means to implement ATCM Resolutions 5 (2008, 2014), by setting up:
 - a. key objectives for the hydrography in Antarctica based on ATCM strategic targets
 - b. areas and application priorities
 - c. guidance on a coordinated data collection approach based on IHO crowd source bathymetry infrastructure
- 2. HCA to consider the objectives and guidance from ATCM and develop implementation procedures
- 3. HCA to report periodically to ATCM on the progress of implementation and to make data publicly available through open data GIS services