



MACHC – 13

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Report on HSSC-4

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- Taunton, UK
- + IHO Stakeholders' Forum
- 24 Member States
- 6 NGIO's



HSSC-4

Oversees IHO Technical Programme

- 10 working groups
- 1 inter-organisational body
- Active NGIO involvement
- Active industry involvement
- Very full programme



Stakeholders' Forum

- 46 representing 39 different groups
- 20 presentations
- Discussions:
 - global status of surveys
 - ENC coverage issues
 - GIS and cloud-based services
 - S-100 related developments



Stakeholders' Forum

- Next Forum:
 - IFHS Hydro13 – Copenhagen, Denmark, November



Principal HSSC-4 topics

- Progress reports from all WGs
- Need for some contract support
- Progress with S-100 – new IHO data structure
 - Increasing interest from other organisations
 - IMO, IALA, WMO, UN DOALOS
- Progress with S-101 – next ENC Product Specification
 - Stakeholder involvement
 - Need for test bed and demonstrator



Principal topics

- Revision of S-99
 - To enable better use of S-100 registry by non-IHO users
- Develop new S-100 based product specifications
 - surface currents
 - digital nautical publications
 - ocean forecasts
- Development of better chart reliability indicators for ENC's



Principal topics

- Hydrographic dictionary – S-32
 - No significant Spanish input



New Chair

- Chair: Dr Mathias Jonas – Germany
- Vice Chair: Mr Mike Prince – Australia
- Secretary: Director Gilles Bessero
- Assistant Secretary: Asst. Director Michel Huet



Action requested:

- Note the report
- Consider ways to participate more actively in the HSSC programme



