



13th Meeting Black and Azov Seas Working Group (BASWG)

Istanbul/TURKEY, 3-4 May 2016

MINUTES

*Notes: 1) The paragraph numbering is the same as in the agenda
2) The list of annexes is provided in the end of this report*

1. Opening and Administrative Arrangements

The 13th meeting of the Black and Azov Seas Working Group (BASWG13) took place at Naval Museum, Istanbul/TURKEY on 3rd and 4th of May 2016 under the chairmanship of Capt.(PhD) Erhan GEZGİN, Hydrographer of the Turkish Navy.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants representing Bulgaria (BU), Georgia (GE), Romania (RO), Turkey (TR) and Ukraine (UA), Region F ICCWG Coordinator (France) and the IHB. The IHB was represented by Director Radm.Mustafa İPTEŞ.

The Chair noted that the agenda of the meeting was based on IHO Capacity Building activities, INT Chart and the ENC scheme of the Black and Azov Seas, overlaps and gaps in ENC coverage and coordination of the Maritime Safety Information in the Black Sea area. He thanked the participants for attending the meeting and contributions in advance especially to IHB Director Radm.Mustafa İPTEŞ and IPETA (LCDR.) Eric LANGLOIS Region F ICCWG Coordinator (on behalf) for their participation and valuable contributions.

IHB Director welcomed the participants and gave a brief overview of IHO activities. He gave detailed information about the preparations for the 1st Assembly in April 2017. He stressed the importance of the work done by RHCs and their sub-bodies and reminded that the IHO actively supports the activities of the RHCs to co-ordinate the Capacity Building activities, hydrography and nautical charting services as well as dissemination of the Maritime Safety Information.

The List of Participants is in **Annex A**.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda of the meeting was presented by the Chair and it was adopted without any change.

The Agenda of the meeting is in **Annex B**.

3. Matters arising from Minutes of BASWG12

The minutes of BASWG12 were presented and approved without any amendment or comment. The Chair presented the status of actions from the previous meeting and the actions were reviewed by the WG and updated.

The updated list of actions of BASWG12 is in **Annex C**.

4. International Co-ordination

National reports of the members (BU, GE, RO, TR and UA) were presented and the reports were noted by the WG.

The important items from the IHB report presented by IHB Director are as follows;

- Regarding the Status of Approval Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the IHO, it is noted that as of end of March 2016, 45 of the required minimum of 48 approvals had been received by the Government of Monaco. It is reminded that Russia, Turkey and Ukraine from BASWG that were members of the IHO when the protocol of amendments were agreed in 2005 have yet to indicate their formal approval to the Depository State (Monaco).

- Regarding the Status of Approval of New Member States of the IHO;

He congratulated again Georgia for the membership and he noted that Bulgaria has received the required number of votes to be accepted as a Member State of the IHO. However, the Government of Monaco has yet to receive the required instruments of accession from BU which will formalise its membership.

- Regarding World Hydrography Day;

He noted that the theme for World Hydrography Day 2016 is “*Hydrography - the key to well-managed seas and waterways*”. The purpose of this theme is that the hydrography is a fundamental enabler for all human activities that take place in, on or under the sea. It is therefore an underpinning factor in the proper monitoring, management and governance of the seas and waterways.

IHB has provided supporting material for WHD-2016 on the IHO website.

- It is highlighted that IHO publication P-5 is an important tool to understand and see the capabilities of the Member States and it is reminded that P-5 should be updated regularly.

It is agreed that MSs to check and update their information in IHO year book (P-5).

BU is encouraged to restart the procedure for membership to IHO

5. Capacity Building

IHB Director provided information on IHO CB activities, particularly the statistical figures of the CB fund, trainees attending CB courses, CB technical workshops, seminars, courses and technical visits. He reminded that the IHO Capacity Building programme is funded from the IHO Budget and supplemented by additional support from IHO Member States (currently Japan, through the Nippon Foundation, and the Republic of Korea). He added that considering the growing demands for IHO Capacity Building activities, IHB Directing Committee and in particular himself continuing a campaign to find new donor States and funding organization in order to increase the CB funds and contributions. He noted the importance of MSI training course in İstanbul in 2015. He also reminded the participants the importance of the English knowledge for the CB courses and trainings.

TR, as the CB Coordinator of the MBSHC summarized the outcome of the 13th IHO Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC) meeting which was held in June 2015 and gave information about the forthcoming 15th CBSC meeting in May 2016, focusing on the following:

- MSI Training Course was held in İstanbul between 20 and 22 October 2015 with 9 trainees from Albania, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Lebanon (2), Malta (2) and Montenegro (2).

- CB Work Plan 2016 (approved)

- High-level Visit to Azerbaijan (lead by IHB) which is planned to be implement in October 2016.

- Workshop on Multi-beam Echo sounder and SSS Systems which is planned to be held in İstanbul in October 2016 with a total of 7 participants from Montenegro (2), Romania (2), Ukraine (2) and Tunisia.

- 2 submissions from MBSHC which will be submitted in CBWP14 for 2017

- Workshop on Technical Aspects of Maritime Boundaries (5 days) which is planned to be held in İstanbul (if accepted by CBSC).

- Workshop on ENC Production and Distribution (5 days) which is planned to be held in İstanbul (if accepted by CBSC).

It is decided that Members to provide CB coordinator with its requirements for 5 year CB plan (2018-2022) until 15 May 2016.

6. Co-ordination of Surveying and Charting

The Chair welcomed again IPETA (LCDR.) Eric LANGLOIS for his participation on behalf of Region F ICCWG Coordinator for the first time in this WG meeting and gave the floor to him for presenting the issues regarding the INT charts and ENC scheme of the region.

Region F ICCWG Coordinator gave a brief presentation covering the online IHO INT catalogue (INToGIS) and he noted that no paper version of the catalogue will be issued by the Coordinator. He gave some examples using the online catalogue such as proposing new INT chart or making amendments to the existing one(s), the status of the charts and the approval procedure. He also gave the current status of INT charts in the Black and Azov Seas referring in Region F ICCWG CL 01/2016.

It was agreed that the Members to provide Region F Coordinator with its comments on MEDINTCHART CL01/2016 until 15 May 2016.

BU and GE were encouraged to provide the Region F ICC and the IHB with a hard copy or online access to their national chart catalogue until the end of July 2016.

It was agreed that GE to liaise with RU regarding co-production of INT3810 and INT3875 and report back to the Region F ICC until the next MBSHC meeting.

It was agreed TR to inform GE and Region F ICC regarding the co-production of INT3808 until the next MBSHC meeting.

It was agreed MSs to use INTOGIS on IHO website to update their own INT Chart information.

7. Maritime Safety Information (MSI)

GE gave information about the establishment of the new NAVTEX station and provided a presentation on MSI activities in Georgia. The Chairman reminded that the members to exchange Maritime Safety Information in order to evaluate and disseminate from their NAVTEX stations for improving the safety of navigation.

It was agreed that Members not to have MSI & NtMs in English version on their website to consider to produce it and to share this information on the web.

8. Any Other Business

No issue is discussed.

9. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

It is agreed that BASWG16 BASWG14 will be held in 2018 in Constanta/Romania (April/May) and RO will inform the Chair the dates in MBSHC20.

10. Election of the Chairman

WG unanimously agreed that the current Chair Capt.(PhD) Erhan GEZGIN (TR) will continue for 2 years more.

It was decided TR to continue for the next two years as Chair

11. Review of the List of Actions

The WG discussed and approved the List of Actions (**Annex D**).

12. Report from the BASWG to the MBSHC19 meeting

It is agreed that the out come of BASWG13 will be reported by the Chair in MBSHC20.

13. End of the meeting

the Chair warmly thanked all participants for their valuable contribution to the meeting and wished the participants a safe return journey.

BASWG13 closed at 1200 on 04 May 2016.

Annexes:

- A) List of Participants
- B) Agenda
- C) Status of Action List of BASWG12
- D) List of Actions of BASWG13

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Agenda

Time Frame	DAY 1 - Tuesday, 03 May 2016
09.00 – 09.30	Registration
09.30-10.30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening and Administrative Arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Address (Chair, IHB Director) - Administrative Arrangements 2. Approval of the Agenda 3. Minutes of the 12th BASWG Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status of actions from BASWG-12 - Outcome of MBSHC19 affecting BASWG - National Updates
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. IHO Work Programme 1– “Corporate affairs” (IHB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooperation with International Organizations (IMO, IOC, EU etc.) - Cooperation with Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (IHO Membership (New Members), Status of ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention, Pending MSs in the region for depositing the instrument of Accession) - Information Management - Development on Technical Standards
12.00-12.10	Group Photo
12.10-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Capacity Building Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IHO CB Activities (IHB, Turkey) - Five-year Capacity Building Plan of the MBSHC
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break
15.30-16.30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Coordination of Global Surveying and Charting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Region F ICCWG Activities-MEDINTCHART Catalogue - INT Charts in the Black and Azov Seas - Status of ENCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Gaps/overlaps in the Black and Azov Seas)
16.30	End of Session
18.30-22.00	Social Event (Dinner hosted by TN-ONHO)

Time Frame	DAY 2 - Wednesday, 04 May 2016
09.00-10.15	<p>7. Coordination of Global Surveying and Charting (Cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Region F ICCWG Activities-MEDINTCHART Catalogue - INT Charts in the Black and Azov Seas - Status of ENCs (Gaps/overlaps in the Black and Azov Seas) <p>8. Maritime Safety Information (MSI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status of MSI coverage in the Black Sea <p>9. Any Other Business</p>
10.15-10.45	Coffee Break
10.45-12.00	<p>10. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting</p> <p>11. Decisions and Recommendations</p> <p>12. Designation/Transfer of the Chairmanship</p> <p>13. Closing</p>
12.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Social event (Visit to Naval Museum)
15.00	End of Meeting

Status of Action List of BASWG12

No	Action	Responsible	Status
BASWG12/01	IHB to send a letter to relevant GE authority to inform the highlights of the Technical Visit report.	IHB	Done
BASWG12/02	IHB to send a letter to relevant authorities for approval of GE membership to IHO.	IHB	Done
BASWG12/03	Members to check and update their information in IHO year book (P-5).	All members	Done
BASWG12/04	BU to provide CB coordinator with its requirements for 5 year CB plan.	All members	Done
BASWG12/05	Members to consider attending the IMO proposed CB training which will be informed by IHB.	All members	Done
BASWG12/06	Chair to inform Region F Coordinator on the GE proposal for INT charts (3871, 3873, 3875) to keep the charts in MEDINTCHART Catalogue as it is until GE become IHO member.	Chair	Done
BASWG12/07	Members to inform the Chair on English speaking point of contacts information.	All Members	Done
BASWG12/08	Chair to distribute this list to Members.	Chair	Done

Actions, Decisions & Recommendations

No	Action	Responsible	Deadline
BASWG13/01	Members to check and update their information in IHO year book (P-5).	MSs	Permanent
BASWG13/02	Members to provide CB coordinator with its requirements for 5 year CB plan (2018-2022).	Members	15 May 2016
BASWG13/03	Members to provide Region F Coordinator with its comments on MEDINTCHART CL01/2016	Members	15 May 2016
BASWG13/04	BU and GE to provide the Region F ICC and the IHB with a hard copy or online access to their national chart catalogue	BU and GE	End of July 2016
BASWG13/05	GE to liaise with RU regarding co-production of INT3810 and INT3875 and report back to the Region F ICC	GE and RU	MBSHC20
BASWG13/06	TR to inform GE and Region F ICC regarding the co-production of INT3808	TR	MBSHC20
BASWG13/07	Members not to have MSI & NtMs in English version on their website to consider to produce it and to share this information on the web.	MSs	MBSHC20
BASWG13/08	BU encouraged to restart the procedure for membership to IHO	BU and IHB	MBSHC20
BASWG13/09	Chair to invite the Region F ICC to the next meeting of BASWG	Chair	BASWG14
BASWG13/10	BASWG14 will be held in 2018 in Constanta/Romania (April/May) and RO will inform the Chair the dates.	RO	MBSHC20
Decisions			
BASWG13/01	TR to continue for the next two years as Chair		
Recommendations			
BASWG13/01	MSs to use INTtoGIS on IHO website to update their own INT Chart information		