

## MINUTES OF NICCWG MEETING-NIOHC17 (5 Mar 18)

1. **Opening.** V Adm V Badhwar, Chairman NICCWG opened the meeting and welcomed all the members.

2. **Agenda.** The following agenda based on the minutes of the NIOHC16 meeting was presented to the members.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Action by and date</u>
(a)	5.1	(i) INT chart producers to assess their allocated INT charts within region J with regards to last update and currency they contain. Provide information to NICCWG coordinator for review. (ii) Continue to provide updates to S-11 through India as Chair of the NICCWG for Region J	On going
(b)	7.1	Updates on Publication information of INT charts to be conveyed to NICCWG Coordinator (India).	All INT Chart producers 31 Dec 16
(c)	7.1	Sri Lanka to put up proposal to NICCWG Coordinator (India) for a large scale chart for Hambantota	Sri Lanka As soon as possible
(d)	7.1	Saudi Arabia to put up proposals for INT Charts for their waters, if any	Saudi Arabia Whenever ready
(e)	7.1	Outstanding action points of NIOHC15. Pakistan to notify the Region I ICCWG Coordinator (IR of Iran) the need to commence discussion with Region J INT Chart Coordinator to resolve the cross coverage issue of INT 751.	Prior to RSAHC meeting
(f)	7.1	Correction to be carried out on the upper latitude of the INT Chart 7453 to read 22°04.55N	As early as possible
(g)	7.1	Adequate time (01 day) to be allocated for NICCWG meeting to allow fruitful discussion	On going

3. **IHO Guidelines.** While opening the discussions, the Chairman brought out the various IHO guidelines for production of INT charts and ENC's. A presentation on the status of INT coverage in the Region was given by the INT Chart Coordinator.

4. **Updates to S-11 for Region J {Paras 2(a) and (b)}.** The Chairman informed the members that the two agenda points were addressing similar issues and therefore need to be discussed together, he elaborated on the INT to GIS project of IHO which aims to move the existing S-11 Part B into an interactive GIS/S-100 environment. This also provides NICCWG online

updated information and tools for reviewing and maintenance of INT chart schemes. MS were encouraged to note this as an ongoing action point of the NICCWG. Any discrepancies in the S-11 may be notified to the Coordinator. He also requested MS to assess their allocated INT charts within the region and provide updates on production schedule. UK brought out that there may be a requirement to re-work the number of INT charts proposed/allotted to ~~the UK.view issues pertaining to agreements regarding data sharing.~~ The Chairman proposed that this point be kept as on-going action point for updating the INT chart status of Region J.

**5. Sri Lanka and Saudi Arabia's proposal for INT Charts {Paras 2(c) and (d)}.** On enquiry from the Chairman, Sri Lanka informed that they were in the process of preparing a proposal for INT charts and will inform the Chairman when ready for consideration. Saudi Arabia also informed similarly. The Chairman recommended that both the proposals can be examined whenever received and it was agreed to remove this point from the agenda.

**6. Cross coverage of INT 751 {Para 2(e)}.** The Chairman gave a brief background of the case of overlap of Indian National series chart 21 with Pakistan's chart INT 751 and their equivalent ENC's. This was particularly significant since approximately 40% of the chart coverage falls in Area 'J' and no consultation with INT Coordinator Area 'J' was undertaken prior to allocation of the chart to Pakistan in 2003. As a follow-up, Pakistan had notified Region 'I' ICCWG coordinator to commence discussions with NICCWG coordinator. Region 'I' ICCWG coordinator has in turn communicated with NICCWG coordinator to resolve cross region coverage of INT 751. The proposal received from Area I coordinator is as follows:-

(a) Only one cell coverage equivalent to INT 751 be produced, preferably by Pakistan since they have been registered with IHO through the chart list S-11/Part B. India would therefore be required to provide updates to PK for keeping INT 751 up-to-date in the SE part of the chart as well.

(b) Producing two ENC's, one by India, and one by Pakistan, is permissible with consideration of the data limits of Regions I & J interface.

7. Elaborating on the proposal, the Chairman brought out that the Area I Coordinator has brought out the need for consensus on the producer nation, meeting requirements of verification, charting and data limits/boundaries for INT chart and its associated ENC. There is therefore a need to bilaterally address production mechanisms between all stake holders. Oman also informed that they do not have any data sharing agreement with Pakistan and a major part of waters charted by them are covered by the chart on its western portion. After detailed discussions, it was proposed to send a suitable reply to the Region 'I' ICCWG coordinator highlighting the need for Pakistan to enter into a suitable agreement as per the IHO guidelines with concerned MS covering all aspects of INT chart and associated ENC production as per IHO guidelines.

8. **Correction of INT Chart 7453 {Para 2(f)}**. The INT Coordinator informed the members that the necessary correction has since been incorporated and recommended that the point be closed which was agreed by all concerned.

9. There being no other points, the Chairman thanked the members for their active participation before closing the meeting.

