

The Report of INT Working Group

The aim of the international chart is to facilitate the provision of minimum sets of charts suitable for the navigational requirements for the international shipping. According to INT Chart Scheme, at the beginning, there were 106 International charts in different scales within the Region “I”. These charts were prepared by the RSAHC Member States together with UKHO.

The responsibility of INT Area Working Group Coordinator of area “I” was given to the Islamic Republic of Iran from 2nd. RSAHC Meeting in May 2006.

In this regard from the last RSAHC Meeting in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 4th to 6th of March 2013 the main activities by RSA Member States were limited to Sultanate of Oman, UKHO on behalf of United Arab Emirates and I. R. of Iran. Therefore it is strongly recommended that all RSA Member States to communication in regard with their INT Chart production with the INT Area Coordinator in order to avoid any duplication and overlapping.

According to latest edition of S-11 dated November 2013, all INT Charts produced and published for region “I” is showed in to following table:

Name of the RSA States	Small Scale INT Charts	Medium & Large Scale INT Charts
Kingdom of Bahrain	--	5
Islamic Republic of Iran	--	10
Kuwait	--	7
Sultanate of OMAN	3	22
Pakistan	2	6
Qatar	--	--
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	--	--
United Arab Emirates (UAE)	--	--
United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO)	3	58

The following INT Charts has been produced and / or published from Feb. 2013 till Nov. 2013

Kingdom of Bahrain: Since last session of RSAHC, no new chart was introduced by K. Bahrain.

Islamic Republic of Iran: since last session of RSAHC, I.R. of Iran has produced 7 new INT Charts as follows:

Chart Number	INT Chart	Title	To be Published
IR 3016	7237	Bandar-e Lengeh	2014
IR 3051	7299	Bandar-e Imam Khomeini	2014
IR 3052	7298	Khowr-e-Musa Middle Part	2014
IR 3060	7260	Jazire-ye Kish	2014
IR 5001	7001	Khalij- e Chabahar East Part	2014
IR 5003	7190	Khalij- e Chabahar West Part	2014
IR 3058	7234	Jazire –ye Lavan to Nakhilu	2014

Since these new INT Charts are not bordering any of the RSA States and are covering I.R. of Iran’s territorial waters , therefore would like to introduce the above charts to IHO for amending the S-11 for Region “I”.

State of Kuwait: We have no Information from State of Kuwait since last session of RSAHC.

Sultanate of OMAN: S. Oman , has proposed the followings :

- Remove ten INT charts from the scheme, i.e. INT7179, INT7182, INT7183, INT7185, INT7187, INT7188, INT7191, INT7194, INT7196 and INT7202.
- Redefine the limits of INT7015 and INT7016, by moving these two charts eastward by about 2 degrees.

In accordance with clause 3.12 of S-11 Part A, We have distributed the Oman proposal between all members of the regional charting group for comments, the outcome of those comments were as follows:

Taking into account the assessments, remarks and suggestion of different RSA Members and also the remarks made by IHB, for the time being, we are suggesting the following :

Since, the revised schemes of Omani INT Charts will not offer any improvements on the existing approved INT chart scheme. In fact, mariners will undoubtedly be seriously inconvenienced by some aspects of the proposal, especially where there are gaps in chart cover at the same scale. I.R. of IRAN as INT Chart working group coordinator is in line with the forgone recommendation proposed by UKHO as approved by IHO, the existing scheme is still ideally suited to the needs of the international mariner (for whom this scheme is intended) and should, for the present, remain unchanged.

Pakistan: Pakistan Navy Hydrographic Department has published 41 charts of different scales covering entire coast and off shore waters of Pakistan. These are kept up to date. Out of these, 8 charts presently form part of INT area “I & J”.

State of Qatar: Since last session of RSAHC, no new INT Chart was introduced by State of Qatar.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Since last session of RSAHC, no new INT Chart was introduced by K.S.A .

United Arab Emirates (UAE): UKHO has published following INT Charts for UAE (2 New INT Charts), and withdrawn one.

Chart Number	INT Chart	Title	Published
BA 3404	7213	UAE - Ports in Ra's al Khaymah	13/09/2013
BA 3405	7215	UAE - Ports in Ajman, Sharjah	13/09/2013
BA 3410	7214	UAE - Ports in United Arab Emirates + 8 plans	Withdrawn

UKHO: was send a proposal of publishing a new edition of GB Charts 2441 The following 45 INT charts have been published since the last RSAHC meeting by UKHO for different States in RSA :

GB Chart Number	INT Chart	Title	To be Published
GB 2441	7233	I.R.of Iran &UAE - Jazireh-Ye Tonb-e Bozprg to Jazireh-Ye Forur	2014

This proposal of UKHO was sent to I.R. of Iran authorities for comments.

Conclusion:

In accordance to this report around some new INT Charts were produced, withdrawn and revised from Feb. 2013 till Feb 2014 (one year time) which demonstrate that in some States it was not much of improvement in INT Charts Production, but in some other States you could clearly notice the positive changes in INT Chart Production.

Islamic Republic of Iran, I.R. of IRAN as INT Chart working group coordinator for "I" region is suggesting that in order to accomplish the responsibilities of each Member States considering the production of INT Charts of its coastal and territorial waters by the year 2014 they need to have more active participation in this subject.

Thank you for your attention

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