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**Marine geospatial information
(for discussion and decision)**

Statement provided by:

Government of India

Statement:

Dear Chairman,

India congratulates the efforts of the working group on Marine Geospatial Information to provide guidance and encourage the availability and accessibility of marine geospatial information for the benefits of society, the environment and the economy and takes note of the report. It whole-heartedly supports all the recommendations of the white paper on readily available and accessible (open) marine geospatial information, provided as a background document to this present report and appreciate its necessity in the current scenario where a lot of marine and land spatial data are being generated by the nations.

Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), is providing Tsunami Early warning, ocean information and advisory services. The National Oceanographic Data Centre at INCOIS is one of the central repository of marine geospatial data recognized by Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC). The marine geospatial data and services in the country is being utilized by many agencies for different purposes viz. inland waters, sea and oceans, disasters, harvesting ocean energy and mineral resources, assisting fisherman at local and regional levels, Potential fishing zone advisory services, and measuring/monitoring/ mitigating climate risk in inland and coastal zones, which necessitate the standardization of marine geospatial information.

It is suggested that the UNGGIM's Working Group on "Marine Geospatial Information" may set up a sub-group on the marine geospatial standards. India is willing to actively contribute to this sub-group.

Thank you

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