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

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Australia welcomes the report from the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information. As a nation with an extensive coastline and marine jurisdiction, a significant majority of population and infrastructure located close to the coast, Australia strongly supports the objectives of the Working Group to open up marine geospatial information and integrate onshore and offshore information. Australia believes these goals will assist in better management of the many competing interests in the marine zone.

Australia encourages the Working Group to work closely with the International Hydrographic Organisation on standards, so that it is easy for anyone to access information on a Member States' marine jurisdiction. As reported at the Ninth Session by the IHO, Australia along with colleagues in Canada, the IHO, other Member States, NGOs and UN bodies, has been leading the development of the S-121 standard for the exchange of maritime boundaries information. An initial version of the standard is now available for implementation and testing. Australia encourages this Working Group, as part of its work program, to support the implementation of this standard, and other open standards. Such support will make it is easy for anyone to find, view and use marine geospatial information for safe navigation, law enforcement, and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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