Report of the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information

Eight session of the
United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
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Introduction

• Established by the Committee of experts through decision 7/111, noting the need for technical expertise and broad representation

• Provides a forum to encourage enhanced global cooperation to address issues related to the availability and application of marine geospatial information – including inland water bodies and waterways, coastal zones, seas and oceans
Membership – Current Composition

13 Member States
2 UN-GGIM Private Sector Network Members (Esri and Ocean Wise)
The International Hydrographic Organization Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations

co-Chairs – Burkina Faso and United States of America
Activities

• The Working Group has held two online meetings in 2018, March 26 and June 25

• Agreed on 2018 – 19 work plan, comprised of 10 activities

• Eight work plan activities are underway
Work Plan Highlights

• Recognize Capacity Development Initiatives which may benefit from WG Activities
• Liaise with Relevant Organizations including IHO and UN-GGIM Regional Committees
• Understand established standards for geospatial information in marine and inland waters, with a view to recognize and endorse
• Produce Communications Plan
• Produce Use Case Report addressing availability and accessibility of marine geospatial information – due in 2020
Use Case Report

Report to show the benefits of open (readily available) marine geospatial information – examples...

- Marine data needed for response to disasters and the benefit of having data readily available
- Data needed for determining where to best harvest wind energy and the associated economic impacts
- Nautical charting data for use in mobile technology to assist small island reef fisherman
First Expert Meeting

Scheduled in conjunction with the International Hydrographic Organization’s Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group

March 7 – 9, 2019
Busan, Republic of Korea
Discussion

The Committee is invited to:

• Take note of the report and the progress made in the first year and its present membership;
• Consider encouraging broad geographic representation in the Working Group;
• Express views on the work plan;
• Provide guidance on the future activities
• Take note of the planning to convene the first expert meeting of the Working Group in Busan, Republic of Korea
Thank You