



## **International Seminar on "Effective and Integrated Marine Geospatial Information**"



In conjunction with the 4th Expert Meeting of the Working Group, IHO MSDI WG 13, OGC Marine DWG

- Marine geospatial information must be **readily available** and accessible, needed by Member States to support data-driven, evidence-based management and administration of seas, oceans, coastal zones and inland waters.
- Knowing where people, marine life, events, and activities are, and their spatial relationships to one another is essential for informed policy-development and decisionmaking.
- **Real-time** marine geospatial information is needed to prepare for and respond to emergency situations, such as disasters.





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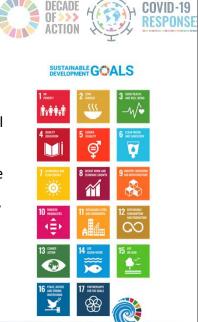


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## We recognized that:

- Increasing the availability and accessibility of marine geospatial information benefits many stakeholders within the maritime domain, including commercial shipping and safe navigation; management of maritime resources, the blue economy, marine spatial planning; emergency management and response; scientific research; maritime limits and administration; and law enforcement and defence.
- Also, to monitor progress towards national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals.





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- Essential component to any national geospatial information management arrangement and ecosystem
- The IGIF provides mechanism for marine geospatial information to be integrated with other meaningful data to solve societal and environmental problems and be a catalyst for economic growth and opportunity
- An effective and integrated national marine geospatial information management program must include recognition of inherent rights of indigenous and vulnerable people
- Effective governance, capacity development, policy and legal frameworks and sustainable financing are necessary to leave no one behind
- The IGIF-H must provide practical guidance for countries to enhance the availability and accessibility of marine geospatial information (the full spectrum) to realise the greatest benefit from integrated marine geospatial information
- The IGIF-H was submitted as an action to the UN Decade of Ocean Science



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