

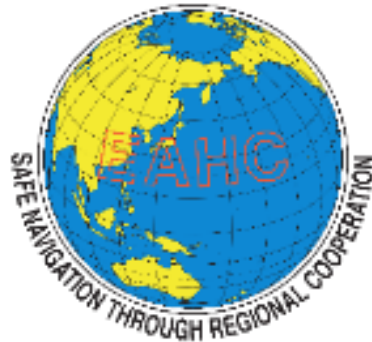
**First Expert meeting of the UN-GGIM & IHO Joint Working Group on
Marine Geospatial Information
with the theme “Advancing Integrated Marine Geospatial Information
Management”**

**Chiang Mai, Thailand
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East Asia Hydrographic Commission Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group (EAHC MSDIWG) Report



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EAHC MSDIWG-5 Meeting

Host: Republic of Korea

Date: 21 – 23 October 2025

Place: Jeju, South Korea

Method: Hybrid (VTC and Face-to-face)

Participants (Physical): Brunei Darussalam; Indonesia; ROK; Singapore; Malaysia; Philippines; Hong Kong, China.

VTC: China



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EAHC MSDIWG-5 Report

Discussions:

- Workplans discussion and developing timelines.
- Report on MSDI Project under IHO-Singapore Lab.
- National Reports on MSDI from Brunei Darussalam, ROK, Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines, China and Malaysia.
- Matters arising from IRCC-17, EAHC SC-11, IHO MSDIWG-16.
- Explore working with the World Bank.
- Regional Metadata Standards Implementation



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Outcome of the Meetings: List of Actions

Action No.	Agenda	Lead	Progress
1. For all outstanding Member States and Observers with MSDI portals to provide a web link to EAHC Permanent Secretariat (Japan) .	A2/2025	All	On Going
2. MSDI Chair to revise the ToR document for circulation post meeting. The revised ToR will be submitted at the EAHC Conference meeting	A6/2025	Chair	On Going
3. Singapore to form task group for regional metadata standardisation to compile test datasets for regional metadata standards implementation. Materials to be circulated via email correspondence.	A8/2025	Singapore	On Going
4. To identify a Member State to carry out the metadata testing workshop.	A10/2025	All	On Going
5. Member States to discuss possible projects for possible submission to World Bank assessment.	A10/2025	All	On Going



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Outcome of the Meetings: List of Decisions

Decision No.	Agenda	Lead	Progress
1. The Philippines is to act as Vice-Chair to the Regional Metadata Standards Task Group.	A9/2025	Singapore	On Going
2. The metadata testing workshop will be held back-to-back with the next iteration of the EAHC MSDI WG.	A10/2025	Chair	On Going
3. The Philippines will inform Member States regarding the exact date and venue of the EAHC MSDI WG-6 in 2026.	A11/2025	Philippines	On Going
4. <i>Singapore</i> to assume the Chair position, and <i>Philippines</i> to serve as Vice-Chair of the EAHC MSDI WG, pending approval from their respective managements	A12/2025	Singapore and Philippines	On Going



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Workplans

No	Work Item	2025				2026				2027			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1	Develop Vision and Mission Statement for EAHC MSDIWG (Lead Chair)												
	Discussion at EMSDI WG4 meeting	x											
	MSs to propose Vision and Mission Statement via Correspondence	x											
	Chair EMSDI to compile and prepare for submission to EAHC SC	x											
2	Communicate and Liaise with Relevant International Organizations (All)												
	Build a list of relevant international organizations (e.g. IHO MSDIWG, UN-GGIM WG-MGI, and Regional MSDIWG)	x	x	x	x								
	Maintain communication with them to promote the sharing of MSDI information and identify areas of potential collaboration				x	x	x	x					
	Keep up with MSDI activities across international organizations						x	x	x	x			
3	Propose Sharing of National Data Policy Statements (Lead: Chair)												
	Identify Platform to share Member State's MSDI Data Policy	x	x	x									
	Invite the Member States to share their National Data Policy for public access	x	x	x									
	Coordinate the compilation of national data policy (e.g., handling incomplete or incorrect spatial data, accessibility, privacy, transparency of administration, copyright, selling to third parties, commercialization of the data) from member states				x	x	x						
4	Identify Relevant Standards e.g Metadata, to Support the Implementation and Operation of MSDI (Lead Singapore)												
	Investigate and share relevant international standards (e.g. IHO and OGC) to the prioritized datasets in B.2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
5	Sharing and/or Identifying Used Cases of MSDI (Lead: ROK)												
	Member States to share and/or identify used cases of MSDI	x	x										
	Chair EMSDI to compile list for discussion at WG meeting(s)		x	x	x								
	Identify prioritized data sets and table for discussion at EAHC SC meeting				x	x							



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