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Marine geospatial information (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> International Hydrographic Organization	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>The International Hydrographic Organization coordinates national and regional approaches in the measurement and provision of marine knowledge according to globally agreed standards. For the past one hundred years we have been supporting the survey and the mapping of the seas. Our most popular initiative in support of SDG14 is the one and only digital global map of the Oceans (GEBCO). This data set serves as the base layer for all types of marine knowledge to understand and protect the oceans better and to implement resource-saving initiatives in the future.</p> <p>The IHO sets the global standard for digital sea charts. There is no comparable solution onshore. Based on this experience of global digital uniformity in hydrographic data, this concept is now expanding to cover all sorts of marine geospatial information. Interoperability of this multipurpose information which is provided by a rich diversity of engineering and science domains will be instrumental for the seamless association of marine data with land data across the coastline. The IHO is ready to support any effort to bring land and sea data together through standardization and capacity building within our remit.</p>	
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