

# Report of the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information

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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



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# 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



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