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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the working group on marine geospatial information, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee of Experts (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-Session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the progress of the working group in its efforts to address the importance of reliable, timely and fit-for-purpose marine geospatial information to support the coordination, management and governance of inland water bodies and waterways, coastal zones, seas and oceans.

Summary of the report

At its eighth session, held in New York from 1 to 3 August 2018, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 8/112, in which it encouraged the working group to consider a use-case study on data availability and interoperability, linkages to national geospatial information infrastructure that relates to inland water bodies and waterways, coastal zones, seas and oceans, and good practices and exemplars. The Committee also requested the working group to take note of and consider in its activities the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and related international initiatives, including the Seabed 2030 project.

In the report, the working group provides information on its progress to date, including its 1st meeting in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 7 to 9 March 2019, and its ongoing engagement with the standards development organizations to promote the development and use of internationally agreed standards across all marine activities. The working group also discusses progress in the development of a use-case exercise to explore issues and challenges, good practices and approaches to address the availability, accessibility and interoperability of marine geospatial information for critical analysis pertaining to the coordination, management and governance of the marine environment. In addition, the working group discusses updates to its workplan for 2019 and 2020 and provides an overview of its planned activities for the coming year.

* [E/C.20/2020/1](http://www.un.org/Depts/under20/).

