

**Meeting Summary**  
**MesoAmerican Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission**  
**Electronic Chart Committee Working Group 2**  
**Tuesday, November 3, 2009**

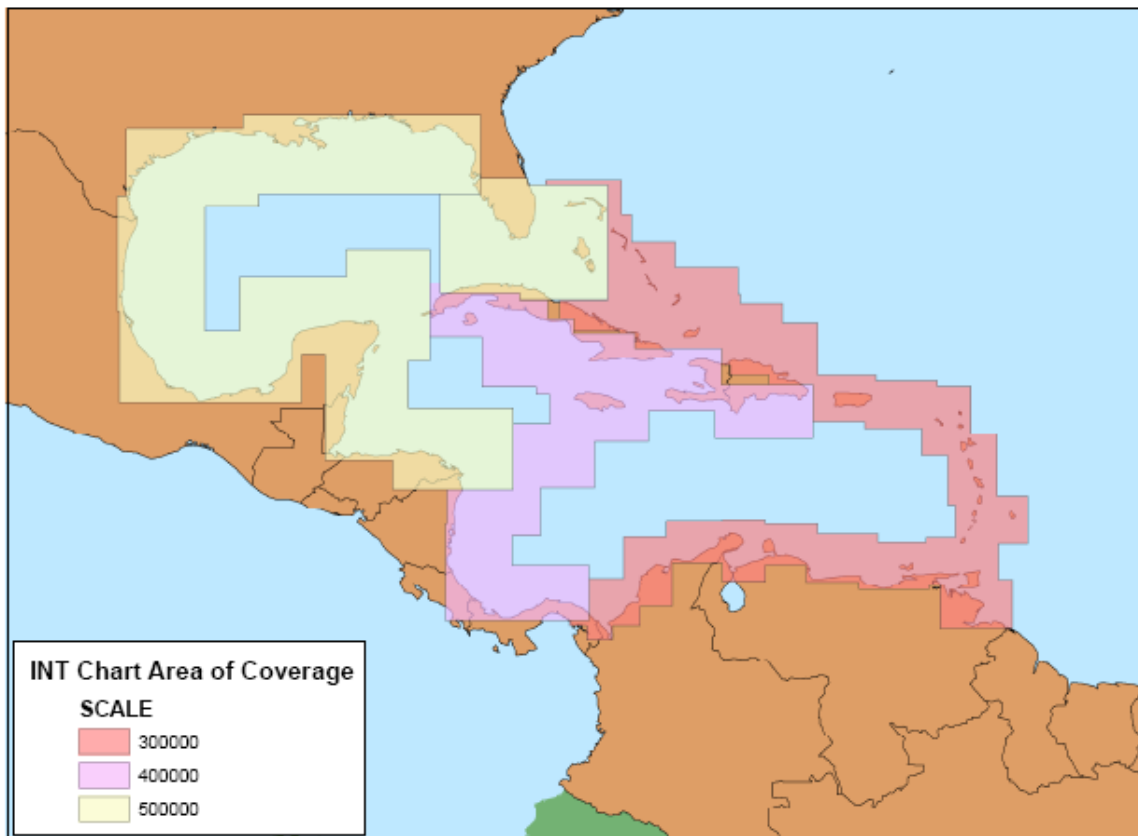
The MACHC/ECC Working Group 2 met from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon at the Accra Hotel in Christ Church, Barbados. The objectives of this meeting were to 1) develop an assessment of the present situation with respect to ENC coverage, 2) coordinate an action plan, and 3) establish a communication strategy. However for the immediate future the Working Group identified its primary goal to:

***“Achieve adequate Regional ENC Coverage by Dec 2010 and to synchronize the reporting with MACHC Chair, IHB, and MACHC INT Chart Committee”***

To achieve this goal, our previous efforts concentrated on targeting priority ports/routes of the region. Unfortunately we have been unable to find an authoritative source on priority routes and traffic patterns for any sector, including the cruise lines. Examination of references (such as Lloyd’s Register, Caribbean Shipping Association) contained inconsistencies in data and metrics, making it difficult to determine major ports and traffic patterns. However rather than target priority ports/routes as in the past, the following proposal was put forward to the group:

***“Utilize the INT Chart Scheme as the “footprint” to guide ENC construction/coverage of the MACHC Region”***

Since the INT Chart Scheme is already based on required chart coverage, the footprint of the INT Chart Scheme (shown in Figure 1 below) can therefore be assumed to satisfy



**Figure 1**

ENC coverage as well. The Group accepted this logical proposal and agreed to move forward and act on the comparison of existing and required ENC coverage with the INT Chart Scheme for the Region. It was further agreed that priority consideration should also be shifted to:

**“produce medium-scale ENCs before med-scale (paper) INT Charts”**

Due to limited resources, this suggestion is to, in essence, reverse engineer the production process in order to accelerate the production of ENCs. But it must be emphasized that if a MS does produce ENCs, they must assume responsibility for updating them as well.

Because delaying actions to report activities for another year is not acceptable to move toward achieving our primary goal it was considered essential that a “Communication Strategy” be put in place to address issues on a more immediate basis. It is considered important that as much preparatory work and/or planning as possible be undertaken as well as to keep everyone informed, before proceeding. As a result, a “Communications Group” was established as shown in Table 1 below.

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**Table 1**

Additionally, consideration was given to a possible “mid-year” meeting, to be held in conjunction with and IRCC meeting in New Orleans in the June 2010. An initial polling resulted in the potential participation in this meeting by the following countries:

- Brazil
- Colombia
- France
- United States
- United Kingdom
- Venezuela

In Summary, WG-2 recommended to:

- Achieve adequate regional ENC coverage by December 2010
- Utilize the medium-scale INT Chart Scheme as a baseline (“footprint”) for adequate medium-scale ENC coverage (Usage Bands 2/3)
- Identify production status/gaps
- Consider producing medium-scale ENCs before medium-scale INT (paper) Charts
- Develop a plan for completing coverage and developing a regional ENC Scheme, including formalized updates
- Coordinate closely with the ICC to harmonize efforts
- Encourage neighboring MS to establish bilateral agreements on production responsibilities
- Synchronize reporting with MACHC Chair, IHB and MACHC INT Chart Committee