



INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



MACHC Letter 19 / 2010
20 September 2010

To:
All MACHC Member States

Subject: Electronic Chart Committee Report - MACHC ENC Coverage

Reference: MACHC Actions 10-30 through 10-35

Dear Hydrographer,

1. At the 10th MACHC in Barbados, the Electronic Chart Committee (ECC) agreed to develop and execute a plan to ***“Achieve Adequate Regional ENC Coverage by December 31, 2010 (using the medium scale INT chart scheme as the baseline for adequate medium scale ENC coverage - usage bands 2/3)”***. This MACHC Letter present the Report of the Committee for your consideration.

2. The ECC has been working diligently throughout the year and has documented the results of its efforts in the attached Report, which:

- Summarizes the current status of ENC coverage for the MACHC region;
- Depicts a regional ENC scheme agreed to by the Member States (Annex A); and
- Makes recommendations for future action.

Since the Report contains a great deal of nation-specific information (see Annex A in particular), it is provided to you in advance for your review and comment prior to its formal submission and anticipated adoption at the upcoming MACHC XI meeting in Suriname. The Report and its Annexes comprise the following documents, which are enclosed and also available at:

http://www.iho-machc.org/documents/ecctg2_doc.html#A

This Report represents a very important step toward achieving the necessary adequate regional coverage, availability, consistency and quality of ENCs to support the International Maritime Organization carriage requirement for ECDIS.

3. Please provide any and all comments on this document to the ECC Chair (Kathryn.Ries@noaa.gov) and the Committee's Communications Coordinator, Erich Frey (Erich.Frey@noaa.gov), with a copy me (int.rel@dhn.mar.mil.br) by October 8, 2010.

Yours sincerely,

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Annexes
Report of the MACHC Electronic Chart Committee Working Group
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