

## INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



# Maritime Economic Infrastructure Programme Working Group (MEIP WG)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Tele-Conference Meeting. Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Tele Conference commenced at 10.00hrs EDT, 15.00hrs BST

#### **Participants**

Kerrie Howard (Acting Chair) (KH) – UKHO Bruce Harding (Note-taker) (BH) – UKHO Dr Rob Hensley (RH) – UKHO Leland Snyder (LS) – NOAA Jenny Thacker (JT) - NOAA Jonathan Justi (JJ) – NOAA Nickolas Roscher (NR) – Brazil Alejandro Gerones (AG) – CARIS Rupert Forrester-Bennett (RFB) – Pelydryn

### 6.1 Opening remarks by Chair

KH welcomed all those participants who had taken the time to dial into the conference.

#### 6.2 Brief Introductions

#### 6.3 Apologies

Tim Lewis (TL) – UKHO (Chair) Mark Halliwell (MH) - UKHO Jane Jones – UKHO (Sec) Eric Langlois (EL) – SHOM France

#### 6.4 MSDI Questionnaire

KH explained that a basic questionnaire had been drafted, and had been circulated after the previous MEIP meeting. One response, from CARIS, has been received.

LS noted that good questions were offered, but he didn't think the questionnaire captured the original MEIP vision and didn't move forward identifying the full range of tools required. This view was supported by EL through his apologies.

AG thought the audience the questionnaire was aimed at was too specific – its scope should be broadened, to include more geographic organisations,

#### **Actions**

not just Hydrographic Offices.

KH suggested this could be addressed.

JJ questioned the timetable for circulations?

KH suggested this might be in the next fortnight or so, as some progress would need to be demonstrated at the forthcoming 13<sup>th</sup> MACHC in Guatemala in November.

RH thought that some data could be put into a LiteGIS facility, as a pilot, and could be linked to distribution of the questionnaire.

JJ liked the idea building a pilot or test-bed, but expressed continuing concern that other important issues had yet to be explored fully, namely what data layers are required and who would build a test-bed.

RH (boldly) suggested that UKHO would endeavour to create a test-bed in the 'next couple of weeks'

JJ offered to send across certain ENC and Ports data available within NOAA.

- **6.4.1** RH (through others at UKHO) to get test-bed produced.
- **6.4.2** JJ to send additional data to RH and MH
- **6.4.3** Sec to distribute test-bed and questionnaire

#### 6.5 **Next Steps**

KH has discussed with TL, who reported encouraging discussions with a financial advisor (investment banker?) who will help draft a business plan with which to pursue funding, notably through the maritime Alliance organisation.

LS reported discussions with Miss Patricia Mendoza (organisation?), who is tasked with developing climate assessment within the Caribbean area, and would continue to explore common ground.

JJ suggested that Miss Mendoza's project was receiving Organisation for Economic Development (OECD) funding, that their project had completed its initial stage and was now beginning an implementation phase.

**6.4.4** NOAA to provide project details to WG

#### Minutes of last meeting (5<sup>th</sup> meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012) and Review 6.6 of Actions

- **5.4.1** To send copy of the report and layers spreadsheet to EL. (Also recorded as Action **5.6.5**)
- **5.5.1** Circulation of draft questionnaire: Done. Chair and Sec to work on feedbacks, and will circulate finalised questionnaire with the GIS test-bed.

Sec to check this had been done.

Closed

- **3.4.3** Participants to review Vision Statement and to feedback to Sec: Still open
- (All) On-going
- **3.4.4** Participants to suggest Mission Objectives: Still open
- (All) On-going
- **3.5.1** Participants to continue to review the layers: Still open
- (All) On-going
- **3.5.2** Websites which aggregate geographic data to be fed back to Sec: Still open
- (All) On-going
- **4.5.1** Chair to discuss AMVER: Still open (Chair absent)
- Chair: On-going
- **5.6.1** Investigate source / supply historic AIS datasets: Still open

(ESRI) On-going

**5.6.2** Done

Closed

5.6.3 UK to trial AIS data from website. UKHO not able to filter data yet: Still open

(UKHO) On-going

**5.6.4** Done

Closed

#### 6.7 Any Other Business

AG voiced further concern that the WG would need to move forward faster if a presentation was to be made at the forthcoming 13<sup>th</sup> MACHC in Guatemala in November.

KH reiterated that it was important to maintain momentum.

LS looked forward to the test-bed, and suggested it might focus on a geographic location (a Caribbean island perhaps) rather that expecting it to offer initial coverage of the whole MACHC region. Also that it really ought to be more that "just showing data on a map".

RH welcomed the notion of zooming in on a locality.

LS encouraged "finding data that gives conclusions" and "data that shows gaps" (in data and/or coverage)

**6.7.1** Chair to report back to next meeting on UKHO progress with the test-bed.

#### 6.8 Date of Next Meeting

Following discussions, participants agreed to amend next meeting to **Tuesday 31**<sup>st</sup> **July,** to commence at **10.00hrs EDT, 15.00hrs BST** 

KH thanked all participants. Meeting closed at 15.40hrs BST