

22nd Conference of the Meso American - Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

Proposal to change the area of coverage of the MACHC

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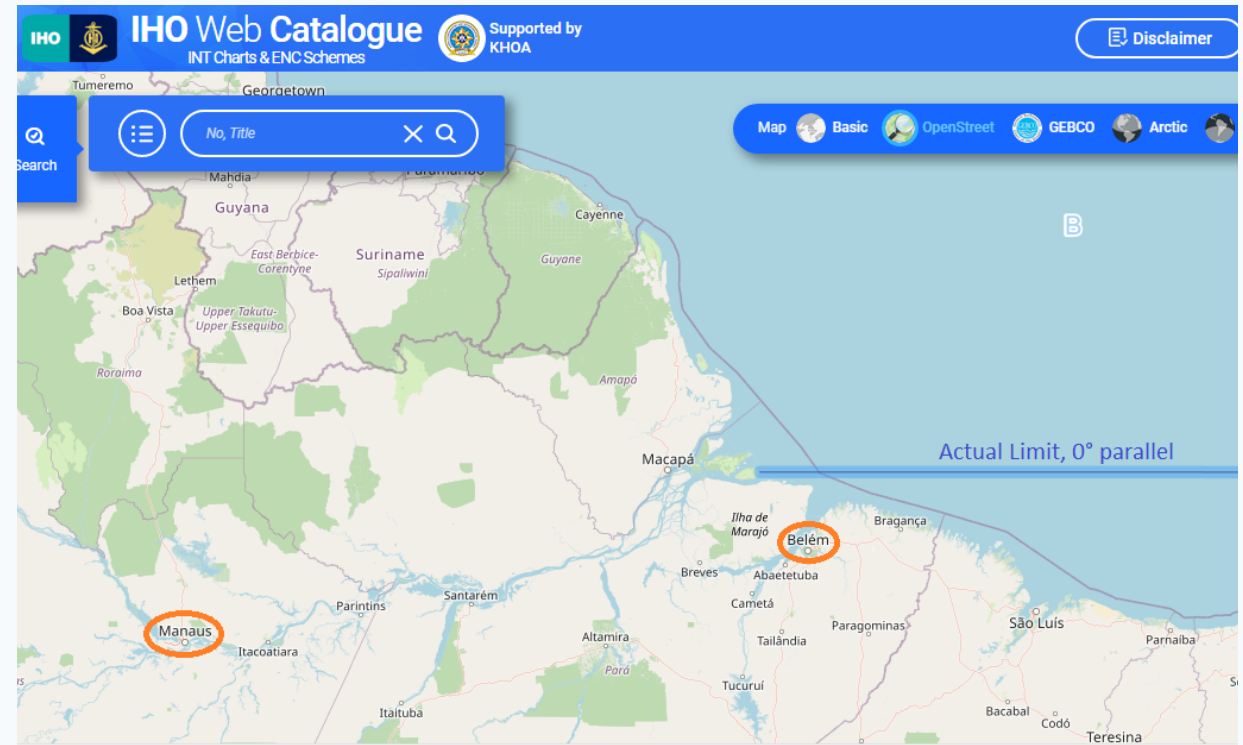
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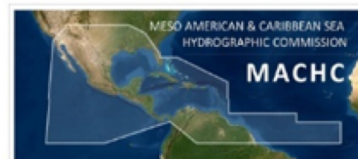
Proposal

The proposal concerns the expansion of the current area subject to the MACHC in order to include the waters of the Brazilian Amazon basin that flow into the Atlantic Ocean.

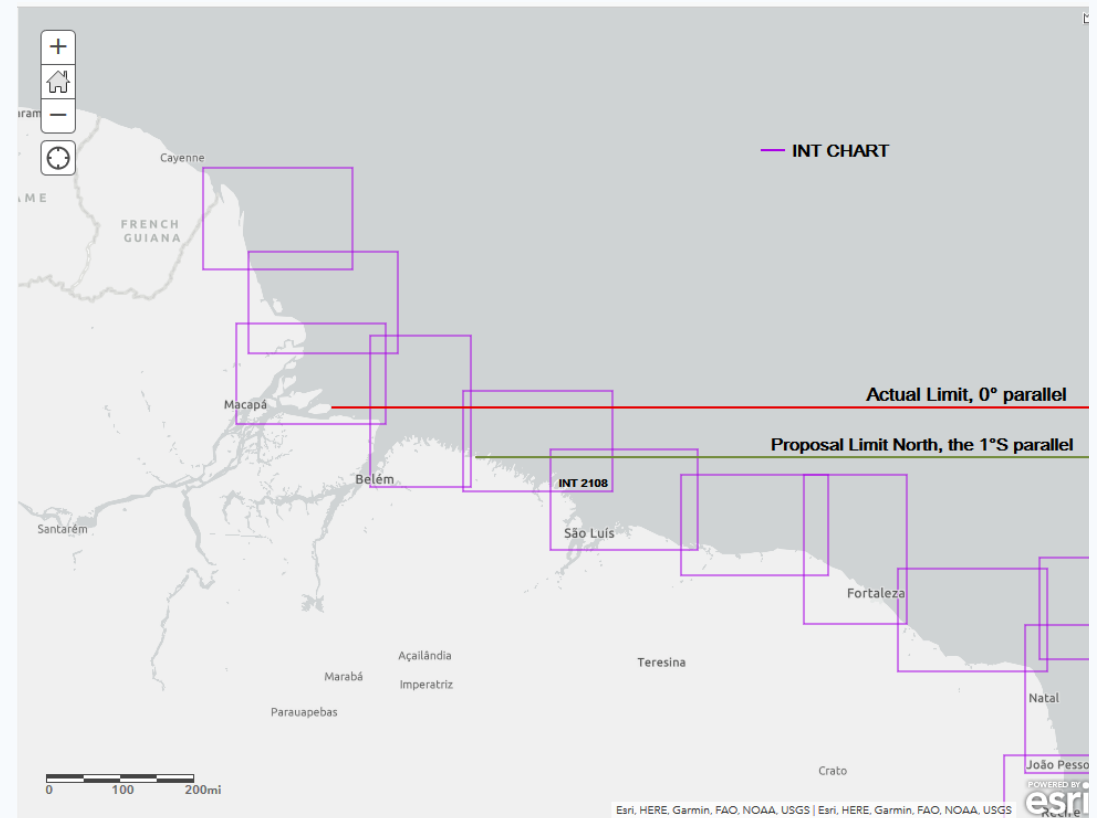
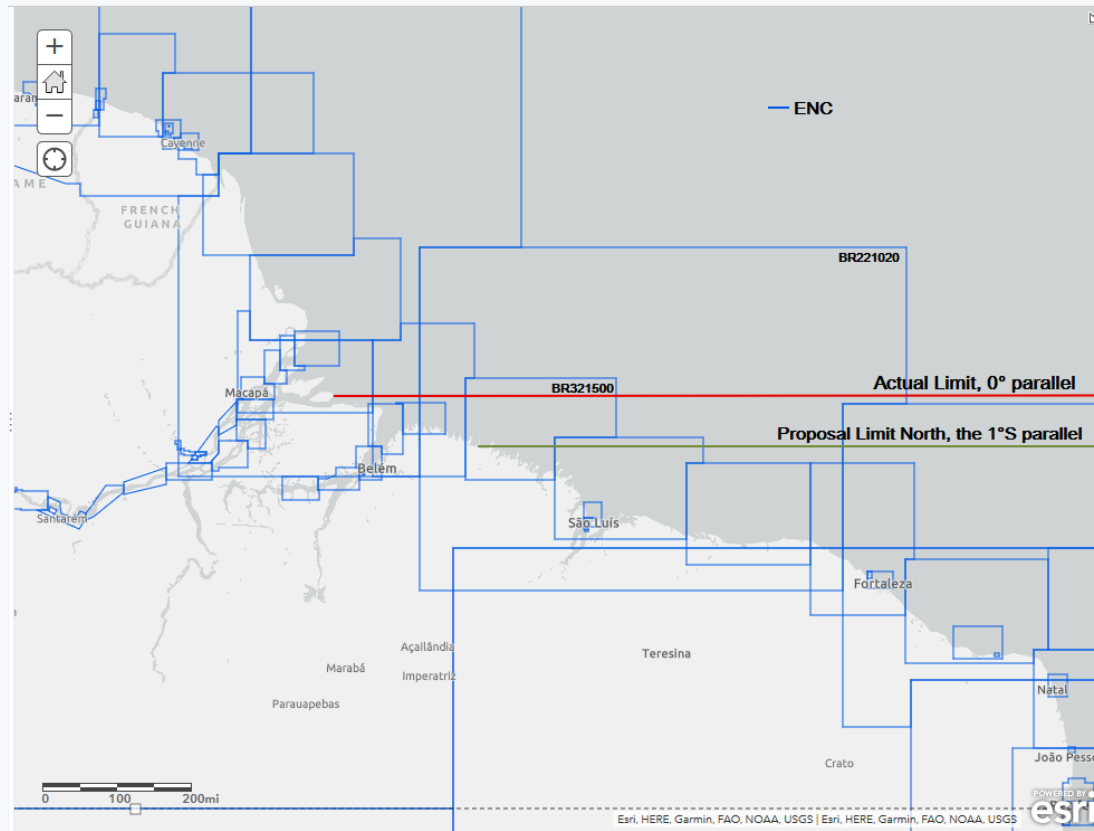


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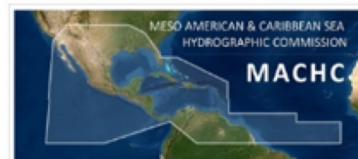


The proposal is to change the MACHC limit from 0° (Equator) to 01° South so that the Amazon basin is fully included in the MACHC region.



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Goals and Impacts

Goals:

- Harmonize the MACHC region corresponding to the IHO International Charting Region B with the region where the Brazilian hydrographic and nautical cartographic activities in the Amazon basin are being reported at the MACHC Conferences.
- This proposal was submitted to the 14th SWAtHC Meeting in 31 August-1st September 2021 that approved a new border with MACHC at 01° South.

Impacts:

- The activities in the Amazon basin are not being reported at the South-West Atlantic Hydrographic Commission (SWAtHC) meetings.
- No changes to the INT Chart and ENC schemes will be necessary.



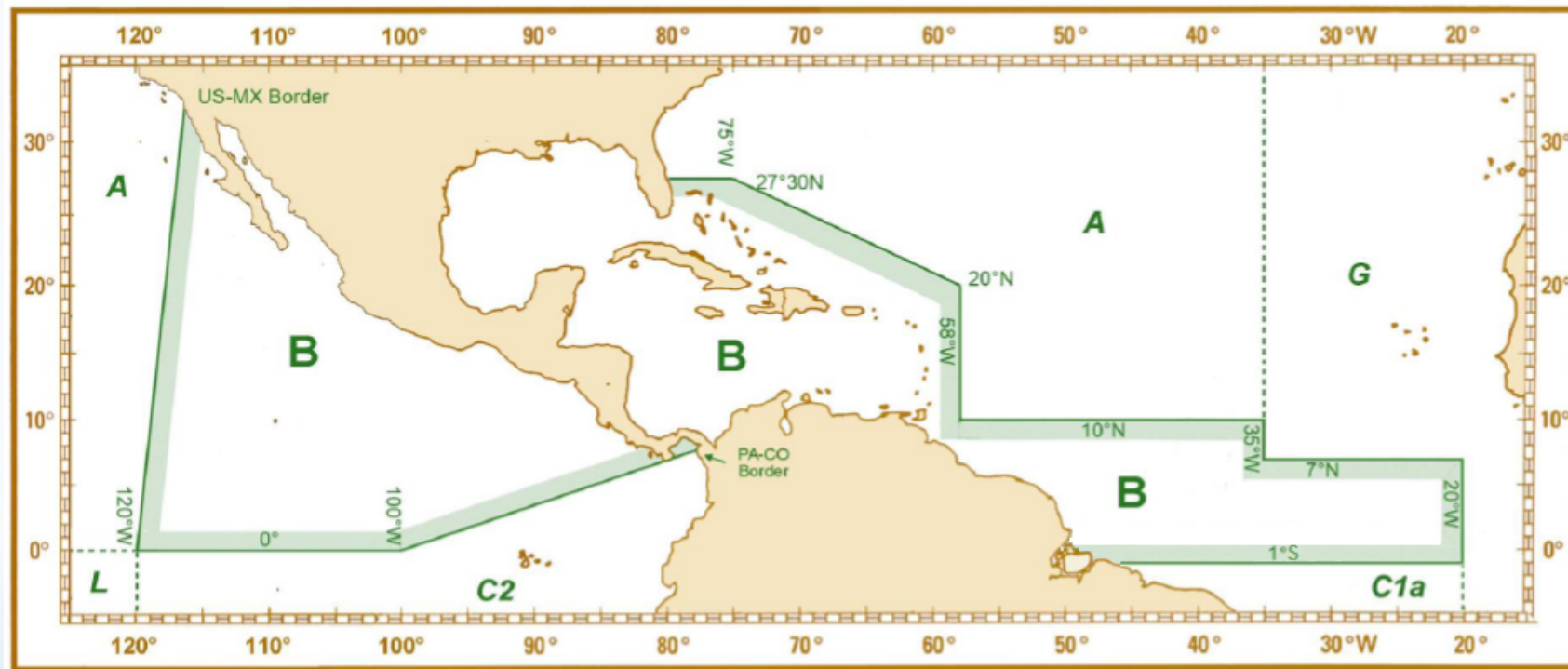
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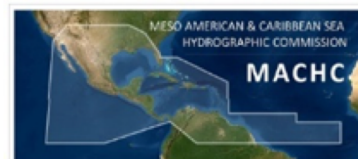
Results

- If this proposal is approved by MACHC, the IHO Secretariat should be informed of this change in order to update its website and related documents (e.g. IHO International Charting Regions).



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Recommendations

- 1) Replace the current image in Annex 2 of the Statutes of the MACHC with the image of the Annex to this proposal; and
- 2) In Article 1 b): add the sentence “The hydrographic basins flowing into the defined geographic Region are part of it.”.



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The Commission is requested to:

- a. Note this Proposal;
- b. Approve the change of the area of coverage of MACHC and the Recommendation 1) of this Proposal;
- c. Approve the Recommendation 2) of this Proposal; and
- d. Take any other decisions and actions considered necessary.



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