

Report on the Third Meeting of the IHO Inter-
Regional Coordination Committee
IHO-IRCC3

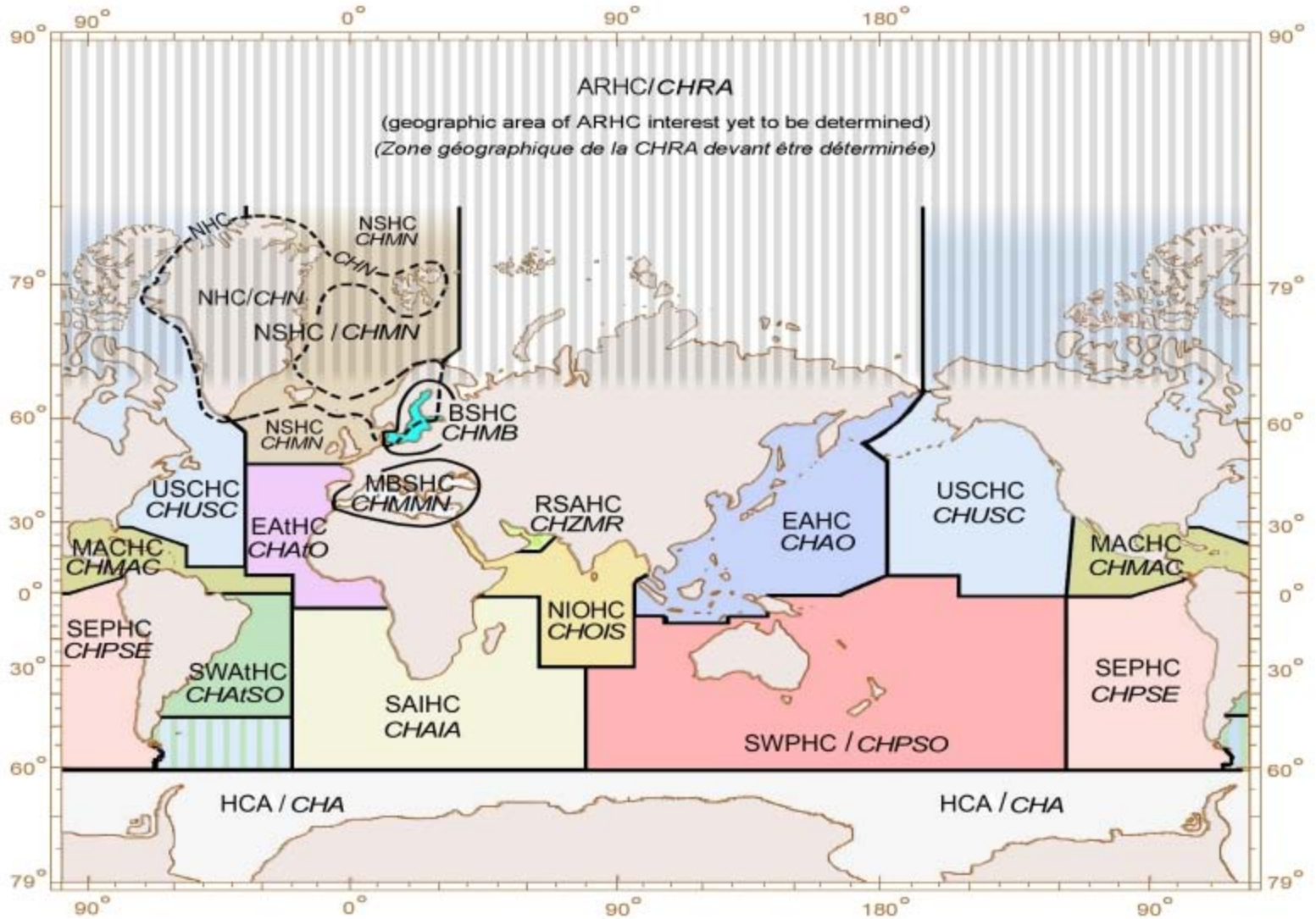
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REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
IHO-IRCC3**

**Directorate of Hydrography and
Navigation (DHN) of the Brazilian Navy
Niteroi, Brazil, 26-27 May 2011**



Summary

- Fifty participants representing all regional hydrographic commissions provided reports
- Action IRCC02/17: *Consider ways to strengthen collaboration with RHCs with a priority on improving high resolution shallow water bathymetry at the regional level.*
- GEBCO filed a written report and provided an oral presentation
 - Recent GEBCO activities
 - Plea for data submissions from member counties
 - Partner on international tsunami readiness
- Critical for GEBCO to contribute to the 2013-2017 IHO workplan

Summary of GEBCO presentation from the meeting minutes

“The GGC Vice-Chair summarized the activities of GGC and reported on action IRCC02/17, highlighting the **good relations between several regional bathymetric projects and the corresponding RHCs** (Doc. IRCC3-03.7).

The issue of the availability and sensibility of data was discussed. The **IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry, offered to collaborate with the IHO IRCC to acquire hydrographic/bathymetric data** and build improved 7 regional and coastal digital elevation models (DEMs) for international coastal communities. These DEMs could form the basis of tsunami forecast models that will be provided to the host countries to enhance tsunami forecasts and warnings from the Tsunami Warning Centers.

On another subject, it was identified that the beneficiaries of the **Nippon Foundation/GEBCO Training Project could work in partnership with the RHCs.**

During the discussion the idea to have a **GEBCO representative attending each relevant RHC meeting** was reinforced and agreed.”

Outcomes

- GEBCO input to IHO workplan must be delivered to IHB by October 1, 2011
- IRCC4 will be held in Singapore, June 7-8, 2012
- There is an active outreach effort under IRCC (Capacity Building Sub-Committee) that appears to be a good match for GEBCO/Nippon efforts
- *Action IRCC03/17: Invite GEBCO Guiding Committee /Bathymetric Regional Project Chairs to attend corresponding RHCs meetings, aiming at strengthening collaboration with a priority on improving high resolution shallow water bathymetry at the regional level.*



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