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9.1 TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON USER REQUIREMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO GEBCO PRODUCTS 2024

Working Group process and outputs

The Working Group on user requirements and contributions to GEBCO products, established Dec.C6.2 (II) of the IOC 28th Assembly in 2018; conducted on a triennial basis.

The WG is established with the purpose of :

- (i) collect, integrate and assess user requirements to inform the development of present and future GEBCO products; and
- (ii) address ways for strengthening the contributions of IOC programmes and Member States activities to GEBCO data and products.

Working Group composition: IOC Member States nominated experts and expert from the GEBCO Guiding Committee, and relevant IOC technical and regional subsidiary bodies (GLOSS, GOOS-SC, IODE, TOWS-WG, IOCAFRICA, IOCARIBE, IOCINDIO, IPHAB, WESTPAC and GOOS Regional Alliances).

WG outputs: Assessment/ recommendations for consideration by IOC GBs and inform GEBCO /IOC progs



Recipient of the Survey

- IOC Member States, national institutions, GEBCO Guiding Committee, and relevant IOC programme areas, such as Regional and Thematic Subsidiary Bodies
- Other non-governmental stakeholders that use ocean mapping products for the conduct of their operations (eg industry, NGOs,) through GEBCO-NF Seabed 2030 Project



Focus of the Survey

- User needs for GEBCO data and products
- Needs and specific requirements to GEBCO products:
- How to improve access and dissemination of GEBCO products
- How would the users apply the GEBCO products
- **Any potential needs of Capacity Development in relation to GEBCO products**
- **Regional needs for GEBCO products**
- Areas where spatial resolution of GEBCO's gridded bathymetric data sets should be increased
- **How can private sector and NGO can contribute to GEBCO**



Next Steps

- IOC Circular Letter 2981 issued to reconstitute the WG
- WG provide inputs to the design of a Survey to be developed by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Working Group
- Roll out of the Survey with IOC MS, IOC Progs, and other stakeholder
- Analysis of Survey results, WG formulation of recommendations and preparation of Assessment report for presentation to IOC Executive Council
- **Need to identify Chair of WG – in the past, this was held by an IOC Officer**