

**30th Meeting of the
Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission (BSHC)
Riga, Latvia, 22 - 24 September 2025**

**IHO Secretariat's Report
on
recent developments of relevance for the
Baltic Sea Region**

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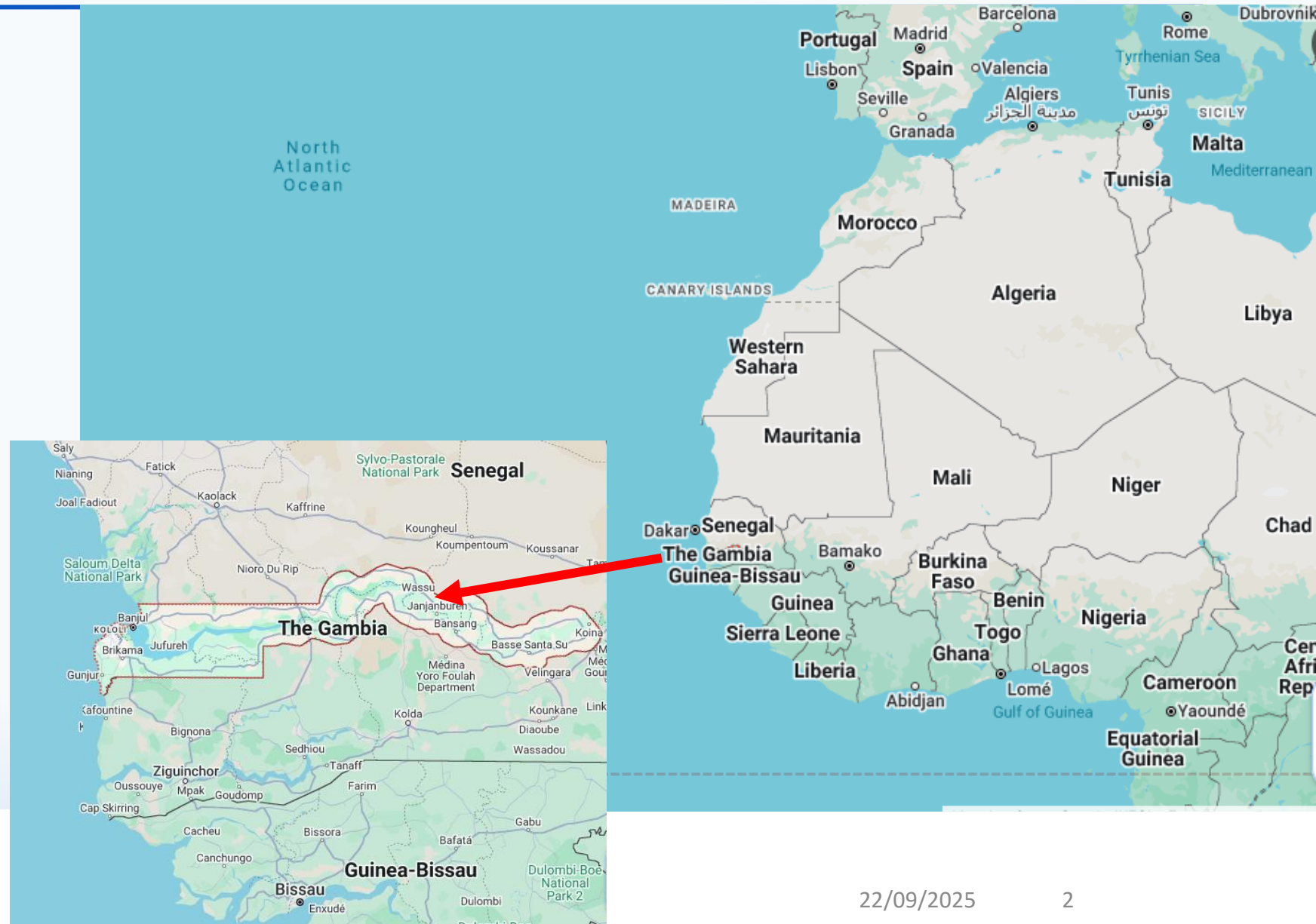
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New IHO Member States (1)

The Gambia
became the
101st IHO
Member State
in May 2025



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New IHO Member States (2)

Bahamas became the
102nd IHO Member
State in July 2025



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New IHO Member States (3)

Lithuania
became the
103rd IHO
Member State
in August 2025
- Europe is
now complete!



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HSSC17, IRCC17 and forthcoming 9th Council

- HSSC and IRCC chairs are present and will report on the most recent developments of the respective Committee meetings under [BSHC30 C1](#) and BSHC30_D1
- All major items to be addressed by the report of the BSHC Council representative – note [BSHC30 B2 SE](#) Information on Council issues of the IHO



9th Council Agenda highlights

- Update on the S-100 Roadmap
- Update on the establishment of the S-100 Infrastructure Centre including the tasks and the organizational framework
- Draft IHO Strategic Plan 2027-2033
- Outcomes from 3rd UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3), contributions to the UN Ocean Decade, and next steps
- IHO Portal – Key Updates and next steps



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IHO Secretariat's domestics

- Ongoing improvement of the new IHO Portal based on user's feedback plus new features added (calendar, membership, interface,...).
- RHCs will be invited to maintain their specific repositories.

The screenshot displays the IHO Portal interface. At the top, the IHO logo and 'IHO PORTAL' are visible. The user 'Mathias JONAS' is logged in as a 'Guest'. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Committee, My Committees, All Committees, Archive, Meetings, My meetings, Upcoming (selected), Archive, Account, and Help. The main content area is titled 'Upcoming - All Committees' and features a search bar and tabs for 'All', 'IHO', 'HSSC', 'IRCC', and 'RHCs'. A table lists upcoming meetings with columns for #, Title, Registration by, Event Start, Venue, and Group. The table shows 5 meetings, with the first one being '[portal-dev-mt-0521] portal Development Me...' starting on 21 May 2024. The right sidebar shows 'Latest Meeting added' (Meeting 5 from 05/18/22) and 'General information' including '5 Incoming Meetings' (12 files, 25.2 Mo) and '25 Archived Meetings' (136 Archived files, 253.4 Mo).

#	Title	Registration by	Event Start	Venue	Group
1	[portal-dev-mt-0521] portal Development Me...	01 Jan 1970	21 May 2024	-	[portal-dev-0411]
2	[S100 SS PTM] S-100 SS Project Team Meetin...	28 Aug 2024	29 Aug 2024	-	[S100 SS PT]
3	[NIPWG11] 11th meeting of NIPWG	30 Jun 2024	24 Sep 2024	Poland	[NIPWG]
4	[ENCWG9] 9th meeting of ENC working Group	07 Sep 2024	08 Oct 2024	Denmark	[ENCWG]
5	[S-100WG9] 9th meeting of S-100 Working Gro...	04 Oct 2024	04 Nov 2024	Italy	[S100WG]



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IHO Secretariat' domestics in liaison with KHOA and RHCs

- Work continues on INTToGIS III to include tools for RHCs scheming/planning S-100 Phase I Products and Data Services... and then be able to provide a synoptic view of S-100 implementation to stakeholders (IMO in particular), on an annual basis. Testing by some RHCs in progress.

The screenshot displays the IHO Web Manager interface. The top header includes the IHO logo, 'IHO Web Manager' title, 'Supported by KHOA', and user controls like 'Hello POK', 'Disclaimer', 'Manual', and 'Logout'. A left sidebar contains navigation links: Search, Analysis, CNP Upload, and My Work. A central map shows East Asia with various S-100 product overlays (S-102, S-104, S-111, S-124, S-129) and region labels (K, NW, W, A, UKC). A right sidebar shows 'Layers' for 'S100 Products - Scheme' and 'S100 Products - Produced'. At the bottom, a table lists product details.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	22	S-129	S129KR01	K	KR			Schemed	other	false

Assembly preparations

- Back to Auditorium Rainier III as the Assembly principal after nine years
- His Serene Highness Albert II confirmed to open the Assembly
- Three ships visits expected
- Monaco (wider Nice area) will be full - book early ...



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IHO outreach

Mr Louis Maltais is the second recipient of IHO's Ex Abyssis ad Alta Award

Throughout his career, Mr. Maltais has served in numerous key roles, from hydrographer and technical manager to director of two Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) operational offices including his current role as the Director of Navigational Geospatial Services and Support (NGSS). He has consistently displayed innovative approaches, in particular for the modernisation of navigation tools, products and services and has shown an ability to mobilise the global community to achieve success.



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BSHC is invited
to take note of this briefing,
and to take action as considered
appropriate



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