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IALA Annual Questionnaire report and proposal

# Summary

This paper refers to the analysis of the 2017 IALA annual questionnaire report and sets out a proposal for IALA annual questionnaires in the work period 2018 to 2022.

## Purpose of the document

This document is a briefing for the Committee on the IALA annual questionnaire.

## Related documents

ARM9-9.3.1 Report IALA Questionnaire 2017 final.

ARM9-9.3.2 IALA Questionnaire 2017.

# Background

Every four years, IALA carries out a survey to determine trends in the provision of Marine Aids to Navigation. Up until 2012 the survey was carried out annually. Since then the questionnaire has been issued in 2014 and 2017.

The objective of the survey is to provide statistics on marine aids to navigation for which IALA National Members are responsible. The statistics are based on a general questionnaire which was prepared by the IALA Aids to Navigation Requirements (ARM) Committee and reflects matters of interest to IALA members.

The last IALA questionnaire was issued in 2017.

# Report on IALA Questionnaire 2017

The responses from the 2017 IALA questionnaire were analysed and are presented in the input paper ARM9-9.3.2. The report provides statistics and trends up to 2017 using surveys carried out by IALA in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2017. The report is submitted for the information of the Committee.

# Proposed strategy for IALA annual questionnaire

It is felt that the present policy of issuing the IALA questionnaire once every four years is inadequate to enable an accurate picture of trends in AtoN provision. The average response rate to each questionnaire is about 30% of IALA Members. It is therefore proposed that the questionnaire be issued annually as done up to 2012. This will enable collection of both more data and more up to date data.

The following roadmap is proposed.

* ARM Committee WG1 prepares the IALA annual questionnaire at the Spring meeting each year (ARM9, ARM11, ARM13) and provides the questionnaire to the Secretariat for issue.
* IALA Secretariat issues the IALA annual questionnaire immediately after the ARM Spring meeting each year to all IALA National Members allowing one month for responses. The previous questionnaire report will be issued with the questionnaire.
* IALA Secretariat issues a reminder to those Members who have not responded after three weeks.
* IALA Secretariat summaries, analyses and prepares a report setting out a snapshot of present status and trends in AtoN provision over the previous four years (on a rolling 4 year basis) as the data allows.
* IALA Secretariat posts the completed questionnaire analysis report on the IALA website and issues the report to the Autumn meetings of Council?, all Committees, and notifies IALA Members and IMC via the e-Bulletin.
* The report on the most recent IALA annual questionnaire is presented to the IALA Conference by the IALA Secretariat.
* IALA Secretariat provides a short report on the questionnaire in the eBulletin and in the Bulletin.
* The Committee Secretary will manage this process.

# ARM Task plan

Involvement in the annual IALA questionnaire is not included in the present ARM Task Plan. It is suggested that a new task “preparation of the IALA Annual Questionnaire” be included in the ARM Task Plan for 2018 to 2022 for WG1 with action required at ARM9, ARM11, ARM13, ARM15?

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to:

1. Note the report on the 2017 IALA questionnaire.
2. Consider the proposed roadmap to reinstate the annual IALA questionnaire.
3. Consider the proposal to add a new task to the ARM Task Plan for 2018-2022.
4. Review the 2017 IALA questionnaire, revise the questionnaire as necessary for 2019 and forward to the IALA Secretariat for issue.

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