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Subject: Results of Online Survey of National Marine and Coastal Services

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) strives to ensure that its Members are capable of providing the standard and recommended practices for marine meteorological service delivery, as described in the WMO Technical Regulations.

In this regard, a survey was conducted at the end of 2018 to collate a status report of Members' capabilities in the provision of these marine and coastal services. I am pleased to inform you that the summary and final report, available in six languages, can now be accessed at the following link:

https://jcomm.info/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=372:wmo-survey-assessment-of-national-marine-and-coastal-services&catid=7:services.

These survey results are very useful for the entire maritime community and will help WMO better understand the needs of the Members to take appropriate action to target and prioritize areas requiring assistance. Particularly, the results of the survey will further guide WMO priorities and plans for future improvement of marine and coastal services. Future improvements will be coordinated by the WMO Marine Meteorology and Ocean Affairs Division (MMO), with technical assistance from the Joint WMO-IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM).

I wish to express my sincere thanks for your contribution in this survey. However, I would like to highlight that out of all the countries with (or in need of) a marine and coastal service, only 47% responded. Of these respondents, more than 80% were from countries with National Marine Services Focal Points (NMSFP).

I, therefore, take this opportunity to call your attention, to nominate an NMSFP from your Service (if not already done). The Focal Point will strengthen the communications between WMO and your Service regarding marine meteorological matters and needs. To nominate your *NMSFP*, the WMO Secretariat can be contacted directly at mmo@wmo.int. The terms of reference for the NMSFP are available at:

https://jcomm.info/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewGroupRecord&groupID=385

I would also like to express my appreciation for your continued support to the WMO Programmes and activities, in particular, for marine and coastal services.

Yours faithfully,

(W. Zhang)

for the Secretary-General

To : Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO

Cc: National Marine Services Focal Points

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