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SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This document presents the proposal of Colombia for the establishment of the Portal of the Scientific Committee on Ballast and Sediment Waters and the Monitoring and Compliance Portal derived from the Strategy and Action Plan for ballast water and sediments of ships for the Wider Caribbean Region - SAP June 2017

Action to be Taken: Paragraph 2.4

1. General:

- 1.1. As part of the agenda, in the Workshop on Ballast Water and Sediments developed in the city of Panama in June 2017, a review was made of the priorities and actions contained in the 2012 Regional Strategic and Action Plan to Minimize the Transfer of Harmful Aquatic Organisms and Pathogens in Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, for the Wider Caribbean Region.
- 1.2. La prioridad estratégica 9 definida en el SAP, involucra las siguientes tareas:
 - 1.2.1. Establish a Ballast Water and Sediments Scientific Committee Portal to be linked to the RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe website. The portal should:
 - 1.2.1.1. Link Scientific Committee Members, and include a list of committee member contacts;
 - 1.2.1.2. Links to other sites and institutions providing scientific information related to BWM;
 - 1.2.1.3. Support the establishment of a Correspondence Group to through an online Forum accessed through the Portal with chat group/message system capabilities to enhance communication;
 - 1.2.1.4. Link to published work related to BWM other than PBBAs;
 - 1.2.1.5. Provide information on scientific seminars and workshops
 - 1.2.2. Establish a CME Closed-ended Portal to include:
 - 1.2.2.1. means to receive information regarding shipsqBWM practices at a central location, and transmit this information to the Port Stateq BWM regulatory authority;

- 1.2.2.2. Port State guidance and best practices for examining ships official log book or other records to ascertain compliance with BWM requirements of the Port State;
- 1.2.2.3. guidance and best practices for obtaining ballast water and sediment samples and carrying out any necessary testing; means to determine compliance with the voluntary guidelines established in the SAP;
- 1.2.2.4. lists of the legal provisions put in place by any WCR State for enforcing noncompliance with the required BWM requirements;
- 1.2.2.5. means to ensure tracking of violations and exchange of experiences throughout the region; enforcement experience and best practices for determining compliance with the BWM Convention and the Voluntary Guidelines found in this SAP;
- 1.2.2.6. guidance, assistance and best practices for development and designation of national ballast water exchange zones;
- 1.2.2.7. a Chat Room for the exchange of BW related implementation and enforcement communication between RTF-WCR Members; Means for tracking violations and identifying commonly found issues (possible links to Port State Control MoU documents as appropriate);
- 1.2.2.8. other material related to and relevant to the mutual exchange of information toward regional ratification and implementation of the International BWM Convention by RTF-WCR members.

2. Action:

- 2.1. In order to progress in the execution of the tasks of the Ballast Water and Sediment Action Plan for the Wider Caribbean Region., those that should be implemented this year, Colombia wants to present a proposal for the establishment of the two portals mentioned above.
- 2.2. In this sense:
 - 2.2.1. The proposal is to achieve its "construction" on the Dimar portal (General Maritime Directorate), in order to start its implementation, without ruling out that in the future it may be considered to have an independent portal for the exchange of information that contributes to the plan and regional management on the protection of the marine environment.
 - 2.2.2. They can be accessed from the Rac-Rempeitc Caribe website
 - 2.2.3. Regarding capacities to generate scenarios and virtual meetings, the portals may have the possibility of using the institutional video conference service.
- 2.3. De In this way, it is considered that we can build the communications network as a mechanism for the exchange of information, in accordance with action 2 of the action plan.
- 2.4. The Committee is requested to take note of the proposal contained in this document and to analyze and consider its approval. In this sense, it is necessary to complete some tasks before making it available to the plan and the countries of the Wider Caribbean Area:
 - 2.4.1. It is necessary to establish communication with the Web Master of the Rac-Rempeitc Caribe website, in order to coordinate the aspects concerning access from this portal
 - 2.4.2. Identify and update the points of contact, both of the members of the Scientific Committee, as well as the corresponding ones for the monitoring and compliance portal.