



The Australian Hydrographic Service provides Australia's charting and nautical information service, meeting national obligations and Defence requirements for standard and military maritime nautical products.

The national requirement is driven by Australia's obligations for safety of marine navigation under SOLAS. This role primarily focuses on our country's significant reliance on maritime trade, directly supports the 25,000 commercial voyages conducted each year in Australian waters and serves the needs of smaller commercial operators and private vessels. Maritime trade returns almost \$250 billion annually to the Australian economy.

The Defence requirement includes provision of standard paper charts, ENC and nautical publications to support maritime operations including border protection activities. Additionally, the exercising of data exchange Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with foreign nations, provides charts and information that enable operations outside the Australian Charting Area (ACA). These roles and activities are described in detail on the following page:

AUSTRALIAN HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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1. PROVIDE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES TO THE NATION:

Meet Australia's obligations for the provision of nautical products and services as the national hydrographic authority to:

- enable safe navigation
- support national infrastructure and maritime trade
- satisfy international obligations under SOLAS and UNCLOS support the protection of the marine environment

Provide Hydrographic advice to Government and Defence, including:

- standards for hydrographic surveying and nautical information impacting safety of navigation,
- competency standards for hydrographic surveyors and nautical cartographers impacting safety of navigation,
- strategic oversight of the HM capability - people and systems

2. PROVIDE MARITIME MILITARY GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION TO DEFENCE:

Acquire, manage, produce and deliver hydrographic, meteorological and oceanographic information to:

- enable freedom of manoeuvre in Australia's maritime domain
- enable Australian Defence Force assets to exploit the above and below the water physical operating environment for strategic, operational and tactical advantage;

3. PROVIDE STRATEGIC GUIDANCE TO THE FLEET COMMANDER ON:

- national survey tasking
- data collection quality standards
- supporting hydrographic training