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Paper for information of the CBSC

UK Report on OECS and CME Project

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Executive Summary:	This paper provides a summary report on the OECS and CME Projects
Reference:	

Introduction - background

1. The Scoping Study element of the OECS project featured technical visits to all members to determine the condition of national spatial data management & infrastructures, to identify data gathering requirements together with the strengthening of regional hydrographic governance. Since these technical visits the UK's CME (Commonwealth Maritime Economies Programme) and OTsSMP (the Overseas Territories Seabed Mapping Programme) have been initiated which have impacted on the OECS project.

OECS Project

2. A number of similar projects that have come on line have necessitated reviewing the approach taken to avoid duplication of effort

The scope and costs/approach is being refined to take into account the work completed under the CME and OTs Programmes (see below) with an aim to produce a revised prospectus of activity/requirements.

It is anticipated that a significant amount of the survey activity identified in the scoping study can be delivered by the live UKHO programmes over the next few years

A significant amount of work is being put into identifying opportunities for collaboration with the WB Caribbean Regional Oceanscape Project (CROP)

CME Programme

3. The UKHO is in the process of identifying a portfolio of Year 2 projects and is looking at opportunities to collaborate and augment IHO CB activities.

OTsSMP

4. A survey of the entirety of Anguilla's optically shallow waters was conducted in FY 16/17

The majority of OTs have received a Technical Visit or desk assessment and the remaining OTs will have this completed this FY

The survey programme will see a further 3 OTs surveyed this year and the programme will also include Capacity Building in Hydro Governance

Action Required of CBSC

5. The CBSC is invited to take note of this report