INTRODUCTION: Purpose of Contract

To ensure the safe navigation of ships in Nigerian waters
To fulfill Nigeria's national and international responsibilities in data and information on navigable waters, close interests in the
region, especially with the ISPS Code
To satisfy future information needs Nigeria may have in waters
To supplement the existing chart coverage of other nations by the addition of accurate and recent coastline data
To provide a framework for future survey work, especially in relation to monitoring of and early removal of wrecks/derelicts
To contribute to the International Hydrographic Organization's (IHO) International Chart scheme for Nigeria

DESCRIPTION OF SURVEY PROJECT: PLANNING

We developed a survey priority plan, which identified those areas with the highest risk of maritime accidents, taking
consideration of traffic volume, inadequacy of charts or previous surveys and potentially insufficient under-keel clearance.
A total of (109) wrecks were identified. Of these, Water depth in the area surveyed varied from a maximum of 24.0 meters around the limit of Lagos ports, -- the Lagos Bar. Another 7 were located in the Lagos Ports Area. A total of (21) of the wreck sites have wrecks that are either fully or partially submerged and only a few of them are marked with buoys. The positions of all the buoys located in the survey area are duly reflected on the charts. The processing of field data and production of charts was given special attention, to ensure both accuracy and clarity. For the purpose of the survey, Lagos Ports Area was divided into (6) blocks plotted on a scale of 1:5000. In addition, a composite chart covering the entire area was produced on a scale of 1:12,500. The problems posed by these wrecks include:

- Pollution to marine life
- Danger to man's health
- Environment degradation
- Danger to navigation
- Harbour accessibility/navigation problems
- Security problems.
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Phased implementation of Wreck Removal jobs
- "Danger to Navigation Report" as top priority
- Urgent notification of Maritime Industry of location of identified wrecks
- Next steps towards overall objective of Wreck Removal
- Appointment of "Wreck Removal Project Consultants"

DUTIES OF WRECK REMOVAL CONSULTANT

- Preparation of realistic cost estimates for the removal of each wreck or cluster of wrecks, as basis for the assessment of the quotations from potential Wreck Removal Contractors.
- Advising NIAMFMT on the realistic basis for determination of the economic value of the wrecks to be removed.
- Monitoring the performance of actual wreck removal contractors in the field.
- Update of the relevant Admiralty Charts to reflect a "clean bill of health" for the waterways after the wrecks shall have been removed.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION