



Name: Robert Ward

Current Position: Associate
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Key skills: Hydrographic survey
Capacity building
Regional hydrographic development
Hydrographic data standards
Teaching and training
Technical editing

Profile

Robert Ward completed his term of office as the Secretary-General of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) in 2017. He is a hydrographic surveyor who was born in England and now resides in Sydney as an Australian citizen.

Robert was elected as one of the three co-Directors of the Secretariat of the IHO in 2007, where his principal responsibility was the direction of the technical program of the Organization, dealing with the international standards and guidelines governing world hydrography. At the end of his first five-year term of office, he was overwhelmingly elected by the Member States of the IHO as the Secretary-General. Previously, he had spent 37 years in the Navy, over 20 of which was spent in ships, including in command. He retired as the Deputy Hydrographer of Australia.

He has wide practical experience in hydrographic and oceanographic surveying. He also served for a short time as a deck officer in the British Merchant Navy. He was engaged in numerous hydrographic and oceanographic surveys around the world; including the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, the Mediterranean, and in the Arctic and Antarctic. In addition he conducted many detailed coastal and harbour surveys around UK, Australia, Antarctica, and islands of the South West Pacific.

Ashore, his experience has included strategic planning, capability development, international relations, project management, technical authorship, commercial support programs, hydrographic training both in the UK and as Officer-in-Charge of the Royal Australian Navy Hydrographic School, personnel management, chart data licensing and hydrographic data copyright.

Professional Experience

2012 to 2017 International Hydrographic Organisation, Monaco
Secretary-General

2007 - 2012 International Hydrographic Organisation, Monaco
Director, Technical Programme



- 2007 - 2012** **International Hydrographic Organisation, Monaco**
Director, Technical Programme
- 1992 - 2003** **Australian Hydrographic Office,**
Chief of Staff, Deputy Hydrographer of Australia
Head of Doctrine and Futures, Development Division
Head of Policy Division, Development Division
Technical Author, Development Division
- 1994 - 1995** **Commanding Officer, HMAS Moresby, surveying ship**
- 1992 - 1994** **Australian Hydrographic Office**
Manager Hydrographic Development
- 1988 - 1992** **Royal Australian Navy Hydrographic School (RAN)**
Officer in Charge
- 1993 - 1995** **RAN Hydrographic Office Detached Survey Unit**
Officer in Charge
- 1982 - 1983** **Royal Navy School of Hydrographic Surveying, Plymouth**
Instructor and Staff Officer

Early career

- 1980: HMAS Moresby - Senior Assistant Surveyor and Officer in Charge of detached surveys.
- 1979: HMS Fawn - Ship's Navigating Officer
- 1977: HMS Egeria - First Lieutenant and Assistant Surveyor
- 1976: HMS Herald - Assistant Surveyor, Office in Charge of detached surveys
- 1975: Cayzer Irvine (Union Castle Steamship Co), 3rd Mate
- 1974: HMS Hecate - Assistant Surveyor
- 1972: HMS Hecate - Sub Lieutenant
- 1971: HMS Intrepid - Midshipman

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