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# Change of Selection Process of the IALA Heritage Lighthouse of the Year

# INTRODUCTION

The Heritage Lighthouse of the Year was established to celebrate the World Aids to Navigation Day (WAtoN Day) in 2019. Cordouan Lighthouse of France was selected as the inaugural recipient of the accolade of Heritage Lighthouse of The Year 2019 by the WG 4 Heritage Forum of ENG Committee at its ninth session meeting. At its 10th session, the Committee reviewed the selection process for the future Heritage Lighthouse of Year and submitted the input paper to the 70th session of the IALA Council for consideration and the Council agreed the proposed selection process. Following this selection process, Santo Antônio da Barra of Brazil was selected in 2020 and Cape Byron Lighthouse of Australia was selected in 2021.

# DISCUSSION

# The followings are the present process:

* The nomination is open to IALA members with deadline of submission set for 28th February:
* The spring session of the ENG Committee selects three lighthouses from the nominations and invites Council for final selection with the recommendation: and
* The summer session of Council selects the Heritage Lighthouse of the year before WAtoN Day.

# After two selections in 2020 and 2021, the following issues are identified.

* The selected lighthouse cannot be celebrated for the whole year, can be celebrated for only latter half of year and this loses the chance of wider publicity.
* Because the time between the selection at the summer session of Council, normally in June and WAtoN Day in July is short, it is difficult to secure enough time for the preparation of the celebration.
* The spring session of the ENG Committee is not held in the IALA Conference year and thus the selection of the Heritage Lighthouse of the Conference Year becomes impossible.

At its 15th session, the ENG Committee considered the issues and agreed to change the selection process to the followings:

* The nomination for the Heritage Lighthouse of the next year is open with deadline of submission set for the end of the previous month of the autumn session of the ENG Committee, normally August or September:
* The autumn session of the ENG Committee selects three lighthouses from the nominations and invites Council for final selection with the recommendation: and
* the winter session of Council selects the Heritage Lighthouse of the next Year.

# THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

#### Consider the change of the selection process.

#### If appropriate, apply the new selection process from the Heritage Lighthouse of the Year 2023.