



Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica

National Report by
New Zealand

Survey and charting progress in Antarctica since last meeting (December 2013)

- ✦ No new charts published
- ✦ Surveys:
 - Approaches to McMurdo Station, Cape Royds and Cape Evans (surveyed by UK, HMS *Protector*)
 - Auckland Island
- ✦ Hydrography Risk Assessment for Ross Sea Region & Sub-Antarctic Islands proposed for 2017



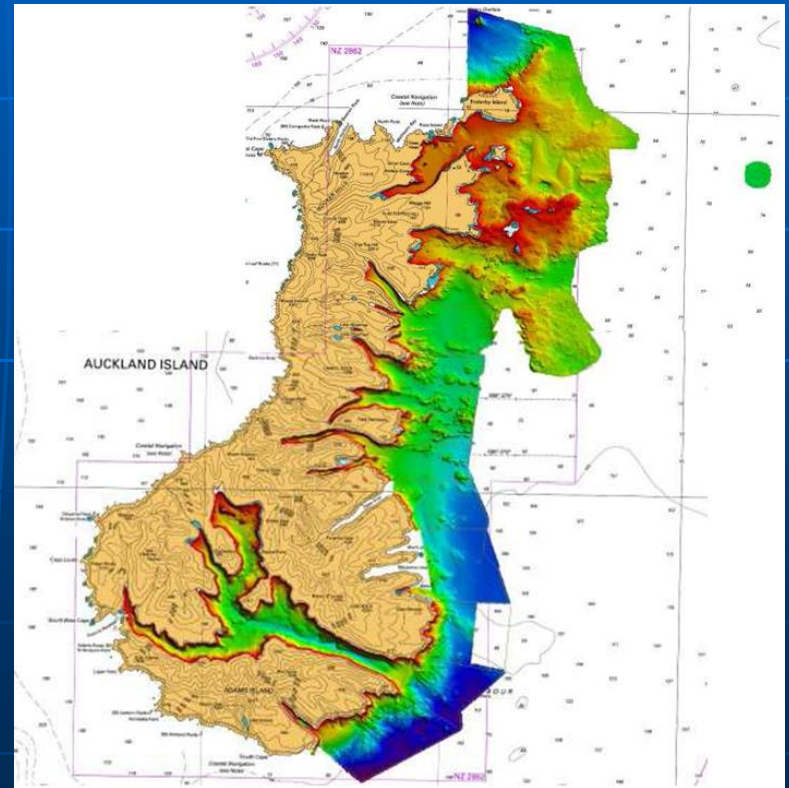
Status of Relations with Other Organizations

- ✦ June 2015, sounding sheets for McMurdo Sound provided to NGA
- ✦ Seek opportunities with NZ Crown Research Institutes e.g. National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA); GNS Science



Planned Activities for 2016-17

- ✦ New Editions of NZ 286 & NZ 2862 Auckland Island incorporating new survey data
- ✦ No new surveys planned for the Antarctic or Sub-Antarctic region



Any other matters of relevance to HCA

✦ Protocol for Undersea Feature Naming

The New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa (NZGB) is responsible for officially naming undersea features on the continental shelves of New Zealand and the Ross Dependency of Antarctica (south of 60°S and between 160°E and 150°W). The NZGB's *Protocol for Undersea Feature Naming* requests that other nations consult with the NZGB before naming an undersea feature in its jurisdiction, and before making a proposal to SCUFN.

SCUFN's IHO-IOC B6 publication *Standardisation of Undersea Feature Names* also notes that there is significant benefit to be gained from mutual consultation between national naming authorities before submitting proposals to SCUFN.

The *Protocol* is on the NZGB's website at: <http://www.linz.govt.nz/regulatory/place-names/find-place-name/find-undersea-feature-names>.



Particular Issues that may require HCA Consideration :

