



SPAIN'S REPORT FOR THE HCA-2012



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Spanish Scientific Stations

South Shetland Islands

Livingston Island – BAE “JUAN CARLOS I”
CAMP “CAMPAMENTO BYERS”

Decepción Island - BAE “GABRIEL DE CASTILLA”





Spanish Antarctic National Plan

Main Tasks:

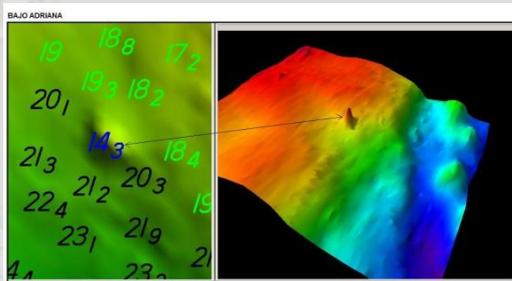
- Operation of Scientific Stations
- Carrying out scientific projects

These two main tasks demand hydrographic surveys



National effort for new hydrographic surveys

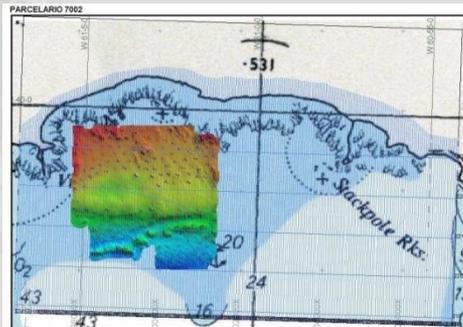
In the years 2009 and 2010, opportunity hydrographic surveys were carried out.



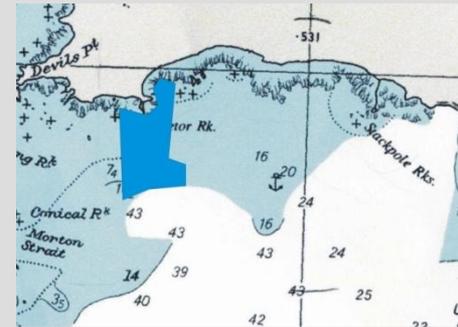
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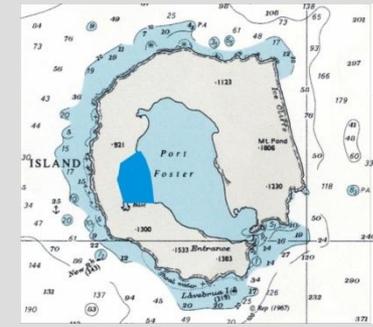
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BAYERS



BAYERS



DECEPCION

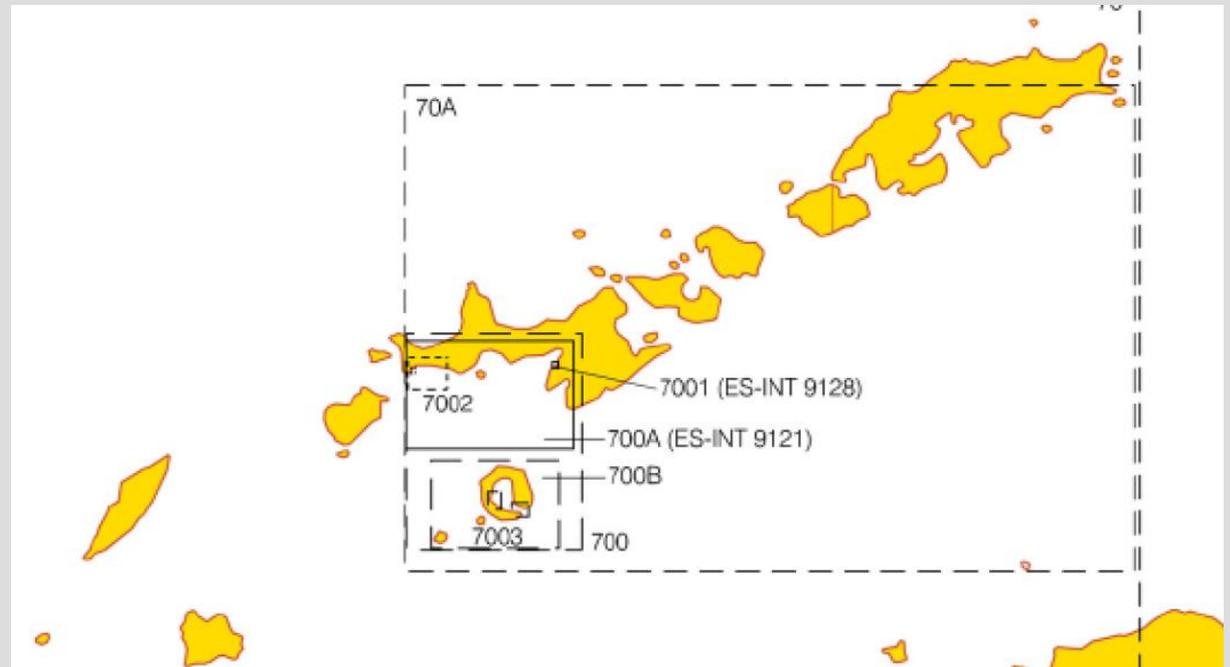
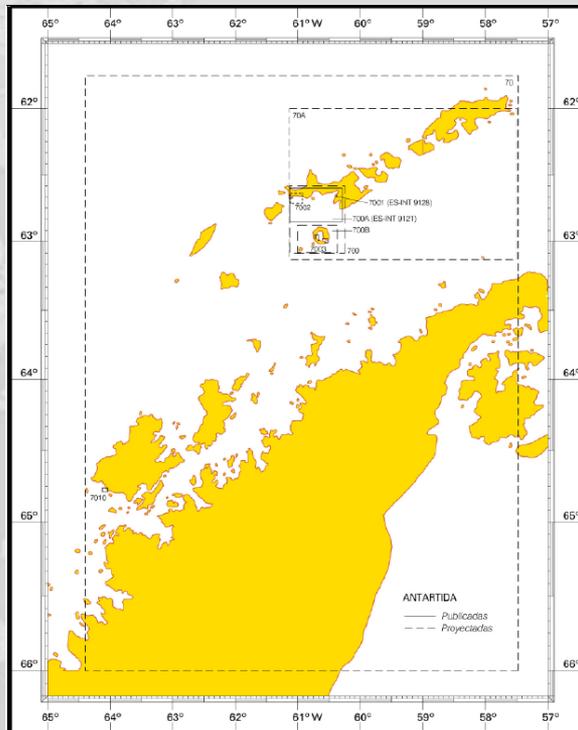


National effort for new hydrographic surveys

A new hydrographic campaign named “HIDROSHETLAND 2012” was carried out between January and February 2012. It focused on:

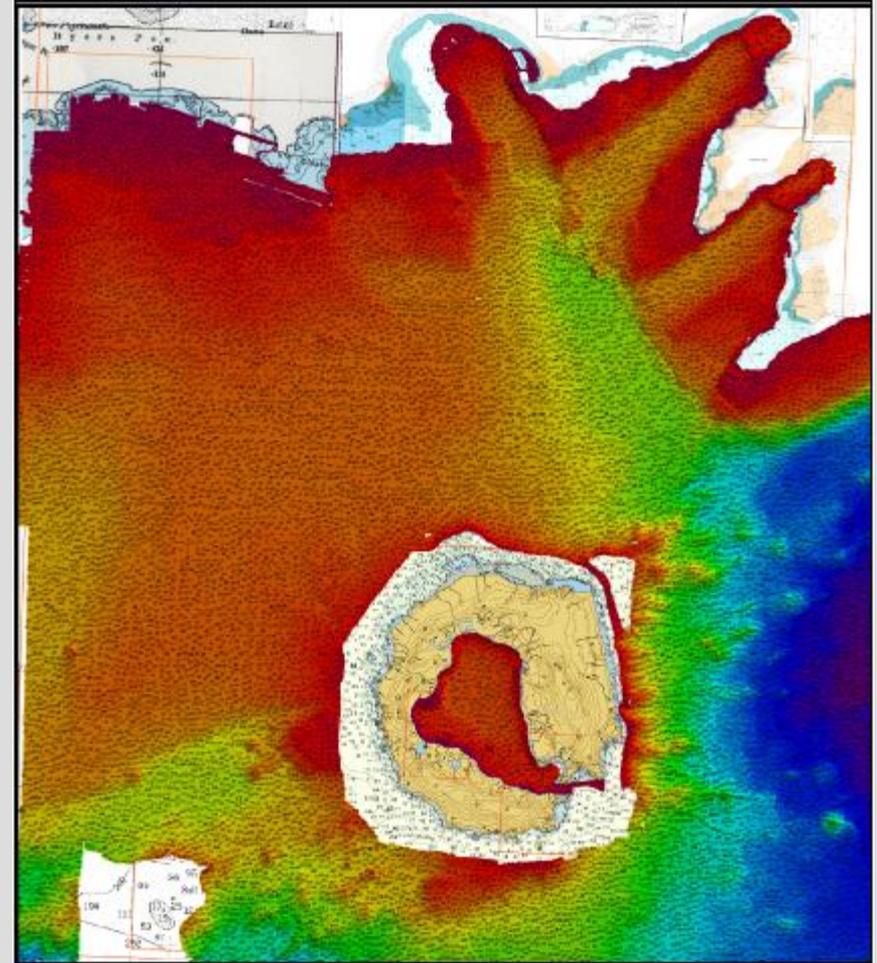
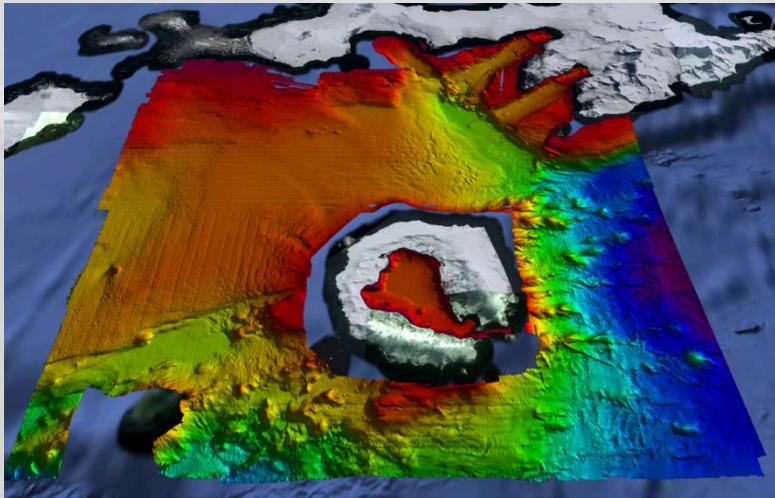
- Updating the existing bathymetry data in the vicinity of the Spanish scientific stations.
- Updating the Spanish Chart Scheme in Antarctica, in particular INT 9121, and INT 9128.
- Collaborating with several scientific research projects.
- Obtaining soundings along Main Shipping Routes (MSR).

Spanish nautical chart scheme in Antarctica



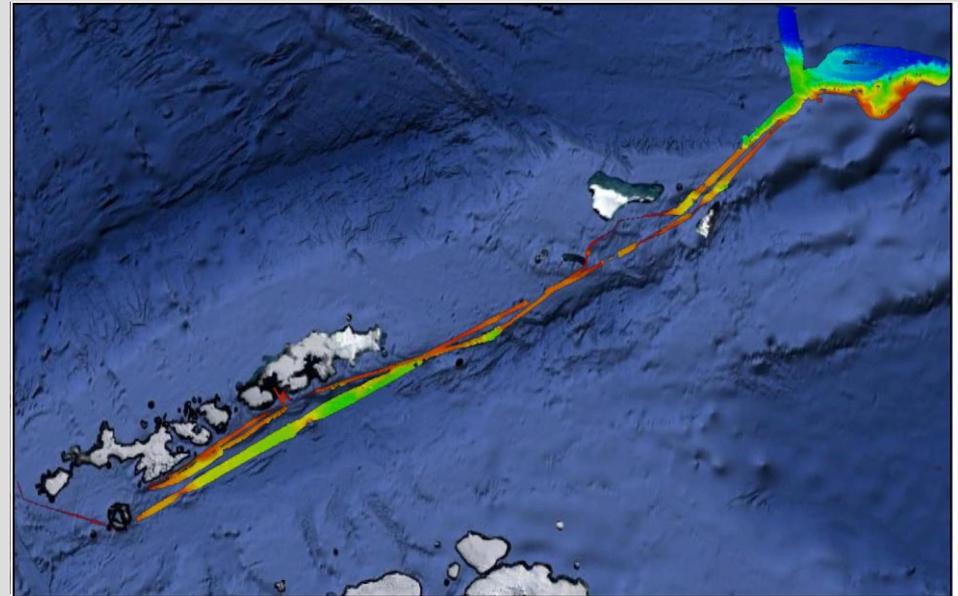
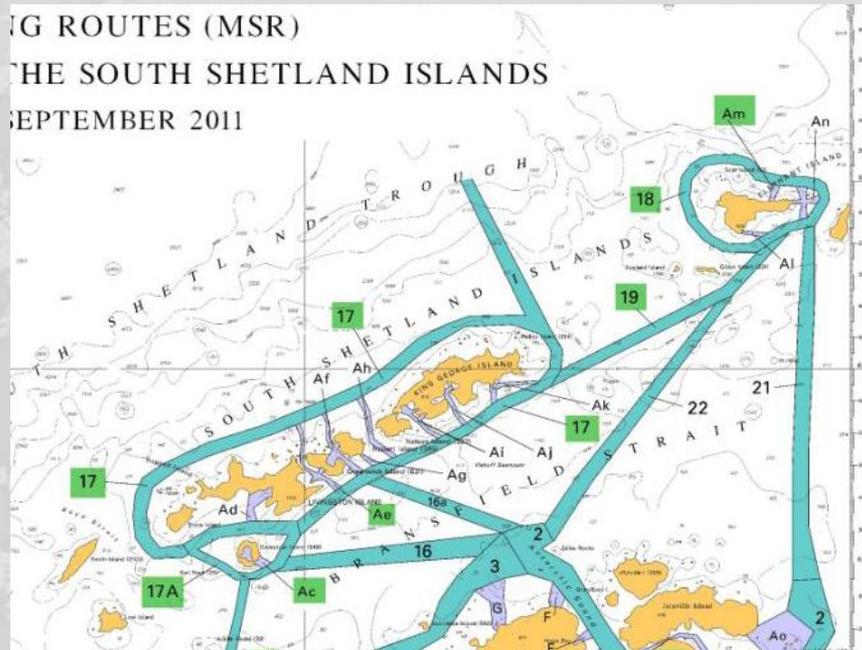
Survey "HIDROSHETLAND 2012" results

Nearly 90% of the survey was sounded with multibeam echosounders



Survey “HIDROSHETLAND 2012” results

Survey along an identified Main Shipping Route (MSR) between Livingston and Decepción Islands and Elephant Island



Survey “HIDROSHETLAND 2012” results

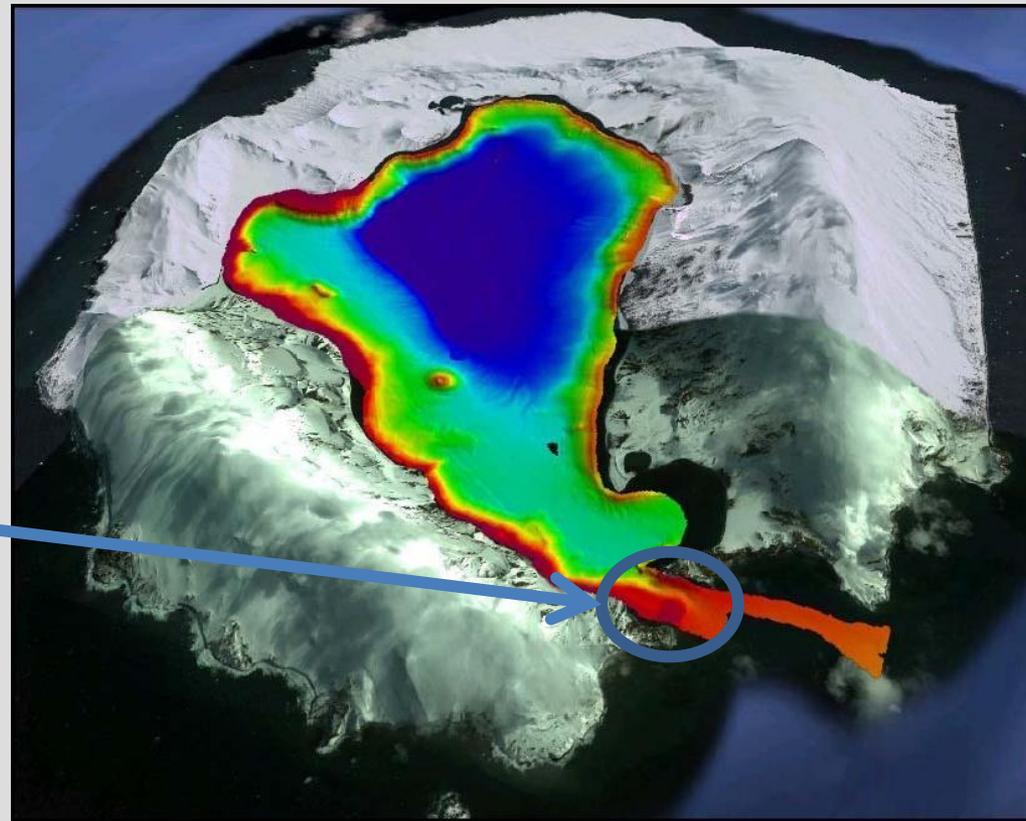
Hydrographic Means used:

- Spanish Navy Oceanographic Research Vessel “Hespérides”.
- Inflatable “zodiac” type boat, carrying very shallow water interferometric multibeam



Survey “HIDROSHETLAND 2012” results

Vessel and boat working together enabled good survey results like Foster Bay

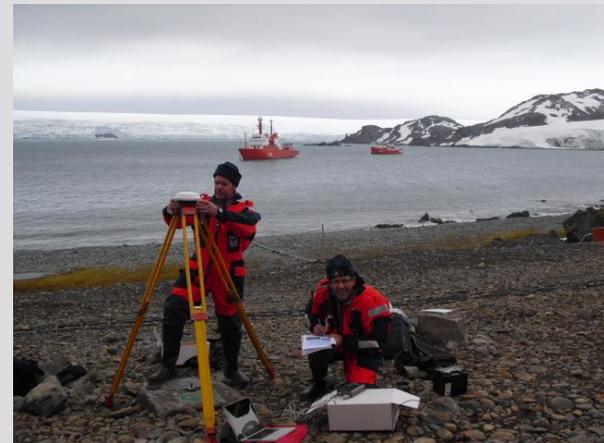


Raven's Rock



Survey "HIDROSHETLAND 2012" results

Land Surveys



Survey "HIDROSHETLAND 2012" results

Tide measurements





Miscellanea

- UKHO some bathymetric data within Port Foster, Decepción Island, to IHM.
- The Geographical Information System (GIS) tool for Antarctica was used for survey planning purposes.

Future Actions

- IHM will continue to support Spain's National Antarctic Plan.
- IHM will continue to maintain the Spanish Antarctic chart scheme.
- IHM will continue to exchange data as needed with other HCA members.



Thank you

