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# GEBCO *and* Nippon Foundation Projects

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# What is GEBCO?



## The General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO)

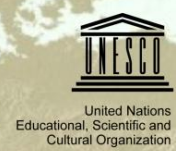
operates under the joint auspices of the  
International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)  
and

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of  
UNESCO

- Aims to provide the most authoritative, publicly-available bathymetric datasets for the world's oceans
- Maintains and makes available a gazetteer of undersea feature names

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# GEBCO History



- The birth of GEBCO followed from efforts by His Serene Highness Prince Albert I of Monaco and Professor Julien Thoulet, University of Nancy, who both shared a strong passion for the ocean.
- April 1903 His Serene Highness Prince Albert I of the Principality of Monaco (1848-1922) offered to finance the production of the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans





**GENERAL BATHYMETRIC CHART OF THE OCEANS (GEBCO)  
WORLD OCEAN BATHYMETRY**

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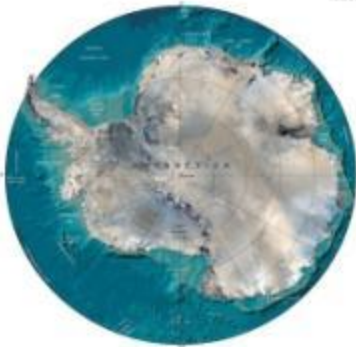
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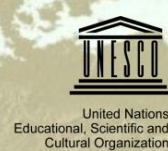
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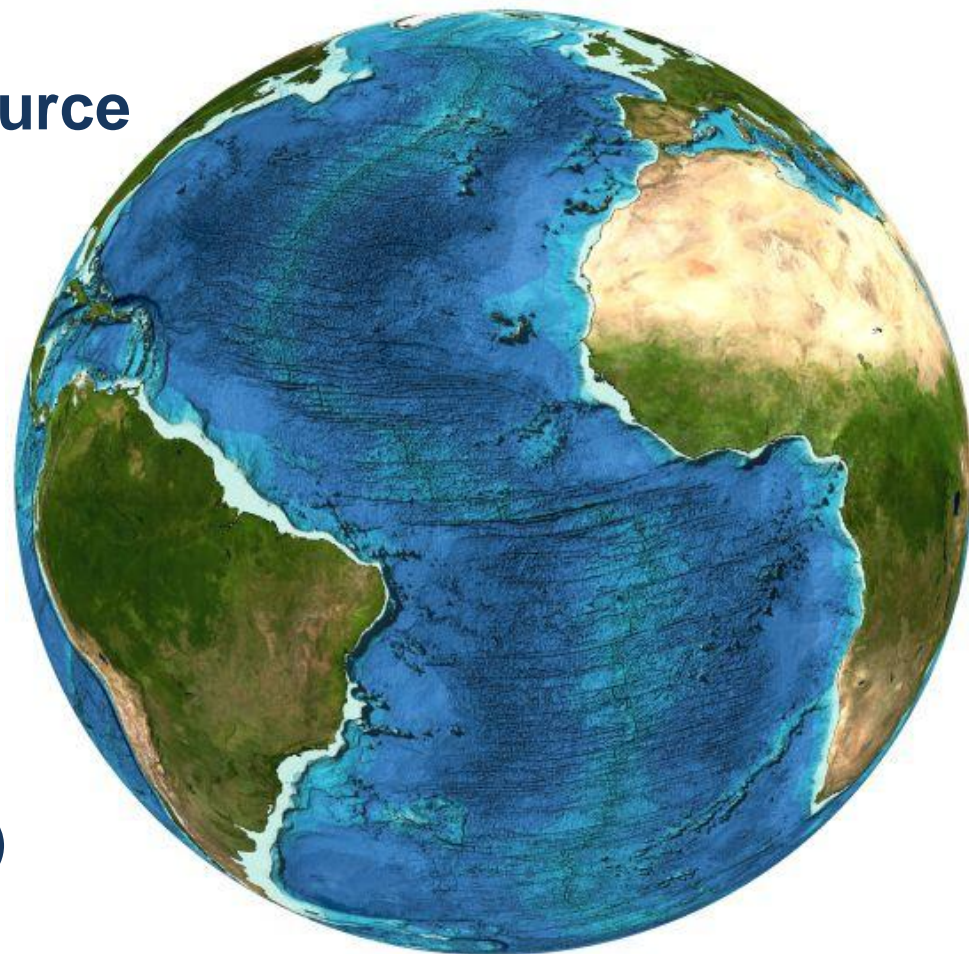




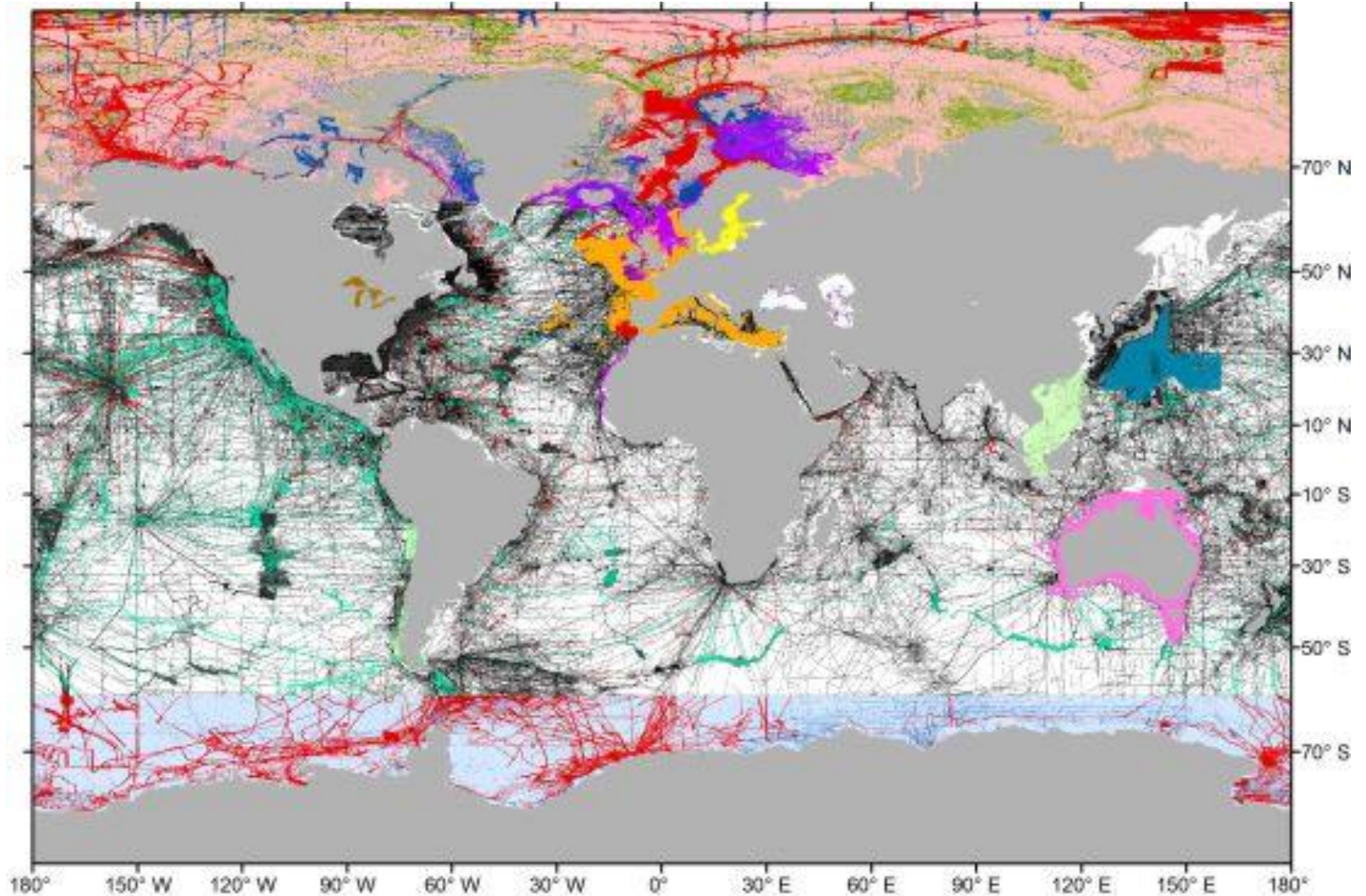
# What is new in GEBCO-2014

















- **The grid is a continuous terrain model for ocean and land with a spatial resolution of 30 arc seconds**
- **Associated with GEBCO Source Identifier (SID) Grid**  
*information on ship measurement vs. interpolated depths)*
- **GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) digital gazetteer of the names, is available via a webmap application (IHO DCDB hosted by NCEI)**  
*<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/gazetteer>*







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|---|--|---|---|
|  | International Bathymetric Chart of the Arctic Ocean V3   |  | Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Global Multi-Resolution Topography Synthesis   |
|  | International Bathymetric Chart of the Southern Ocean V1 |  | Multibeam bathymetry  |
|  | EMODNet 2013   |  | Single beam bathymetry  |
|  | Baltic Sea Bathymetry Database                           |  | Bathymetric contours from charts  |
|  | Geoscience Australia Grid 2009                           |  | North American Great Lakes bathymetry   |
|  | Japan Coast Guard grid                                   |  | Coastal area updated using ENC soundings  |
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# GEBCO's products

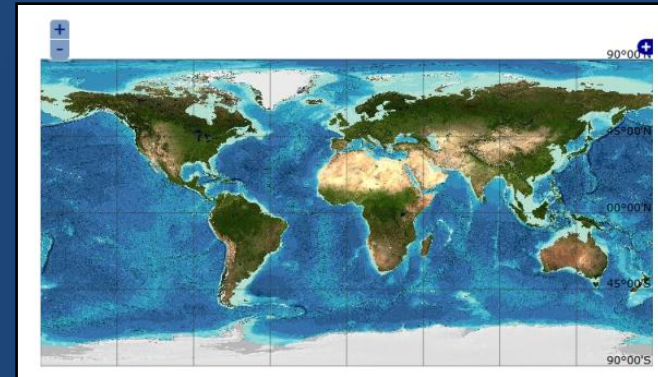


## FREELY-AVAILABLE bathymetric data sets and products:

- Global gridded bathymetric data sets
- Global set of digital bathymetric contours
- GEBCO Gazetteer of Undersea

### Feature Names

- GEBCO Digital Atlas
- GEBCO world map
- Web Map Service (WMS)
- IHO-IOC GEBCO Cook Book



[www.gebco.net/data\\_and\\_products/](http://www.gebco.net/data_and_products/)

# Where should GEBCO head into the future?



**GEBCO believes it is time to assess its vision and its role as a producer of global bathymetric grids:**

- 1. Understanding needs of international community**
- 2. Understanding what GEBCO community thinks about its future**
- 3. Building capacity to reach these objectives**



# Forum for Future of Ocean Floor Mapping

*15 to 17 June 2016 in the Principality of Monaco*



**DAY 1:** Opening day with series of keynote speakers invited (Bob Ballard, Larry Mayer, Simon Winchester, David Heydon, Jyotika Virmani & Kristina Gjerde)

**DAY 2:** Panel discussions to explore series of topics

- Panel 1 - Use of bathymetry: The deep ocean perspective
- Panel 2 - Use of bathymetry: The coastal perspective
- Panel 3 - New tools and techniques in ocean mapping
- Panel 4 - Mapping the world ocean floor

**DAY 3:** Aim to produce a “Roadmap for Future Ocean Floor Mapping” based on outcomes from Day 1 & 2

# Capacity-building initiative: postgraduate training course



## The Postgraduate Certificate in Ocean Bathymetry

*Designed to train a new generation of scientists and  
hydrographers in ocean bathymetry*

is funded by:



**The Nippon Foundation of Japan**

[www.nippon-foundation.or.jp/en/](http://www.nippon-foundation.or.jp/en/)

and taught at:

**The Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping /  
Joint Hydrographic Center; University of New Hampshire, USA**



# Nippon Foundation

Charitable organization since 1962 that has a central goal to help build a society where all people support one another



## Guiding Principles:

- \* Discover \* Prioritize \* Be creative \*
- \* Do it now \* Be open \* Grow \*
- \* Expand networks \*

## “THE FUTURE OF OUR OCEAN”

- *1 of 8 main activity focuses*
- *10 funded programs under this banner in 2015*

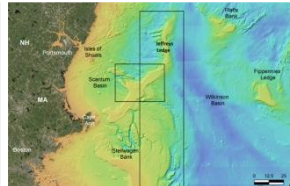


# Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping / Joint Hydrographic Center of the University of New Hampshire



## RESEARCH THEMES:

- Development that supports the concept of “**map once – use many times**” i.e., integrated coastal and ocean mapping
- Improving the sensors
- New approaches to **data processing**
- New approaches for **visualization** of data
- Tools and approaches for the **adaptation of technologies** (benthic habitats / water-column)
- Innovative approaches and concepts for the **electronic chart of the future** and e-navigation
- National leaders in Bathymetric data for potential US **LOS submissions**



*Gulf Surveyor*

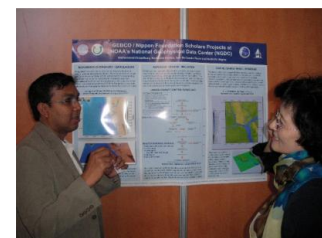




The aim of the Nippon Foundation / GEBCO training program is to build a global network of young ocean mappers, who can use the skills, knowledge and network of contacts they acquired during their training to build capacity within their own country and to keep the Nippon Foundation / GEBCO community growing.

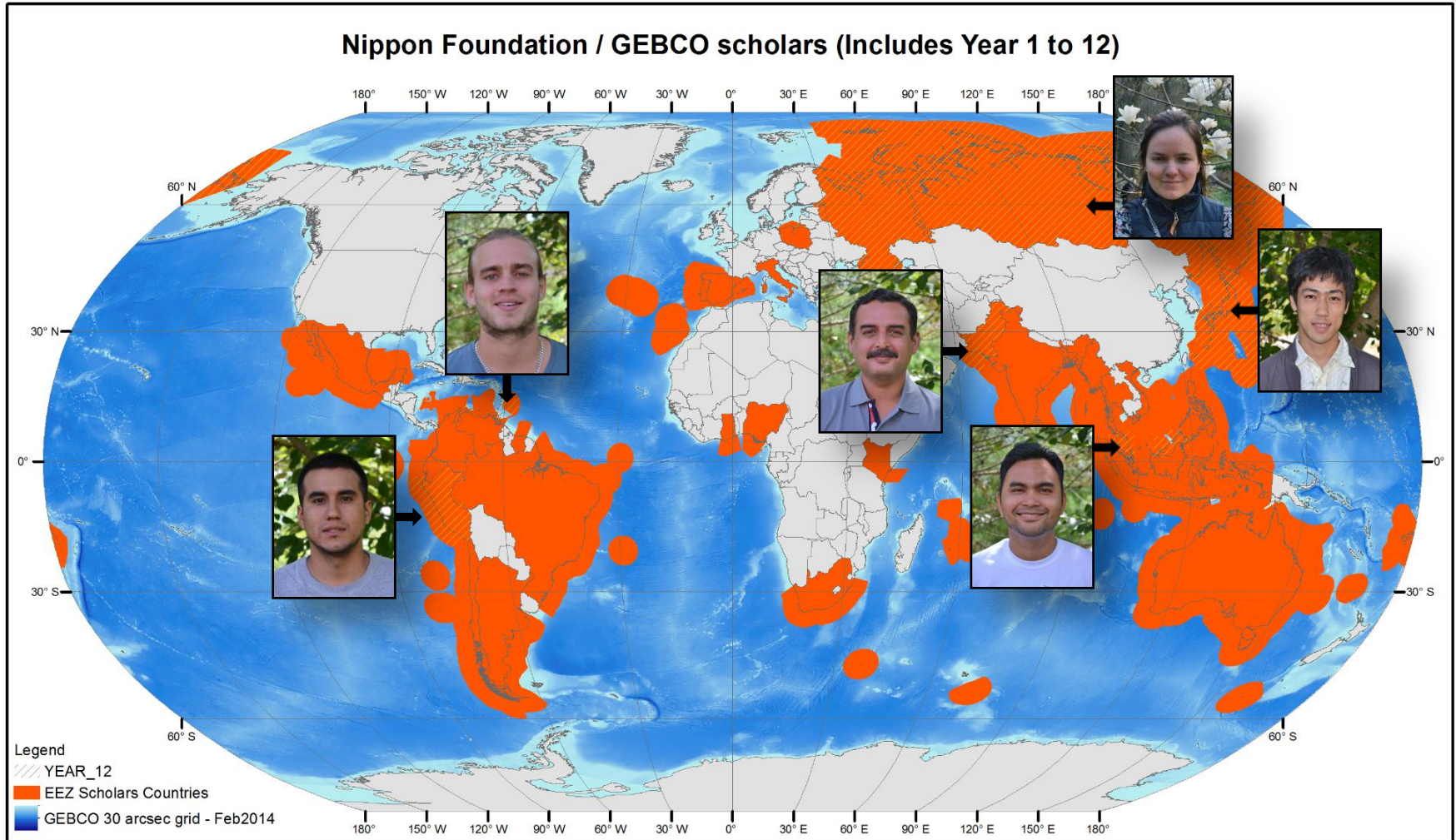
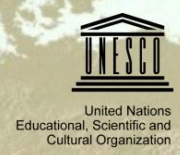
**This will ensure that a new generation of ocean mappers will continue to build on our knowledge of the world's oceans.**







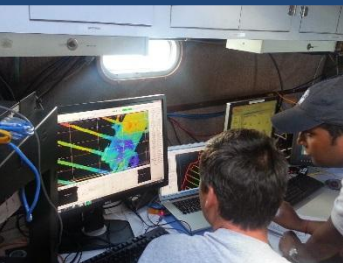
# Capacity-building initiative: GEBCO Scholars



**72 scholars from 33 coastal states over last 12 years**



# Training Program Content



## Fall Semester (August-December)

- Fundamentals of Ocean Mapping I
- Applied Tools in Ocean Mapping
- Geological Oceanography
- Elective (Math for Mapping etc.)

## J-term

- Visit NGDC in Boulder, Co.
- Software training (e.g. Fledermaus & QInSy)

## Spring Semester (January-May)

- Fundamentals of Ocean Mapping II
- Bathymetric Spatial Analysis
- Geodesy and Positioning for Ocean Mapping
- Seamanship and Marine Weather
- Electives (LOS, Coastal Processes etc.)

## Summer (June-August)

- Students will take the Hydrographic Field Course

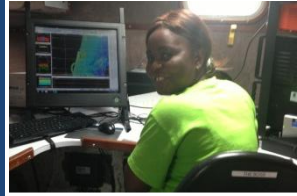
## Lab Visit & Cruise

- The working visit to a research organization and / or a cruise over the summer is selected by student and their home organization in a field of mutual interest.
- The visit aims to round out the students training, to help them build networks and to deepen some of their newly-acquired theoretical knowledge. This training includes familiarization with the programs the visited organization is engaged in, as well as some directed work under supervision.

# Hydrographic Field Course (Summer Hydro)

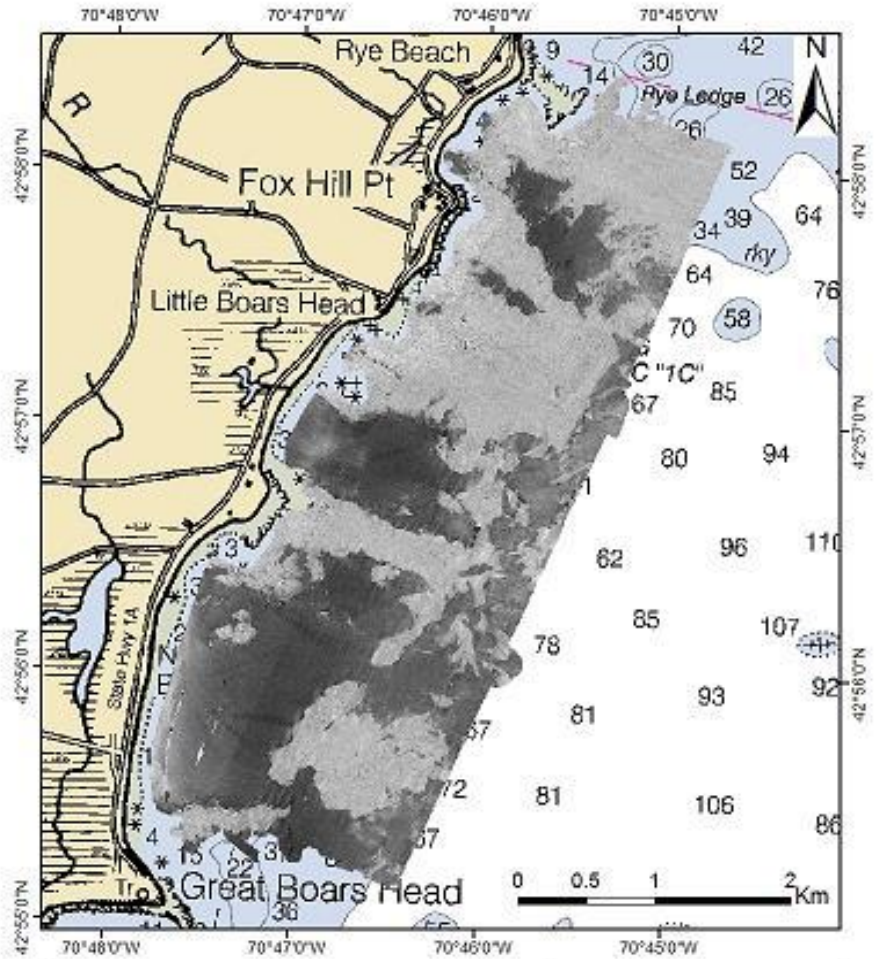


- Budgeting
- Instrument Inventory
- Reconnaissance
- Positioning
- Survey
- On-board processing
- Post-processing
- Products production



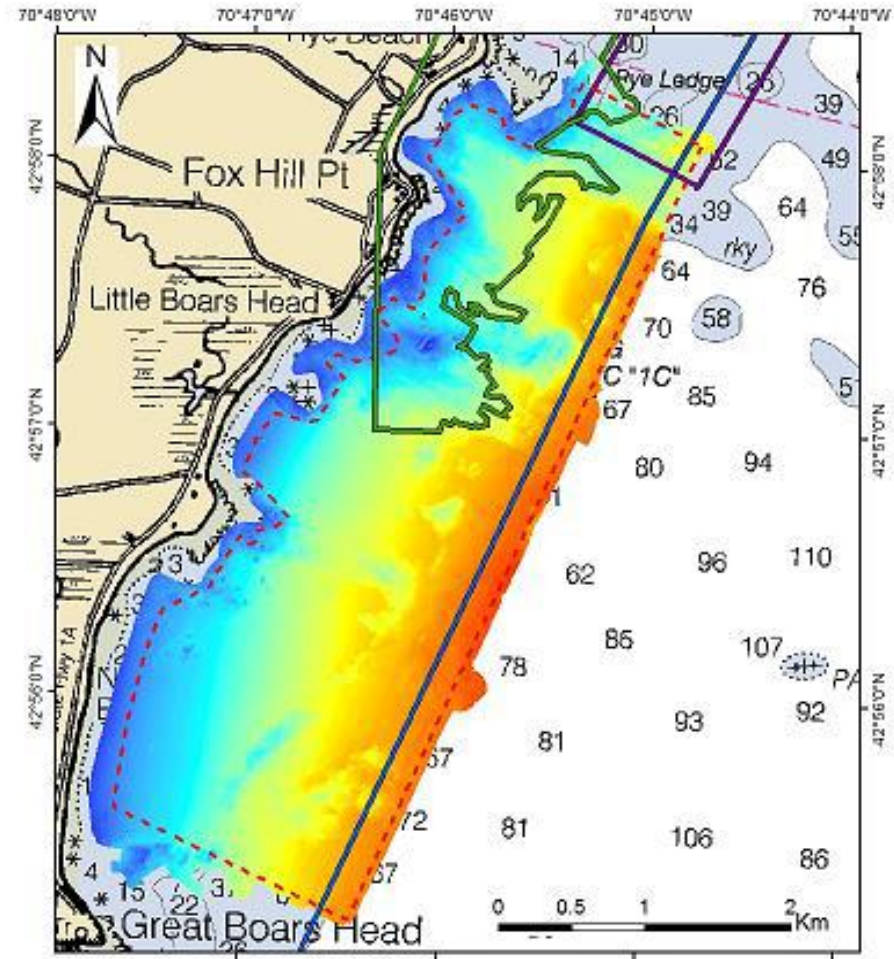


# Products: Backscatter and Bathymetric Surface



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**Backscatter Mosaic**  
 Resolution: 0.75 m  
 3 Sigma Db Range = -40.00 to -6.69  
 Processed with FMGT



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**Legend**

- Lidar (H11296)
- SH2015
- SH2014
- Hassler (H12696)

**SH 2015 Surface Depth (m)**

High: -0.042  
 Low: -24.34

# Nippon Foundation / GEBCO Training program

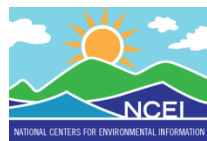


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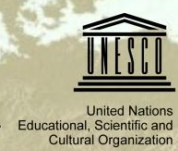


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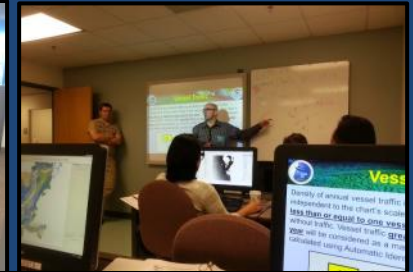
# Student Networking Visits



## January: NCEI, Boulder, CO



## July: 1<sup>st</sup> Chart Adequacy Workshop NOAA HQ, Silver Spring, MD



### Article

#### First NOAA Chart Adequacy Workshop - 27/08/2015

Dr. Shachak Pe'eri, LT Anthony Klemm and Dr. Rochelle Wigley, USA



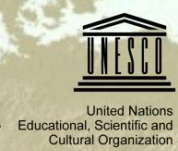
The key objective of the NOAA Chart Adequacy Workshop was to demonstrate techniques to evaluate the suitability of nautical chart products using chart quality information and publicly-available information. The three-day workshop was held in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA, from 14 to 16 July 2015. The attendees were cartographers, hydrographers and potential chart producers from hydrographic offices and government agencies around the world. The

nations of the participants in the workshop included: Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela.

The workshop began with a general overview of chart adequacy procedures, emphasising that the focus of the workshop was quality management (as opposed to uncertainty management where risk is calculated based on potential consequences by different users and vessels in different marine settings). NOAA's LT Anthony Klemm stated the three main goals of the workshop: 1) Train an international group of hydrographers and cartographers; 2) Discuss and review a procedure for assessing chart adequacy based on the depth, main traffic routes and the best available survey data; and 3) Present different publicly available datasets and



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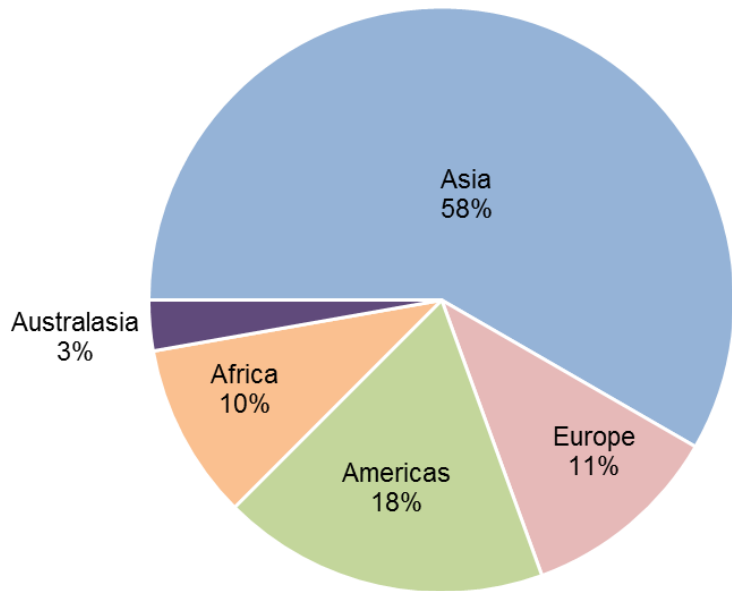


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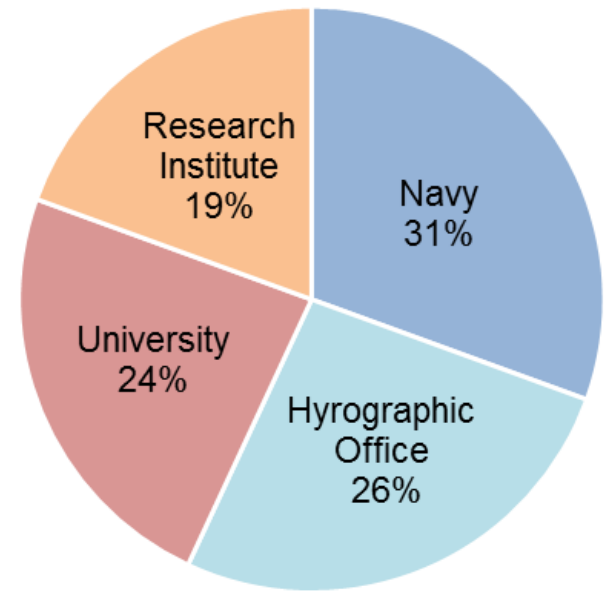
- GEBCO Postgraduate Certificate in Ocean Bathymetry
- UNH Graduate Certificate in Ocean Mapping
- FIG/IHO/ICA Category A hydrography (theory)



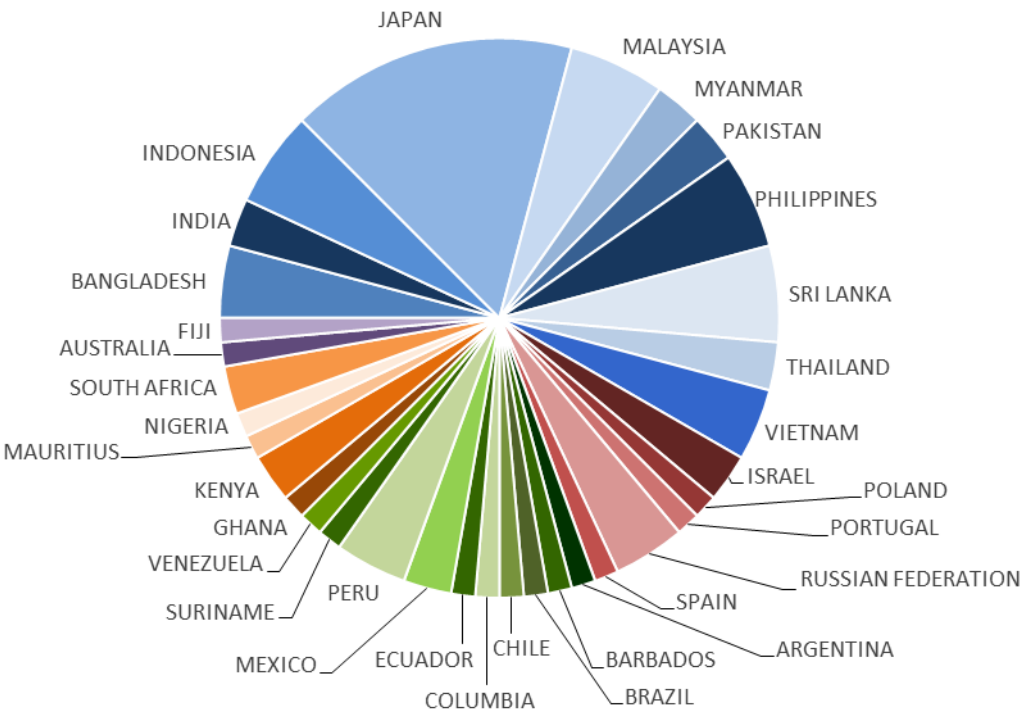
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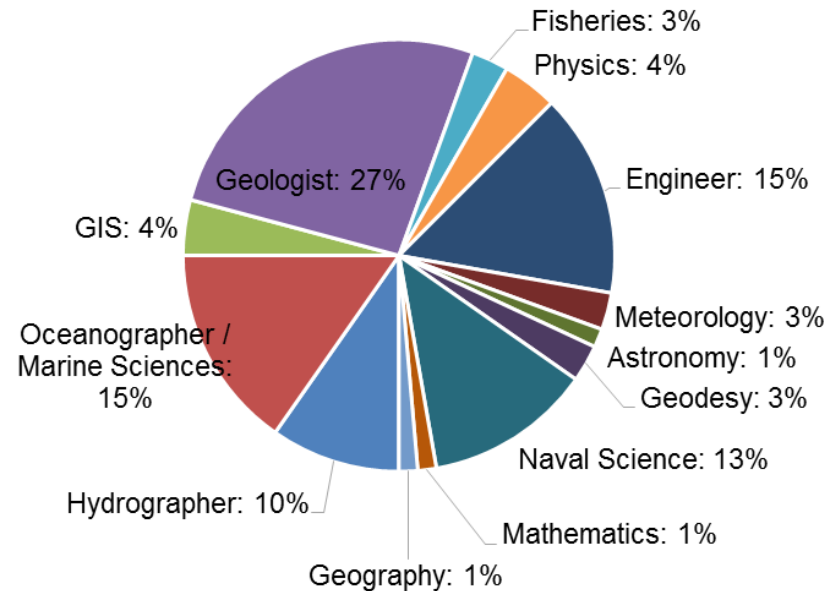
**Year 1 – 12 Incoming home organizations**



**Year 1 – 12 Incoming countries**

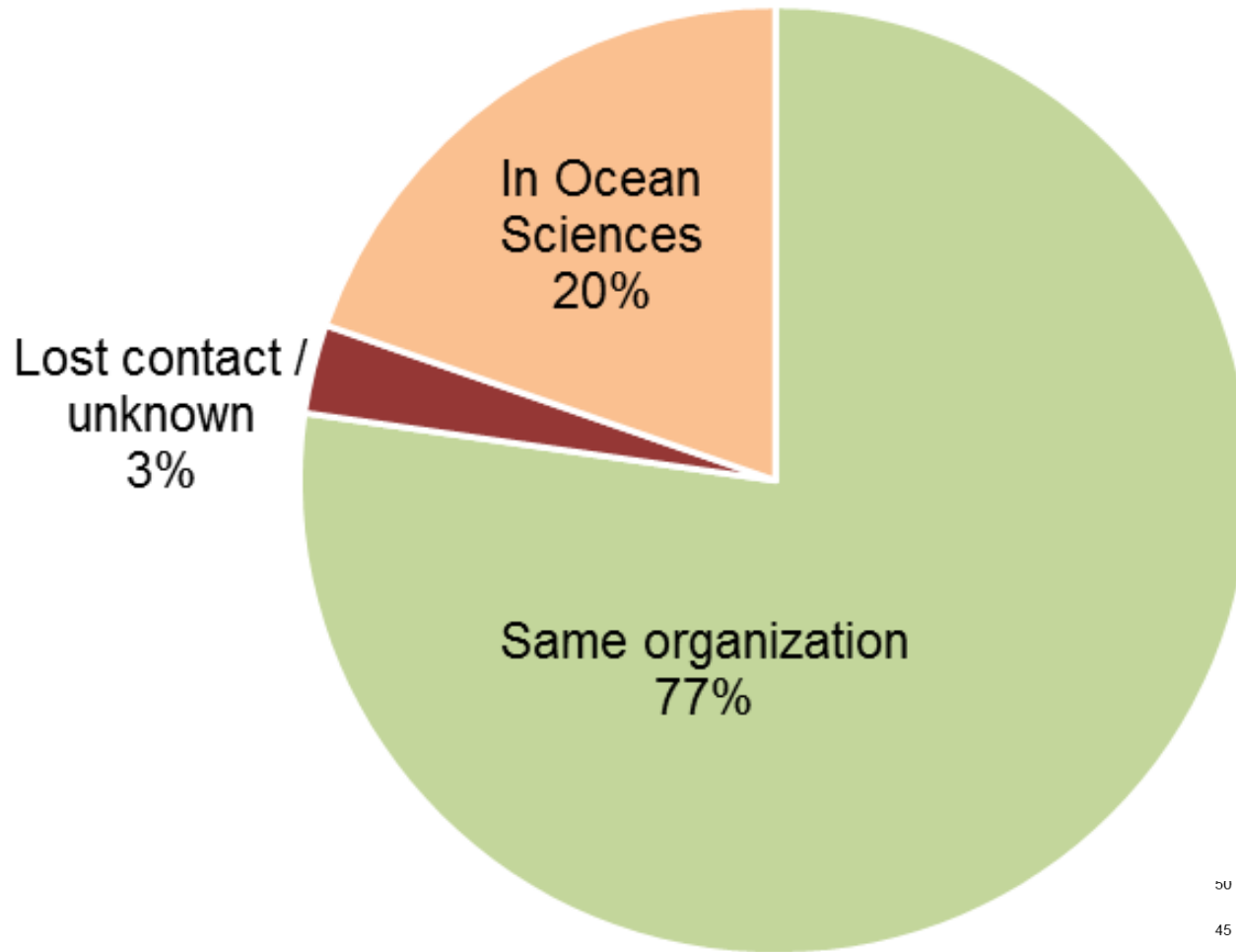


**Diverse backgrounds in Ocean Sciences**



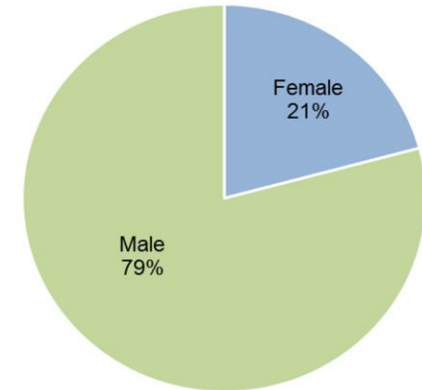


# Measure of success: Continuity in Career paths

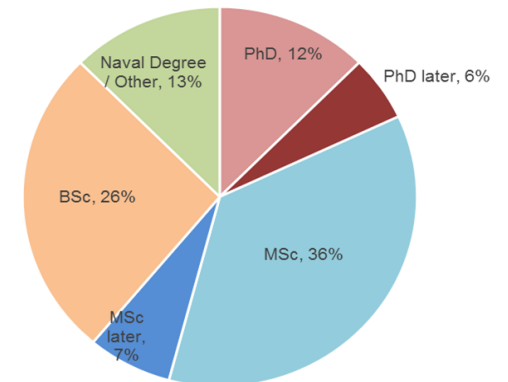


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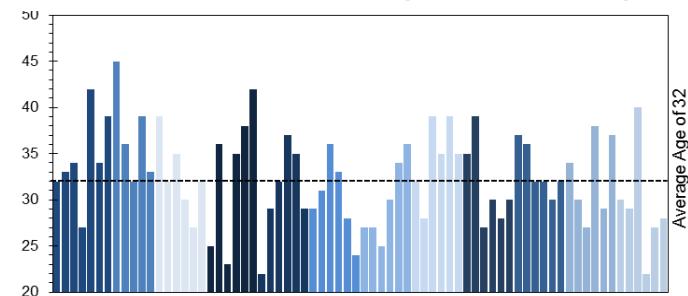
### Mix in genders



### Education levels



## Year 1 – 12 Incoming students age



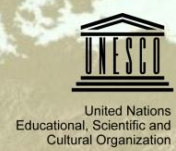
# Strengths of training program

## A scholars perspective



- Combines both theory (science and technology) and practical experience (field work).
- Networking amongst GEBCO scholars, Alumni and CCOM graduates significantly from NOAA and other USA govt. agencies
- Network development through interacting with academic, scientific and business leaders at CCOM, UNH and through lab visits, internships and other GEBCO meetings





## Applications Now Open

**for 13th Year of the Nippon Foundation / GEBCO  
Postgraduate Certificate in Ocean Bathymetry**

**Circular Letter 08 of 2016 - 11 February 2016**

*[http://iho.int/mtg\\_docs/circular\\_letters/english/2016/CL\\_ENG\\_16.htm](http://iho.int/mtg_docs/circular_letters/english/2016/CL_ENG_16.htm)*

*[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blfuyzzS\\_Gg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blfuyzzS_Gg)*

# Nippon Foundation / GEBCO Indian Ocean Bathymetric Compilation

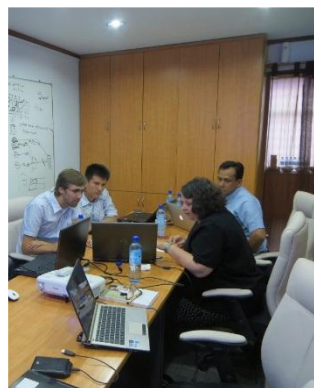
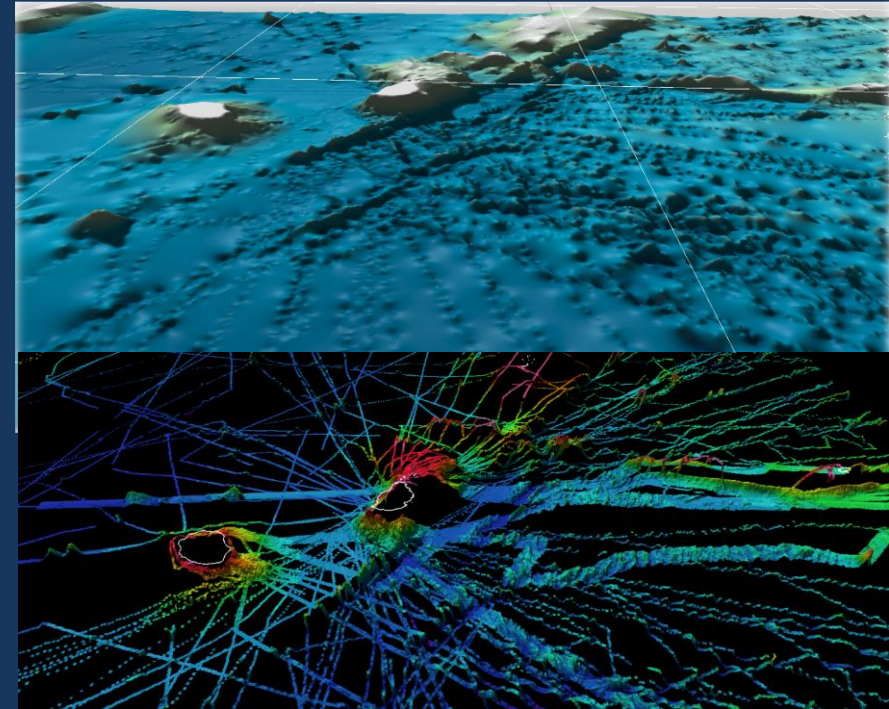
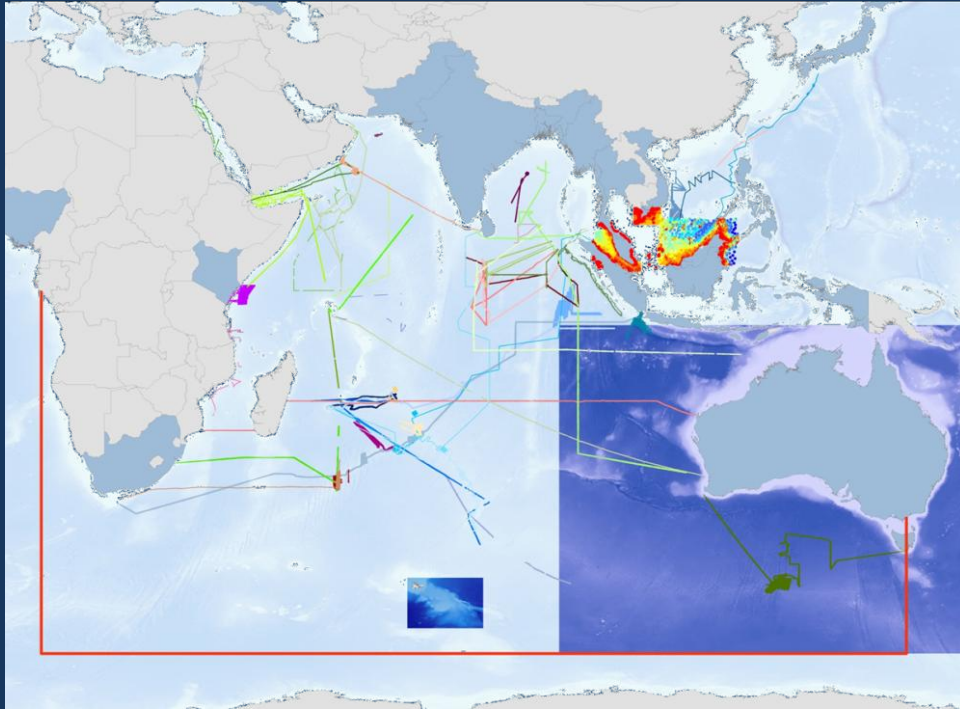
- Assemble all bathymetric data from the different research cruises and hydrographic surveys undertaken in the Indian Ocean
- Publish a regional bathymetric grids that will also be integrated into the next world ocean map and grid by GEBCO
- **UTILISE SCHOLARS NETWORKS**





# Inception meeting in Bangladesh from 20 - 22 January 2013

## Second workshop in Kuala Lumpur from 5 - 9 May 2014

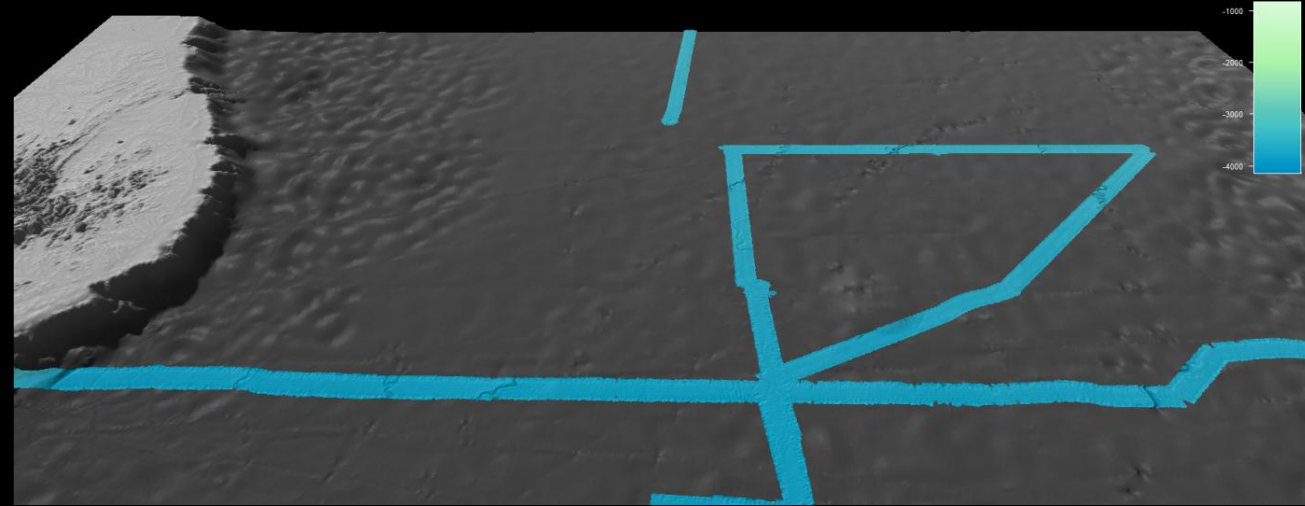




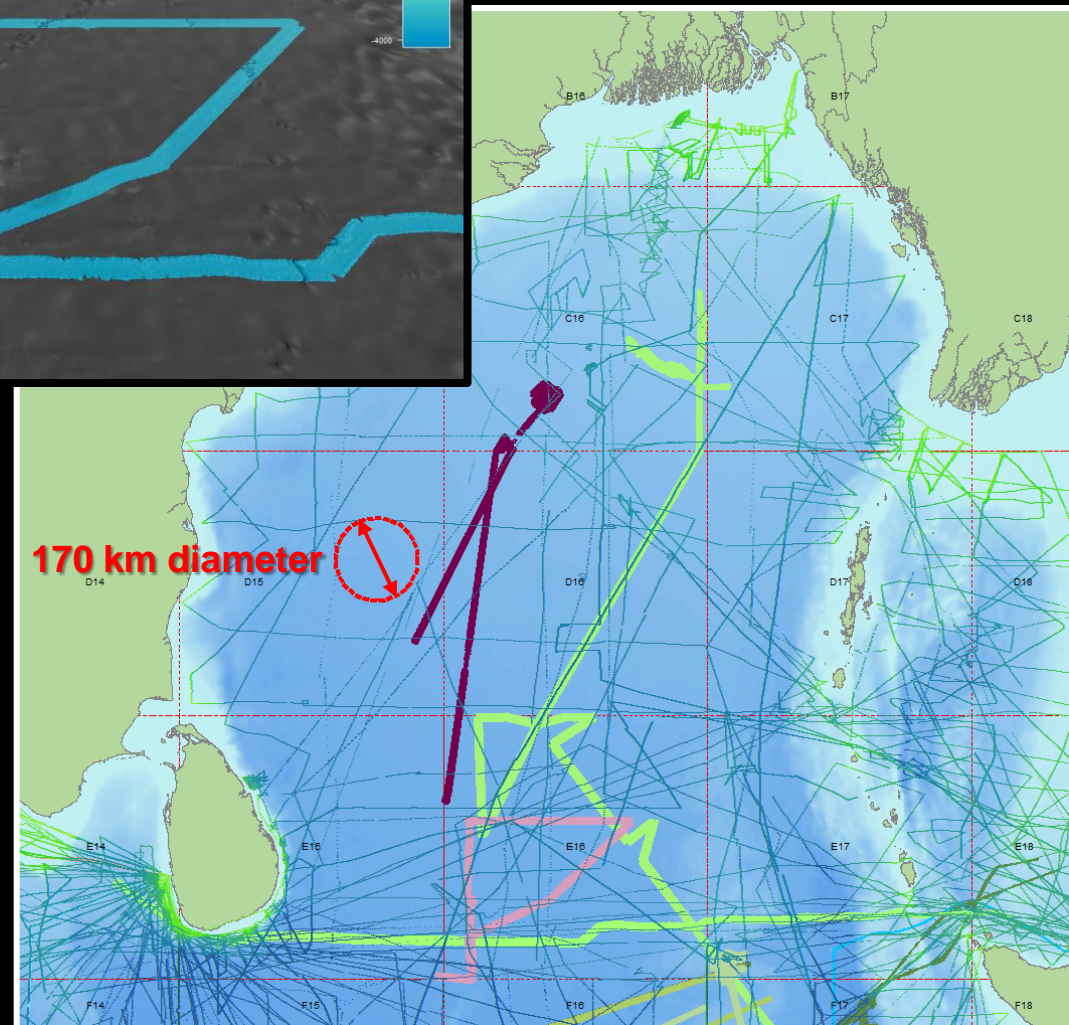
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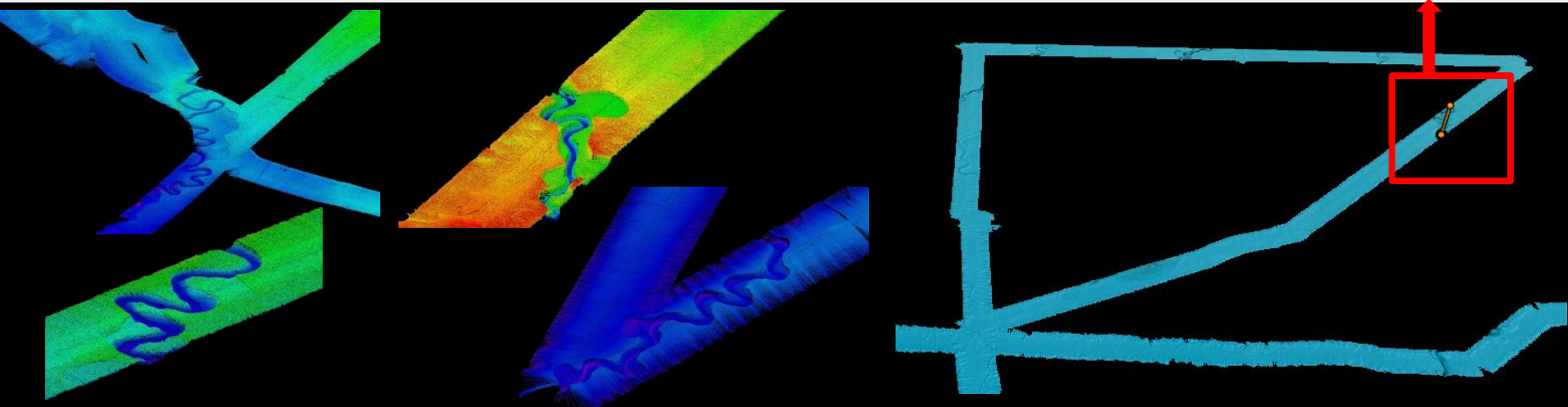
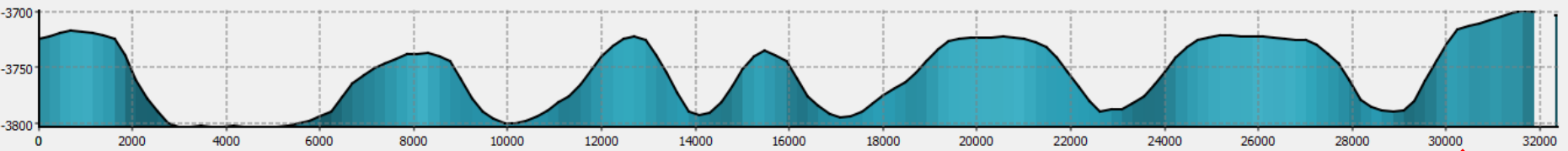
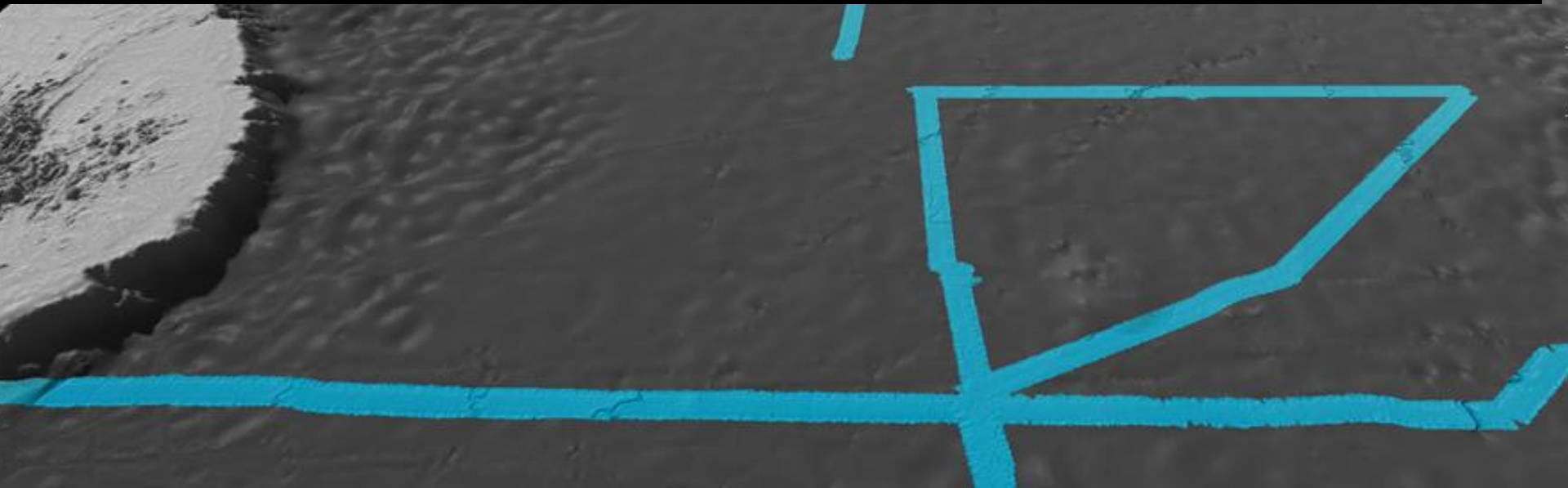


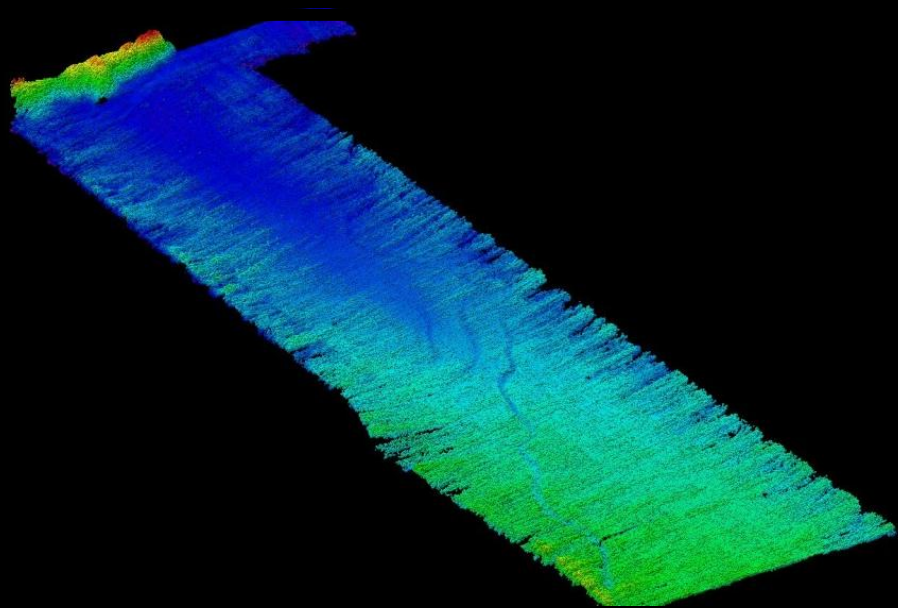
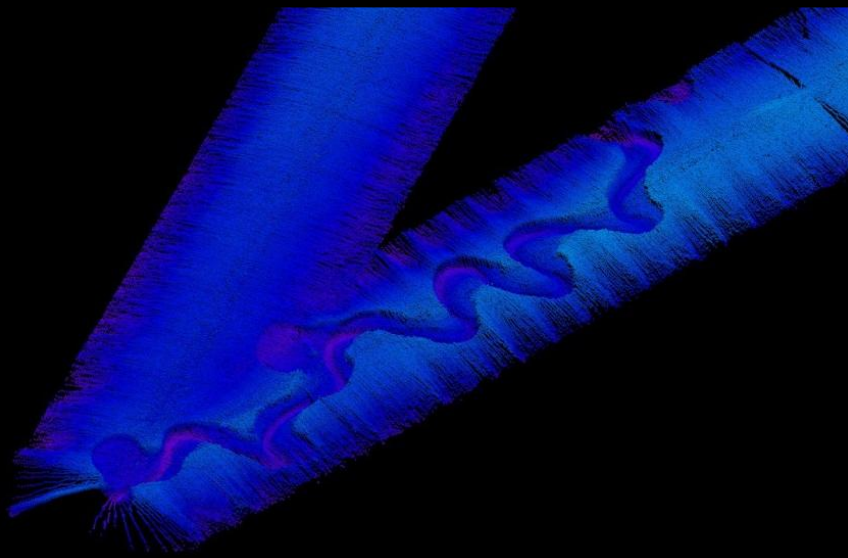
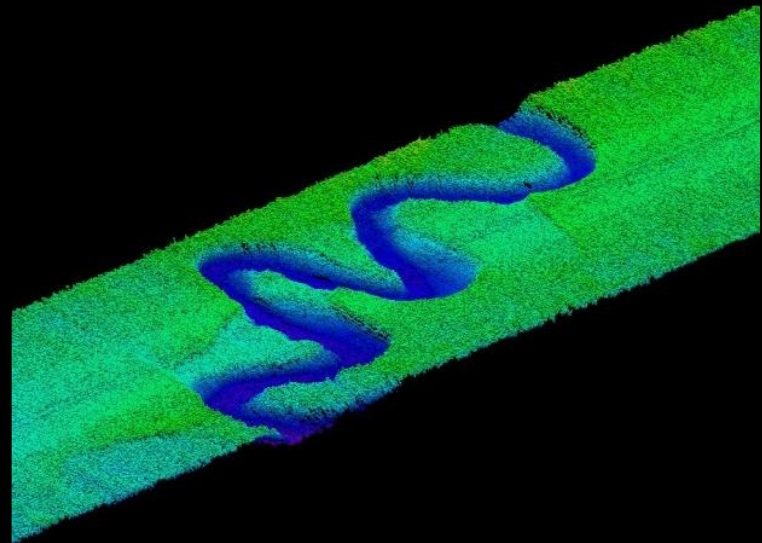
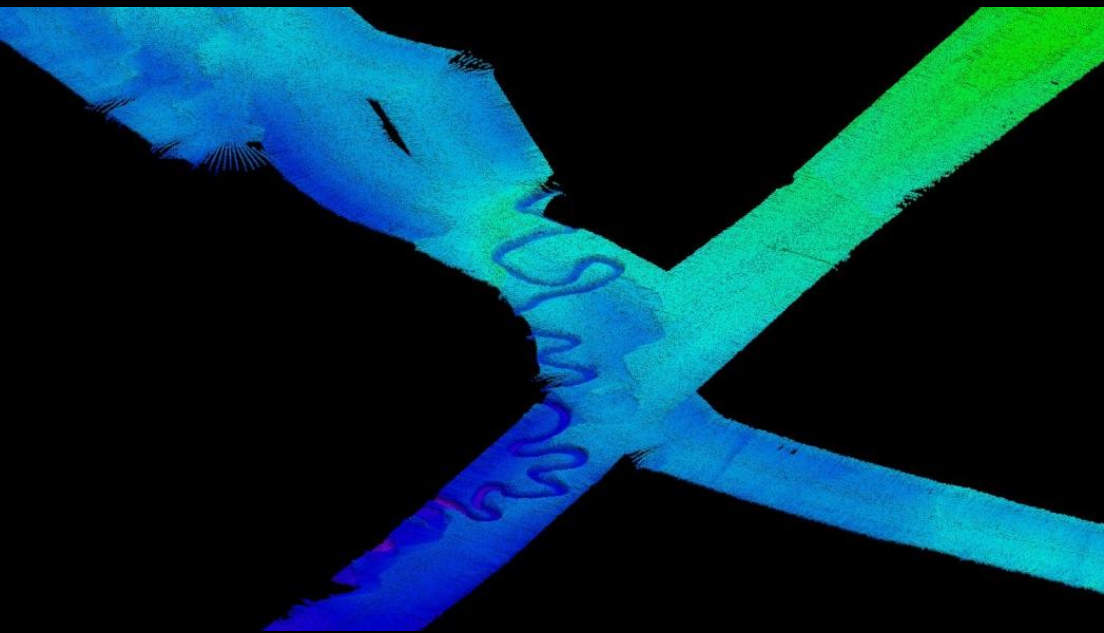
**1,000 m GEBCO DTM  
from Bay of Bengal  
(Overlain by 500 m  
IOBC MBES grid)**





# The Importance of a single swath

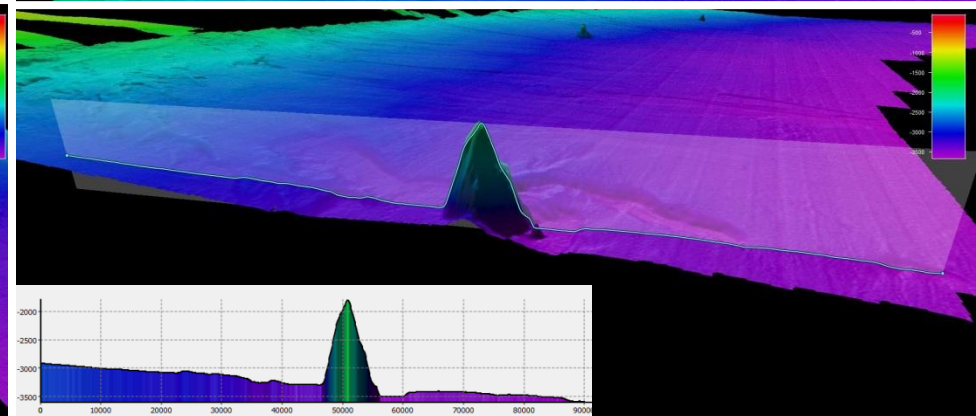
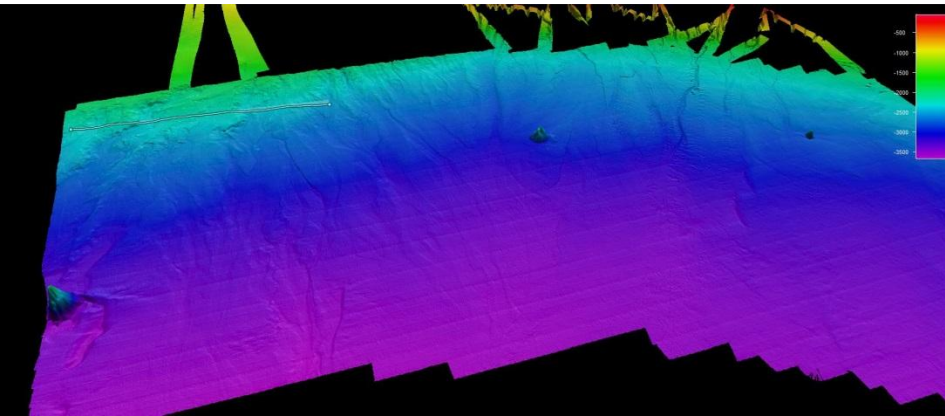
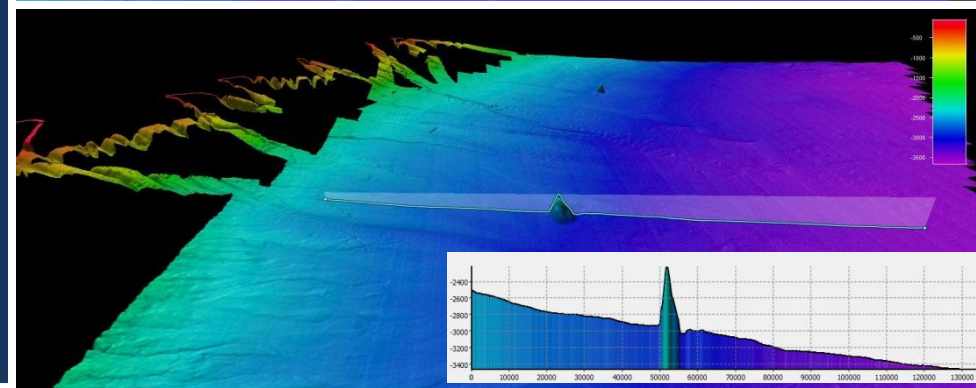
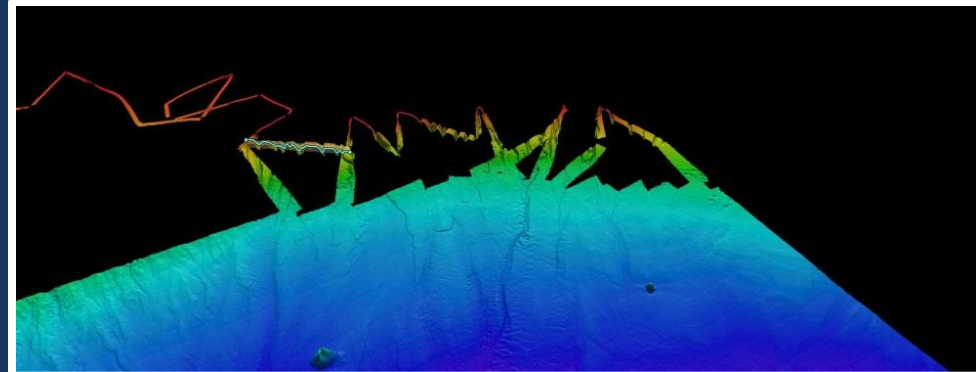
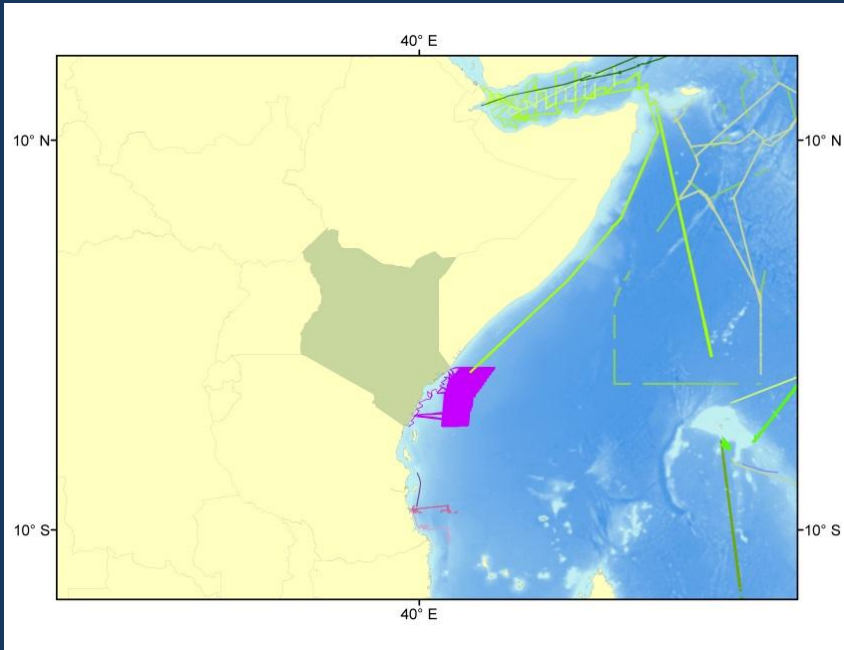


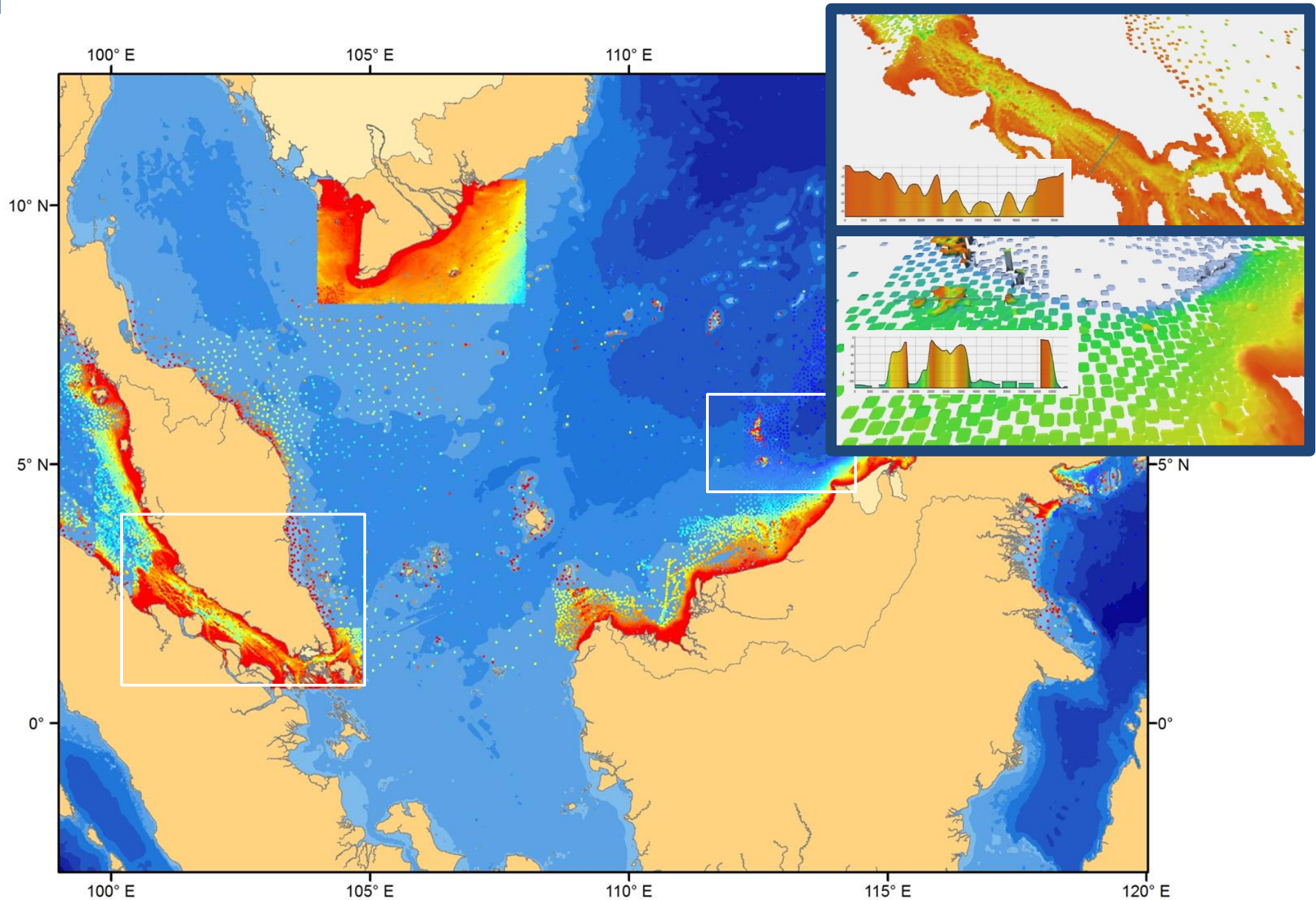




# Teaching Tool

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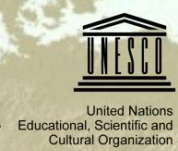




**Shallow-water bathymetry initiative:  
Regional mapping contribution: Improving GEBCO's global grid**



# GEBCO aims to:



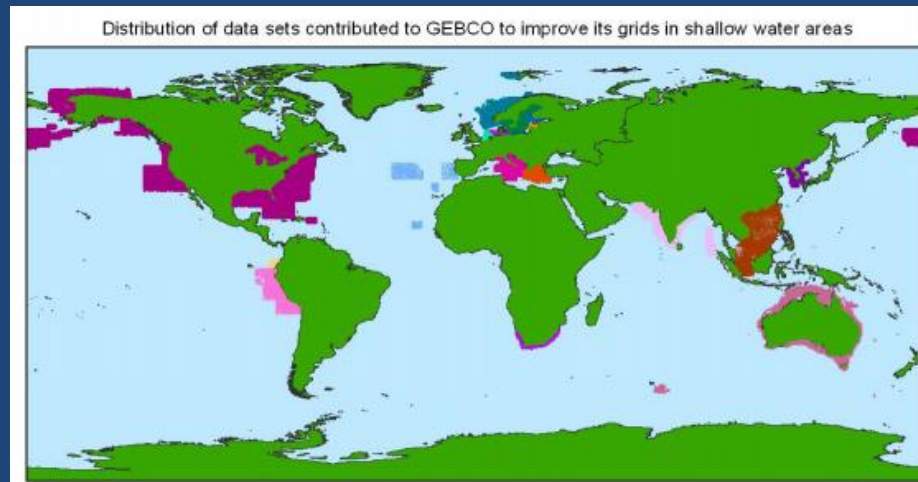
Continually update and improve its global bathymetric model and collaborate with regional mapping groups to help achieve this

Encourage (where possible) the contribution of bathymetry data to publicly-available national or international databases

[How to contribute data to help update GEBCO's global grid:](http://www.gebco.net/about_us/contributing_data)

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