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Energizing Ocean Floor Mapping



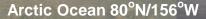
Jamie McMichael-Phillips Seabed 2030 Director





13 September 2008

12 September 2012





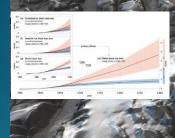
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You Can't Properly Manage what you Haven't Measured

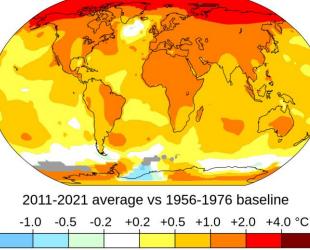
Predicted global mean sea level rise by 2300 600 million people live within 10 m above sea level



Ryder Fjord, N Greenland

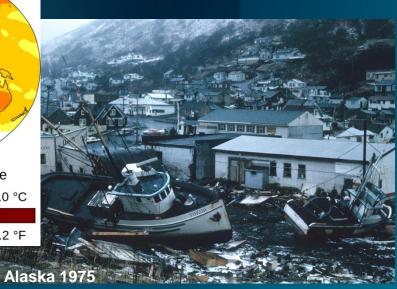
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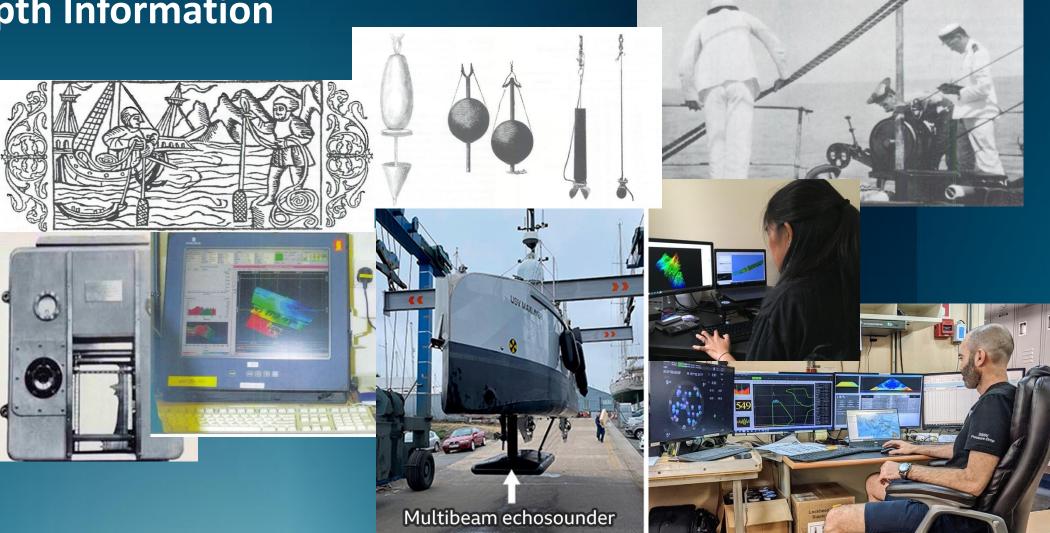
Climate Courtesy: NASA



Courtesy: NOAA

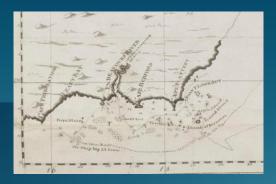
Gathering Depth Information

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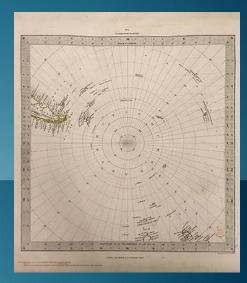


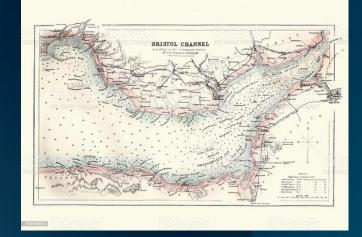


Portrayal as a Necessity



James Cook, 1770





Bristol Channel, 1880

Edward Bransfield, 1820 observation on 1844 chart

The General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans GEBCO



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Established 1903





GEBCO



GEBCO Guiding Committee

Joint programme of:

- The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)
 &
- The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO)

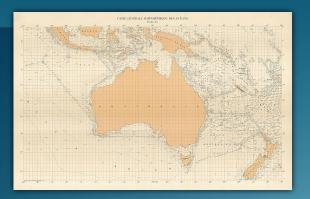
Aim: provide authoritative, publicly-available bathymetry (depth) data sets of the world's oceans

Mainly voluntary international community of:

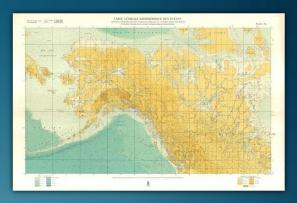
- Scientists
- Oceanographers
- Hydrographers
- Citizens

GEBCO over the decades

1st Edition 1903

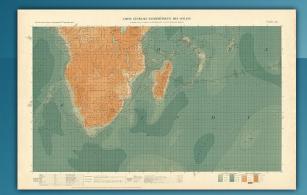


3rd Edition 1932-66

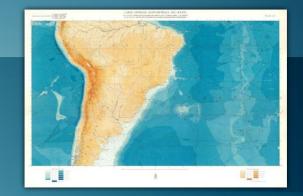


5th Edition 1973-82





2nd Edition 1910-30





2023 Release

4th Edition 1958-73



The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project

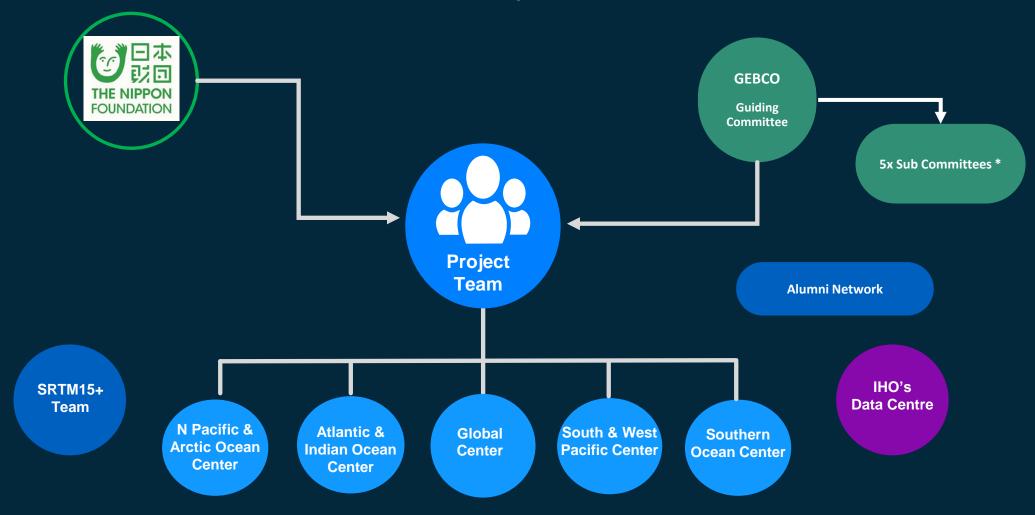


Collaboration to:

- inspire 100% seabed mapping by 2030
- compile the GEBCO Map

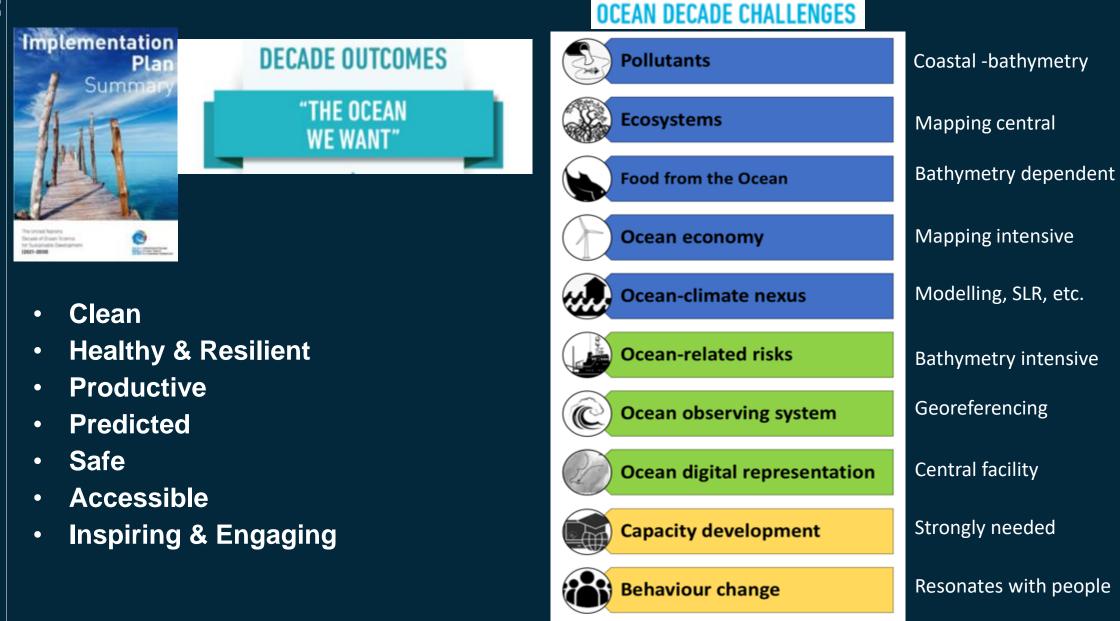


Seabed 2030 Simplified Network



* Technical | Regional | Undersea Feature Names | Engagement & Outreach | Education & Training







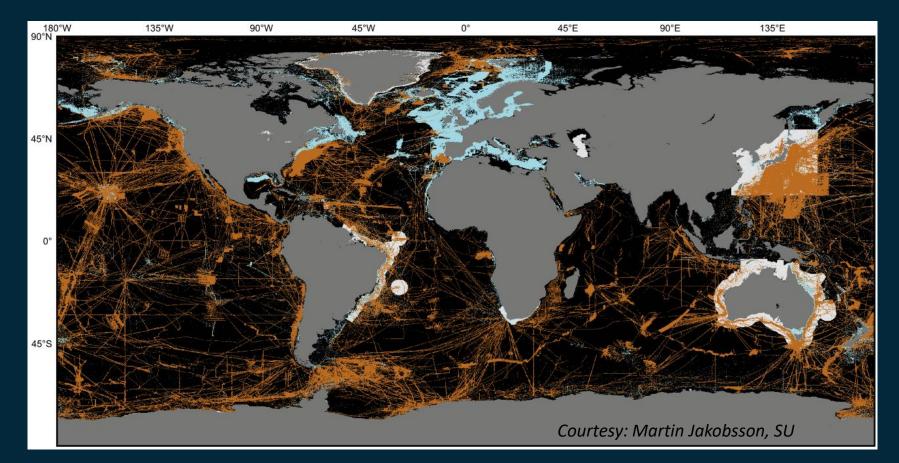
Progress so far ...

GEBCO Map:

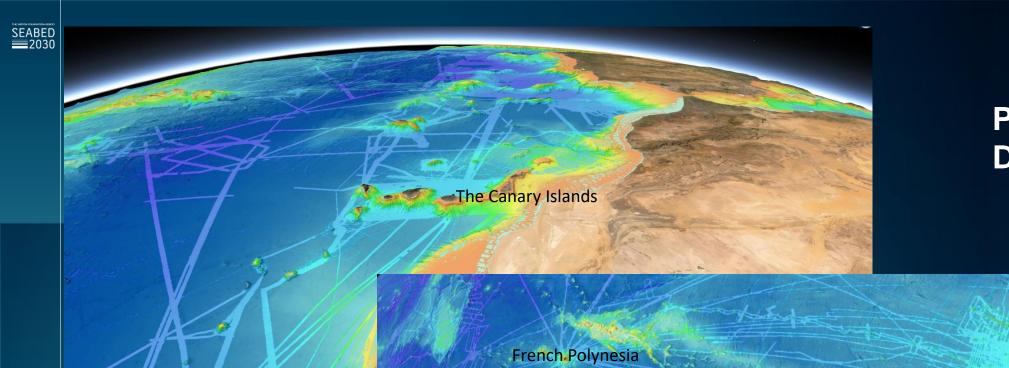
• 6% in 2017

• Now 24.9%

- 90.1 million KM2
- 5 x South America
- 3 x Africa



3/4 of ocean floor still to go



Paucity of Depth Information

To manage effectively

...we <u>must</u> map

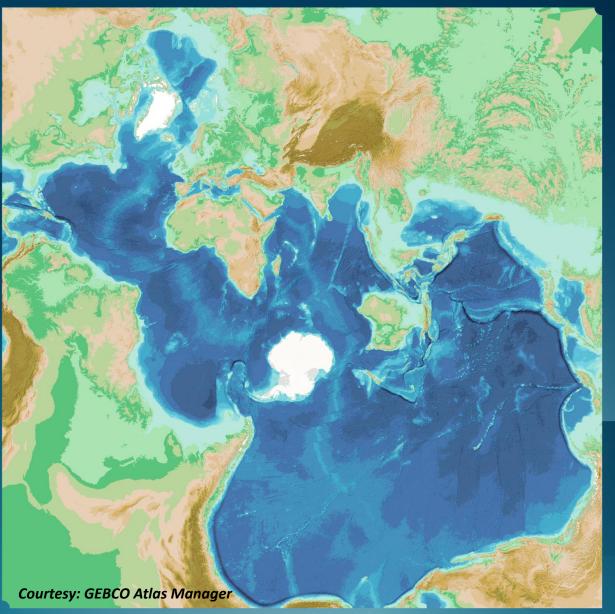
Pitcairn Island



Target Resolutions

- Depth dependent
- We will never ask for data of any higher resolution than:
 - 1 x depth value in 100x100m box

At best only one depth value in area ~ size of a soccer pitch



It really is

Our One Ocean!

Vision:

100% Ocean Floor mapped by 2030



Thank you









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