



24th Meeting of the Meso America – Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

National Report by
GRENADA

Scope of presentation



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- ❑ In Grenada, the importance of hydrographic surveys is not widely appreciated as it should be.
- ✓ Our geographic areas remain consistent [“stable”] over time in terms of their topography and bathymetry, without significant changes from natural processes.
- ✓ Large–scale coastal infrastructure development projects and investments are rare.
- ❑ Notwithstanding the above-mentioned, Grenada through the Maritime Administration and Ports Authority, remains committed to the maritime sector and fulfilling its responsibilities under SOLAS.

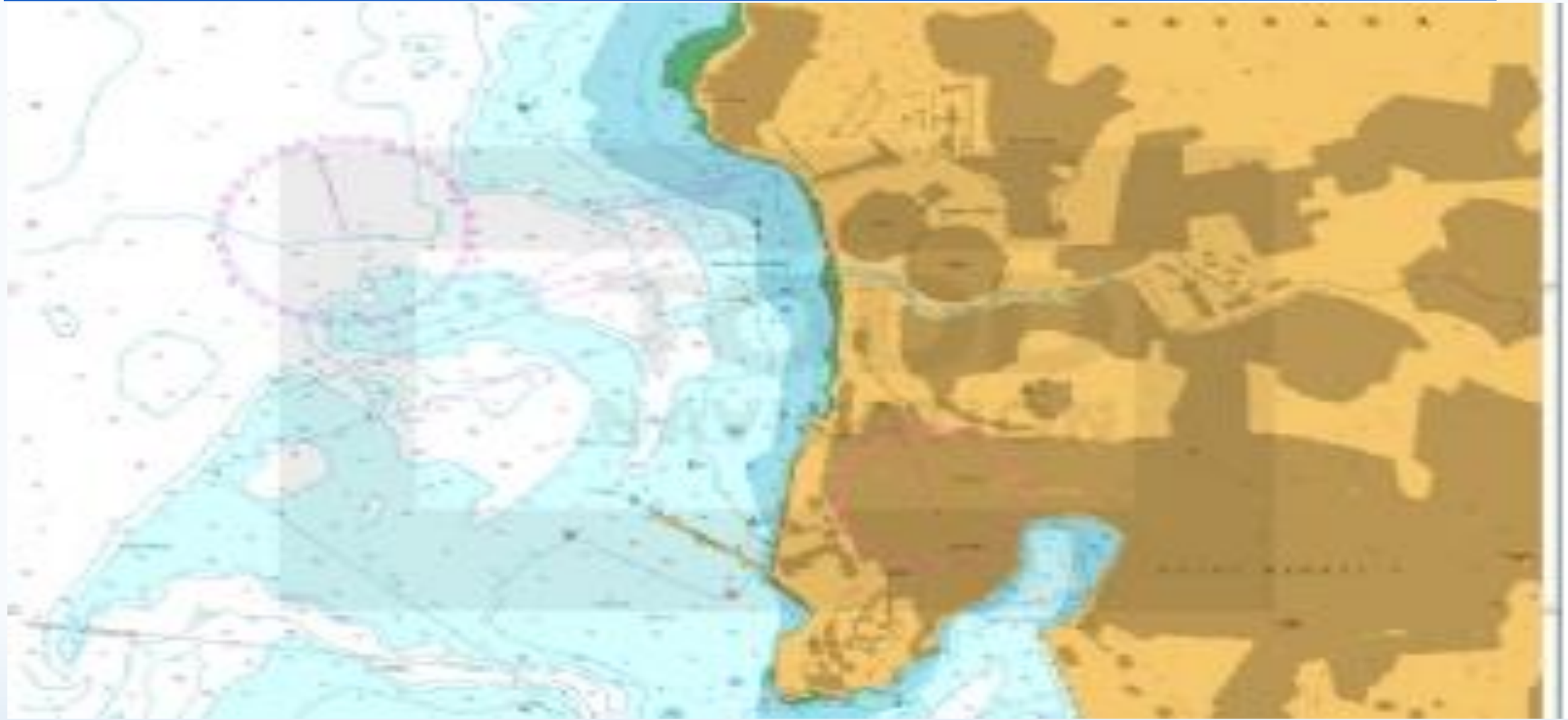


Top achievements



- Started maintenance dredging at the Melville Street Cruise Ship Terminal
 - ✓ work temporarily suspended and is scheduled to resume next year.
 - ✓ second phase includes dredging of berths/approaches at the Cargo Port
- Establishment of a National Ocean & Coastal Governance Committee:
 - ✓ members consist of stakeholders from public, private, and NGO sectors with involvement in ocean and coastal zone management

Melville Street Cruise Ship Terminal





International Hydrographic Organization
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Saint George's Harbour - Cargo Port





Top challenges and/or obstructions

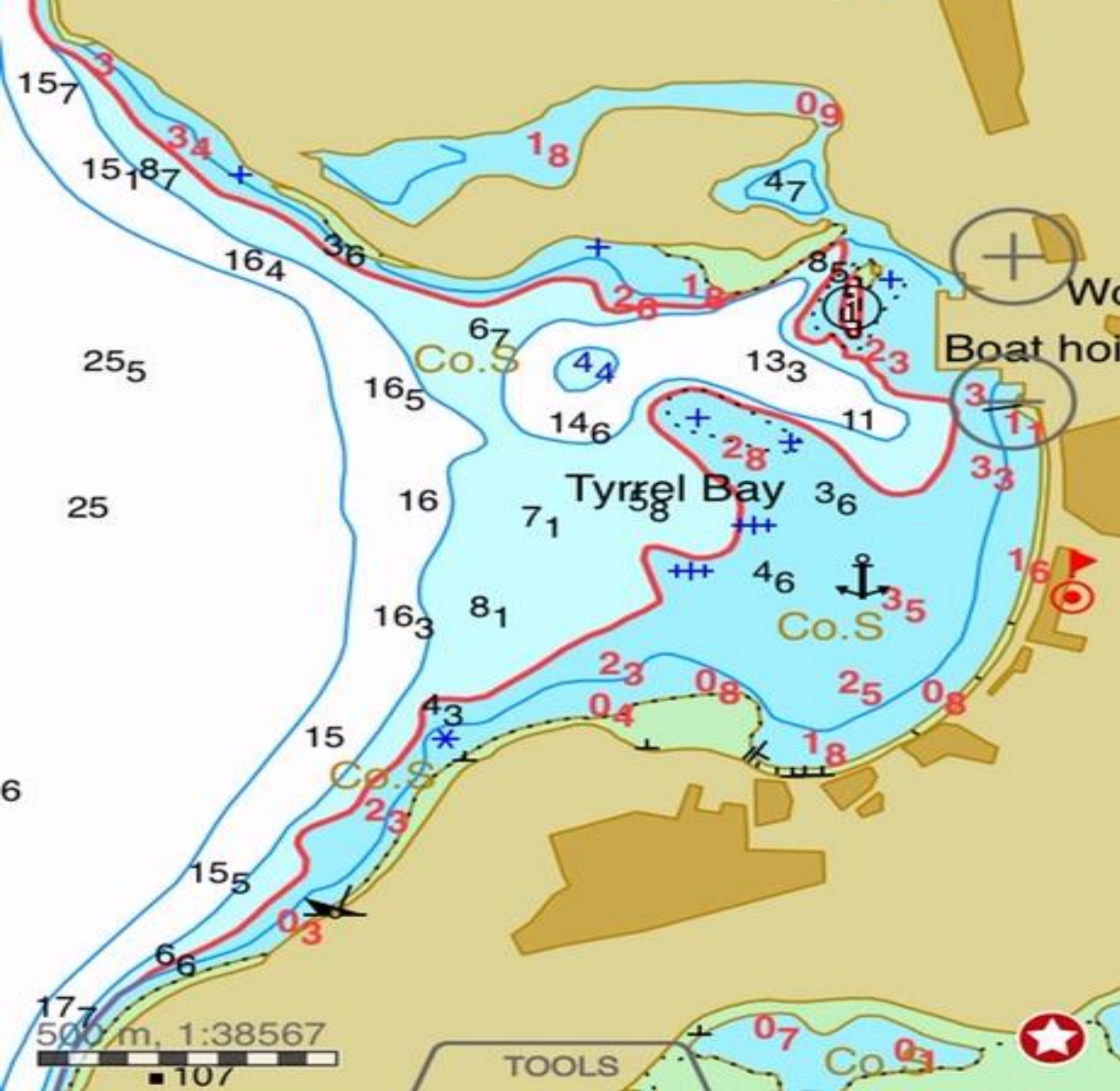


- ❑ Lack of awareness about Hydrography and its significance by key government agencies
- ❑ Absent of national hydrographic structure
- ❑ Lack of hydrographic surveying capacity and capability

Top Plans



- Continuation of our maintenance dredging program
- Establish a Hydrographic Sub-Committee of the National Ocean & Coastal Governance Committee
- ✓ provide policy guidance on matters relating to hydrographic governance
- Dredge the Port of Tyrell Bay (Carriacou)
- Continue to work with our PCA and other hydrographic partners
- Seek technical assistance to conduct AtoN audit
- Strive to strengthen our hydrographic surveying capacity



Immediate Needs



- Building of hydrographic capacities
 - ✓ surveying training at the Cat B and Cat A levels.
- Capacity to conduct surveys
 - ✓ after a severe weather event
 - ✓ bilateral arrangement for sharing of equipment and expertise
- Training for senior-level government officials
 - ✓ promote awareness of hydrographic governance and NSDI
- Technical assistance to conduct AtoN audit



Conclusion



- ❑ At present, there are no significant plans for changes in the organization, personnel, or supporting systems.
- ❑ There seems to be some level of optimism that some degree of change might be on the horizon, as there are ongoing discussions at the national policy level.
- ❑ The Maritime Administration/Ports Authority remain dedicated to fulfilling its hydrographic responsibilities, as required under SOLAS.



Thank You

