Integration of Satellite and Marine Based Hydrographic Survey Methods in the MACHC Region



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TCarta uses machine learning and satellite imagery to accurately survey coastal water depths for industries and governments, enabling cost effective and remote site surveys, reconnaissance and navigational safety.

Topics

- 1. Wave Kinematic Bathymetry in Suriname
- 2. Marine Institute & Seabed 2030 Collaboration
- 3. Port Antonio SDB & MBES Integration Project



Wave Kinematic Bathymetry (WKB)

Suriname is a case study for highly dynamic and turbid environment. This work was a collaboration with TCarta in the NSF funded Trident program Single-beam transects provided by the Suriname hydrographic office (MAS)





Typical Sentinel 2 image



Sentinel 2 derived bathymetry (WKB method) 2017.7-2019.7



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*Winterwerp H & Augustinus P. (2009) Coastal morphodynamics report. Physical description of the Suriname coastal system. ICZM Plan Suriname.



Collaboration with Suriname to Validate

- Over 300 Sentinel 2 images were downloaded spanning five years
- Sentinel-2 images are continuous push-broom scans of the Earth's surface.
- Time delay built into the band collection that allows for stop-motion movement detection.

MAS 2016 single beam survey

- WKB produced 5552 sq.km of bathymetry
- Min. depth 0.02m and max. Depth 42.03m
- Mean depth 0f 13.56m

Largest difference between WKB and SBES on Eastern side of mudbanks indicating an eastward migration of shoals



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Marine Institute Summer Work Term Program





2 graduate students - ongoing

6 undergraduate - 12 week summer work term

Real World Satellite Derived Bathymetry Work

- In-person instruction and virtual workrooms
- Student-generated SDB
- Marine Institute Native Village Research Sites AOIs
- SDB produced contributed to Seabed 2030





Summer Staff Producing SDB for Seabed 2030 Project







Madagascar Newfoundland Kinngait, Nunavut Sanikiluaq, Nunavut



Collaboration with Hydrographic Office - Combined Benefits of SDB and SBES Survey Bowden Harbour, Jamaica



SDB for No-Go Areas & Shoalest Points for Caution







First SDB Demonstration Project with Jamaica - 2021

Bowden Harbour SBES & 10m SDB Integration

- Fully remote engagement due to Covid
- Didn't go quite as planned
- Healthy debate on SDB's potential to be used to fill in gaps from a hydrographic standpoint
- Results not perfect -both sides, still found success, next steps

Co-Authored Hydro International Article - Mar 2



ARTICLE

Satellite-derived bathymetry for surveying Jamaica's coastal waters

Towards time efficiencies, cost savings and improved safety

By Carol Fisher, Antonio Williams • March 29, 2022

he national land agency in Jamaica has integrated satellite-based hydrography to benefit from time efficiencies, cost savings and improved safety as part of its hydrographic programme in support of the nation's further economic development.

Satellite Derived Bathymetry & MBES Integration Project









Leads to Port Antonio MBES & SDB Integration Project

Port expansion project

2-way training

1.5 - 100+m depths

Shallow water obstacles and challenges









'All-Source' Integration MBES|SDB|SAR|UAV

Imagery Tasked During Survey

















MBES & SDB





Pixels in Perspective



2m Multispectral



30m Multispectral



10m Multispectral

A Hydrographer's First survey!

SDB Training

Reference with the second seco

In the office

TCarta Marine LLC & NLA Jamaica
Date: 27 January, 2023
Reference: The Hydrographic Survey of Port Antonio Harbour

To: Ms Cheriese Walcott (CEO of NLA)

Request for Collaboration:

cc: Mr Edward Chambers - Senior Director of Surveys and Mapping Benjamin Bioamfield Acting Manager- Topographic and Hydrographic Surveys Antonio Williams - Chief Hydrographer Diego Billings - Senior Hydrographer

Let me take this opportunity to wish you and the team at the National Land Agency a successful and rewarding year.

Background: TCarta Manne, through its subsidiary in jamaica, TCarta Carthe, has fostered a productive and game-changing relationship with NA from 2020. This musual partmenship har ensuited in a joint knyforgraphic survey of Bowden Harbor showcasing the merging of Satellite Derived Bathymetry with traditional Hydrographic survey. The success of this ground breaking wenture was published in a joint article. In the Hydro International Imagaine. TCart at hen facilitated a Capacity Building workshop with the Hydro team in 2021 and are in the process of facilitating a second Capacity Building Workshop with NLA Hydro team proposed for Field 27, 2023.

Purpose: This is a request for Kyle Goodrich, President of TCarta, to join NLA during the hydrographic survey of Port Antonio for the purpose of professional development and joint collaboration between TCarta and NLA on combined use of vessel-based hydrographic surveys and Satellite Derived Bathymetry.

TCarta will provide 3.5 days of Satelite Derived Barthymetry Capacity Building to NLA and any other jamaican government agency in Kingston, jamaica. TCarta and Kyle Goodrich will bear all the cost of and risk of participating in the Hydrographic survey and hereby absolves NLA and any other agency of responsibility.

Additional Requests:

- The Hydrographic Branch of NLA will provide TCarta with materials related to the data including but not limited to visuals, animations, results, assessments and analysis generated from the collaboration.
- Permission to post updates, images of the collaboration on TCarta's website and social media platforms, eg Linkedin.
- Permission to present the collaboration results to the MACHC24

With Kind Regards,

Kyle Goodrich President TCarta

- SDB 101 Background & Basics
- Hands-on learning
- Production and Applications
- Customized training

In-Person and Remote SDB Training

Partnering to develop the next generation of SDB-Ready Hydrospatial Professionals It's about people too!

National Land Agency (NLA), Jamaica SDB Integration from a healthy skepticism to strategic planning

- 2021
- April 2021 TCarta provides a half-day virtual SDB intro, across NLA ranks, initiates proof of concept collaboration
- Integrated surveying of Bowden Harbour (TCarta SDB & NLA SBES)
- Co-authoring of Hydro International Article; debate over hydrographic applications of SDB
- Hydro International article receives a lot of positive attention; TCarta pursues further collaboration with NLA; Favorable leadership changes at NLA
- Technical Exchange: TCarta learns MBES on the water & Drone Collection; NLA learns SDB in the Computer Lab

Onward Collaboration in 2024 - Contribution to Seabed 2030

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SEABED

2030

- Jamaican National Outcomes:
 - National Dataset for environmental modeling & conservation efforts
 - Jamaica's Seabed 2030 Contribution
- National Land Agency Outcomes:
 - SDB Technical Team of Experts
 - SDB as supplemental tool for national surveys
 - Example within MACHC for SDB
- **Outcome:** Empower and enable 2 hydrographic offices to produce nationalscale Satellite Derived Bathymetry and contribute it to Seabed 2030
- Scaled Potential through Expanded Partnership: Other Caribbean Hydrographic Offices in collaboration with NLA and have previously expressed interest in participating in SDB training with NLA & TCarta

Benefits of Combining SDB and MBES

- Improve survey planning, efficiency and safety
- Avoidance of lower priority, shallow water areas during MBES survey
- Avoidance of hazards, reduction of time spent
- From ship-to-shore complete data coverage
- MBES used to train SDB model improves accuracy

Integration Results

Satellite Derived Bathymetry - Empowering Technology

- SDB is an equalizing technology within hydrography; Community based hydrography efforts
- Island nations as SDB producers; contribute SDB to Seabed 2030, license data to PCA for charting purposes
- Flip the narrative use SDB capability to push data to update charts in your waters
- Build and diversify the technical skills of hydrographers in the Region
- Enable stakeholders to survey their own waters in combination with existing capabilities
- Utilize existing skills, talents and equipment in combination with SDB

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StoryMap with more examples:

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