

Partner Organisation
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE NIPPON FOUNDATION-GEBCO
SEABED 2030 PROJECT
(SEABED 2030)

c/o Seabed 2030 Arctic & Pacific Ocean Regional Center

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AND

[Partner Organisation]

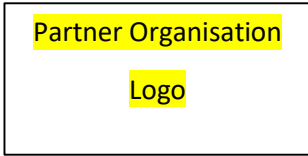
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DATED THIS *[XX]* DAY OF *[Month]* *[Year]*



THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS ENTERED INTO
BETWEEN

The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project, a collaborative project between The Nippon Foundation and GEBCO to inspire the complete mapping of the world’s ocean by 2030 and to compile all bathymetric data into the freely available GEBCO Ocean Map (hereinafter referred to as “Seabed 2030”),

AND

[Partner Organisation and brief description]

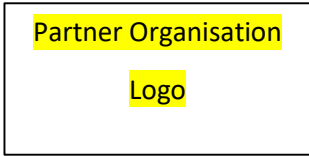
BACKGROUND

About The Nippon Foundation – GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project

Knowing the depth of the seabed, i.e. bathymetry, is of vital importance, not only for navigation and coastal management, but also for a growing variety of inter-related uses. Underwater depths yield the shape of the seabed, which is a fundamental parameter for understanding ocean circulation, tides, tsunami forecasting, fishing resources, wave action, sediment transport, environmental change, underwater geo-hazards and much more.

Working under the auspices of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and UNESCO-Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), GEBCO:

- is recognized by the UN as the authoritative initiative for synthesis of a World Ocean portrayal of the seabed from the coast to the deepest trenches;
- is universally recognized and respected as an international initiative, free of political bias or constraints and thus capable of gathering bathymetric data and resources from research labs, industry or academia of any nation, data which it will make data freely available to all;
- promotes the sharing of ocean mapping knowledge and expertise through active engagement and capacity building efforts engaging people who are leaders in all aspects of this field.



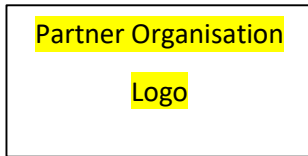
The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project is a collaborative project between The Nippon Foundation and GEBCO with a vision: by 2030, the World's oceans are fully mapped and the freely available GEBCO Ocean Map represents a complete map of the global ocean bathymetry.

Seabed 2030, launched at the United Nations Ocean Conference in 2017, is building a global community of ocean mappers, hydrographers, scientists, industry and the public to discover and publish all existing bathymetric data. Seabed 2030 also advocates for new mapping expeditions to 'map the gaps' in our knowledge of the seafloor and provide the World with the definitive map of ocean bathymetry.

About [Partner Organisation]

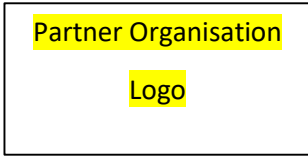
[Partner Organisation mission statement, key objectives and short description etc]

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TERMS OF COLLABORATION

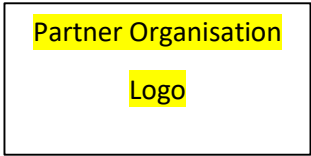
1. This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into between the two parties in recognition that both are working to advance our understanding of ocean bathymetry and complementing the Decade of Ocean Science in Support of Sustainable Development. By working collaboratively, the partnership can aid both parties in achieving their goals.
2. To this aim, Seabed 2030 will:
 - a) Promote [Partner Organisation] as an official Partner including, but not limited to:
 - i. Displaying the [Partner Organisation] logo on the Seabed 2030 website;
 - ii. Informing the GEBCO community and users about the work of [Partner Organisation].
 - b) Provide joint promotional and media opportunities when possible, including publications and conference presentations;
 - c) Will contribute to [Partner Organisation] on the following, but not limited actions:
 - i. Informing and sharing the Seabed 2030 vision;
 - ii. Contributing bathymetric gridded products to be used by [Partner Organisation]
 - iii. Sharing and promoting methods and best practices in technological innovation, infrastructure, and solutions for ocean mapping and bathymetric data management.
 - d) Provide acknowledgement of [Partner Organisation] contribution of bathymetric gridded map products to Seabed 2030, including its data originators;
 - e) Promote synergies between Seabed 2030 and [Partner Organisation].
3. To this aim, [Partner Organisation] will:
 - a) Promote Seabed 2030 as an associate Partner including, but not limited to:
 - i. Displaying the Seabed 2030 logo on the [Partner Organisation] website;
 - b) Provide joint promotional and media opportunities when possible, including publications and conference presentations;
 - c) Liaise with the Seabed 2030 Team to ensure that the Seabed 2030 project is acknowledged where appropriate e.g. during interviews with the media, social media posts, public lectures.
 - d) Jointly engage with the wider geospatial, hydrosatial and technology innovation community to inform about:
 - i. The Seabed 2030 vision
 - ii. Collection of bathymetric data



- iii. Contributing bathymetric data and gridded products to Seabed 2030
- e) Promote synergies between Seabed 2030 and [Partner Organisation].
- f) Will contribute to Seabed 2030 on the following, where appropriate, but not limited, actions:
 - i. Informing and sharing the [Partner Organisation] vision;
 - ii. Contributing bathymetric data and/or gridded products for uptake by Seabed 2030
 - iii. Sharing and promoting methods and best practices in technological innovation, infrastructure, and solutions for ocean mapping and bathymetric data management challenges.

TERMS OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to be legally binding, nor does it place any legal requirement on either party. It is a statement of intent for both parties to collaborate, setting out a common line of action, in good faith.
2. Either party may request in writing a revision, modification or amendment of all or any part of this Memorandum of Understanding. Any revision, modification or amendment agreed to by the parties shall be reduced into writing and shall form part of this Memorandum of Understanding.
3. The parties agree that any marketing, promotional or communications activities in relation to this Memorandum of Understanding must be approved by a representative from each organisation.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into operation on the date of its signing and shall remain in effect until a mutually agreed-upon change is deemed necessary, or until either party wishes to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding.



IN AGREEING TO THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, THE PARTIES HERETO AFFIX THEIR SIGNATURES AS OF THE DATE FIRST WRITTEN ABOVE:

Signed for and on behalf of The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project

Jamie McMichael-Phillips
Seabed 2030 Director

Signed for and on behalf of [Partner Organisation]

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