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Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project

To: **Members, Associate Members and Observers of the SWPHC**

Dear SWPHC Colleagues,

1. The SWPHC falls within the South and West Pacific Regional Mapping Center for the Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 project. The Project is now in its third year, and is making steady progress, with the 2020 GEBCO Grid release now showing that collectively 19% of the ocean floor is mapped.
2. Please find attached as **Annex B**, the first edition of the bi-monthly newsletter, *in-depth*, which gives an overview of Seabed 2030 activities.
3. All member and observer state representatives are respectfully requested to complete the following Seabed 2030 survey https://seabed2030.gebco.net/news/seabed_2030_survey.html to gather evidence for the Seabed 2030 study on the value of seabed mapping, with a particular focus on the environmental, social and economic benefits.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Greenland', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Adam Greenland, LINZ
New Zealand National Hydrographer
Chair, SWPHC

Enclosures:

Annex A – Distribution List: Members, Associate Members and Observers of the SWPHC

Annex B –*in-depth* Issue 1: Newsletter of The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project