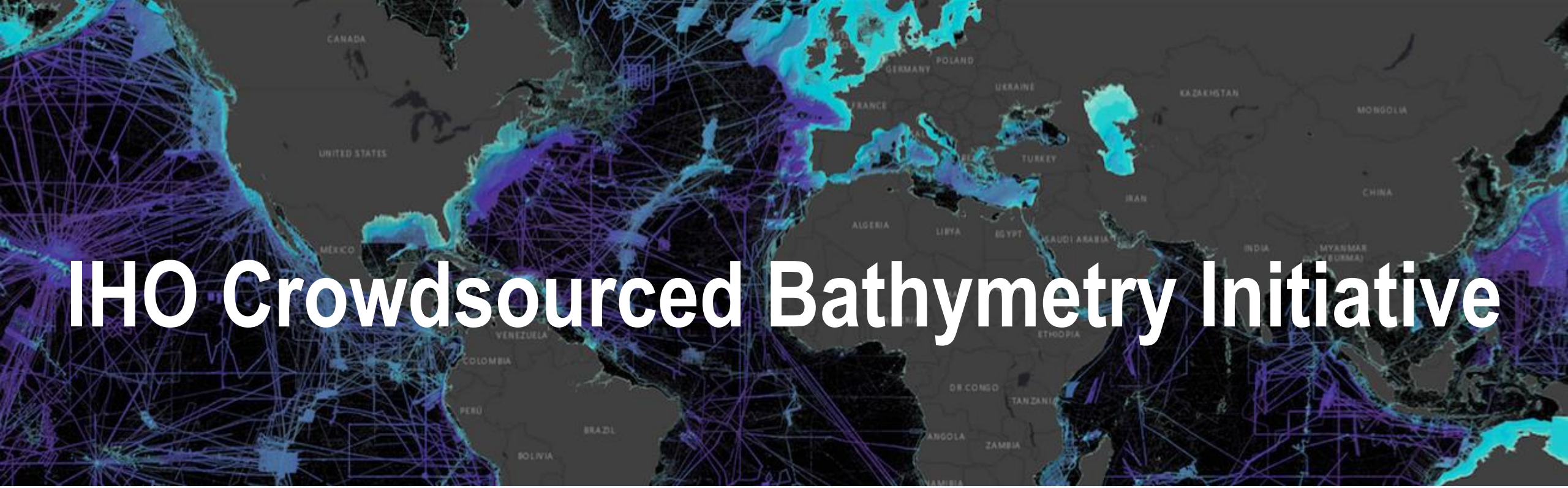


# IHO Crowdsourced Bathymetry Initiative

## An IHO-led collaborative project to better enable mariners and professionally manned vessels to collect “crowdsourced bathymetry”

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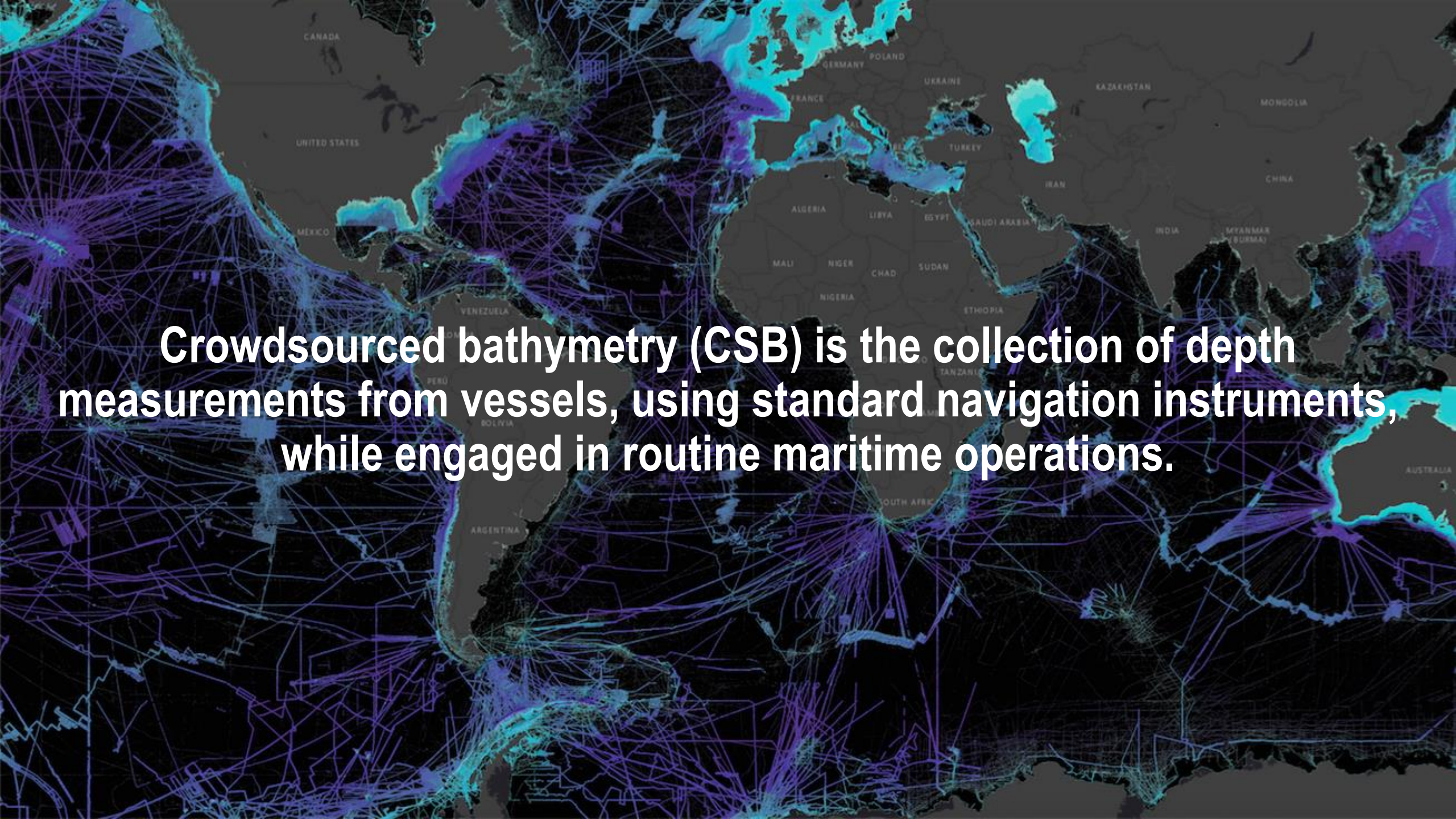
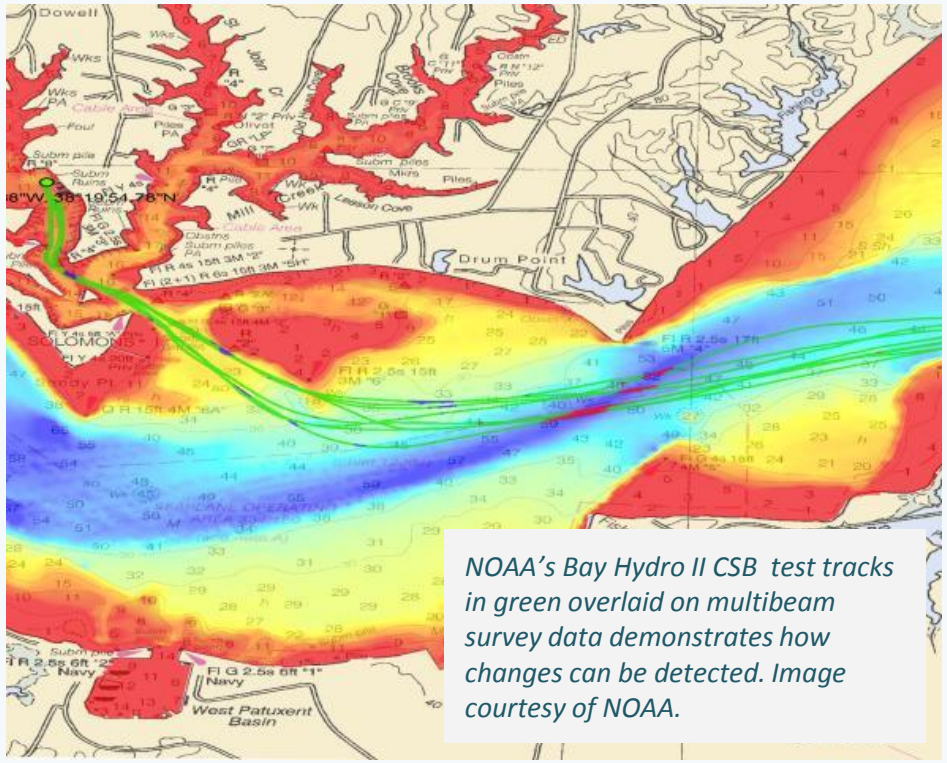



**Crowdsourced bathymetry (CSB) is the collection of depth measurements from vessels, using standard navigation instruments, while engaged in routine maritime operations.**

# The Role of CSB Data:

***Valuable data with scientific, commercial & research value at no cost to the public sector***

- Support national and regional development activities
- Fill gaps where data is scarce
- Useful along shallow, complex coastlines that are difficult for traditional survey vessels to access and may be more frequently visited by recreational boaters
- Identify uncharted features
- Assist in verifying charted information
- Confirm whether charts are appropriate for the latest traffic patterns.

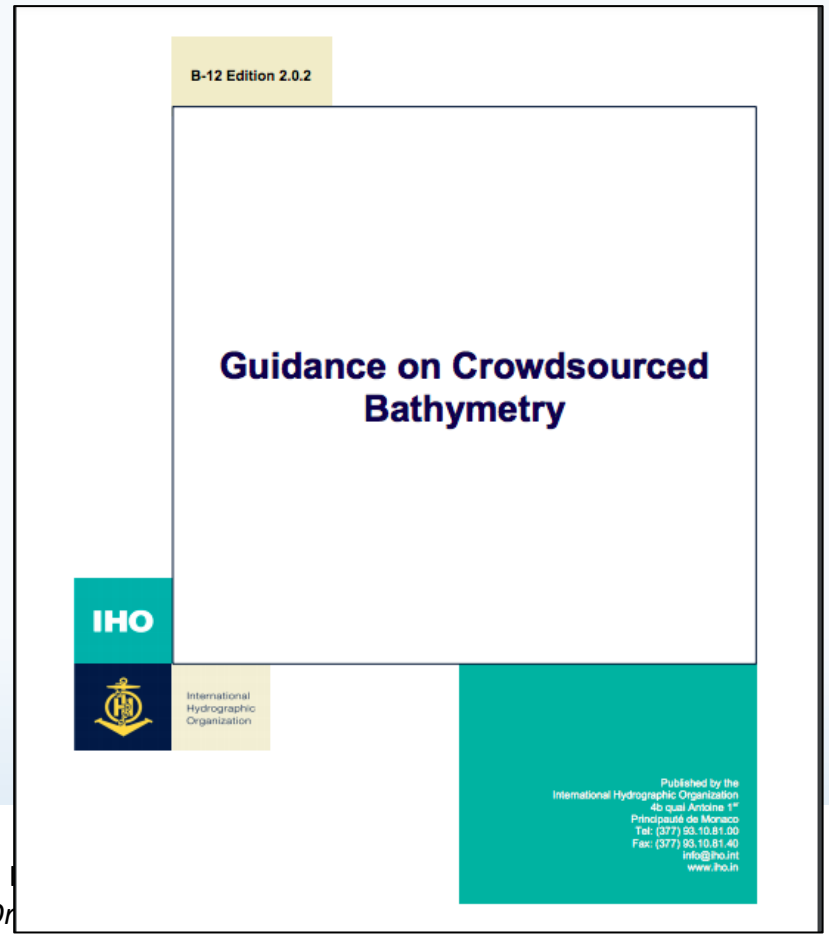


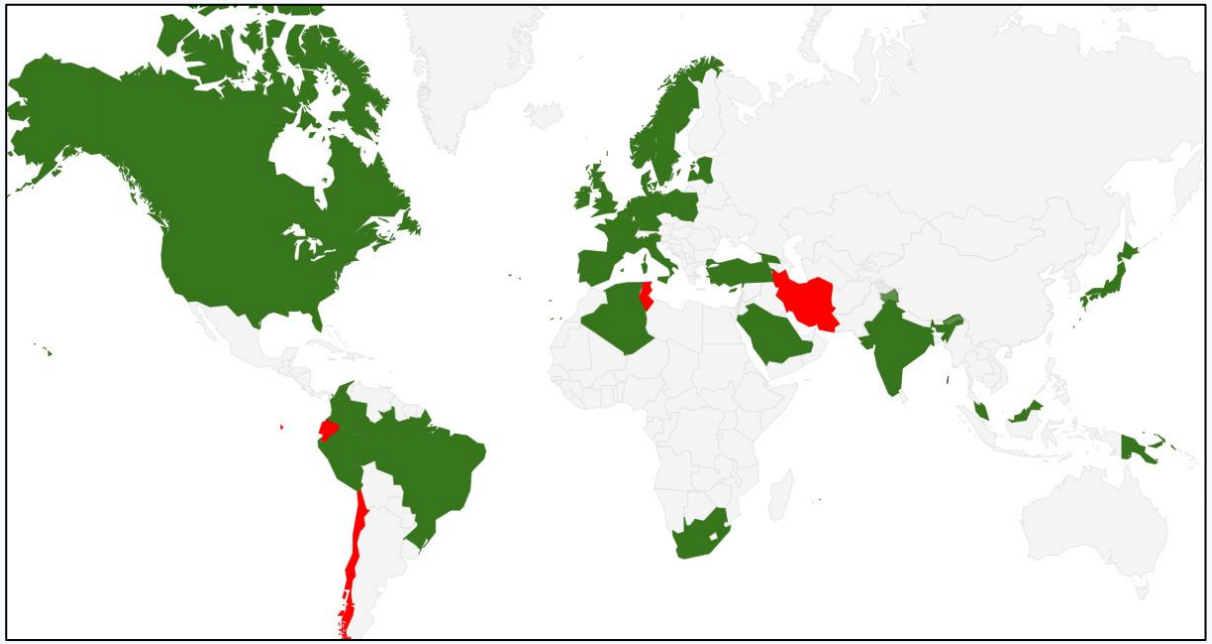

*NOAA's Bay Hydro II CSB test tracks in green overlaid on multibeam survey data demonstrates how changes can be detected. Image courtesy of NOAA.*

***...but only if vessels collect and donate depth information while on passage***

# IHO CL 11/2019

**“CALL FOR APPROVAL OF EDITION 2.0.0 OF IHO PUBLICATION B-12”**



35 Member States approved the adoption of B-12 out of 38 replies.

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# IHO CL 11/2019 **Annex B**

**"ACCEPTANCE OF CROWDSOURCED BATHYMETRY ACTIVITIES IN NATIONAL WATERS OF JURISDICTION"**

- *13 IHO MS have replied "positive"
  - CL 47/2019 provides a summary analysis of positive responses **==>**
- The IHO DCDB will filter out CSB data collected from the waters of **all coastal countries not included on the positive list**. This includes:
  - MS we believe are pro-CSB but have not replied
  - Coastal countries that are not IHO MS

* ***Canada recently submitted a positive response***

**Summary analysis of positive responses**

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| Brazil | EEZ only | Provide copy of dataset to Hydrographic Office |
| Cyprus | All waters | Provide copy of dataset to Hydrographic Office |
| Denmark | All waters | Inform Hydrographic Office of any variance with published chart |
| Georgia | All waters | Provide copy of dataset to Hydrographic Office |
| Germany | All waters | Inform Hydrographic Office of new dataset |
| Monaco | All waters | Provide copy of dataset to Hydrographic Office |
| Netherlands | All waters | Inform Hydrographic Office of new dataset |
| New Zealand | All waters | Inform Hydrographic Office of new dataset |
| Norway | All waters – no multibeam activity without prior permission | Inform Hydrographic Office of new dataset |
| Philippines | Shipping routes and transit passages only | None |
| South Africa | EEZ only | Provide copy of dataset to Hydrographic Office |
| Sweden | EEZ only | Inform Hydrographic Office of new dataset |
| USA | All waters | None |

# IHO Member States:

The IHO encourages *member states* who have not responded to review Annex B CL 11/2019 and, if possible, offer a positive response before the Assembly.

Note: A MS can include "conditions" or "prerequisites" as needed.

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# Non-IHO Coastal States:

The IHO encourages all *coastal states of the SWPHC* to provide their official position on CSB Activity in their areas of national jurisdiction to the Chair of SWPHC.

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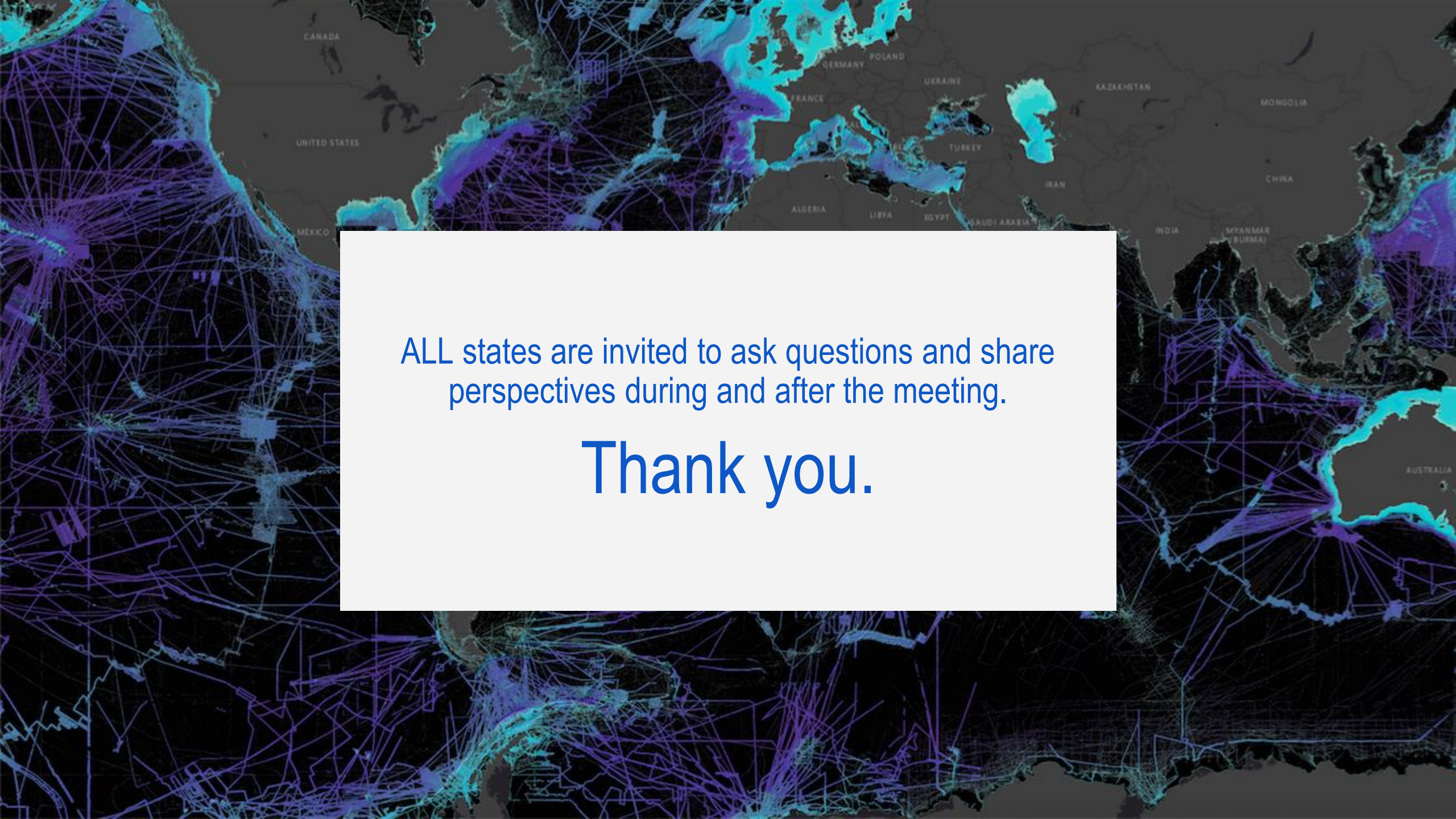
# Final Thoughts:

The activity of *crowdsourced bathymetry* contributes to the greater goal "to complete our global image of the planet".

All data contributions will help improve the accuracy of the GEBCO grid as the sole global dataset of seabed topography available.

The GEBCO grid is where CSB and Seabed 2030 data collections are combined.




ALL states are invited to ask questions and share perspectives during and after the meeting.

# Thank you.