

20th Meeting of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

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USA Main achievements during the year

- NGA and US Navy visited Palau this year to assist with getting the CSB trackers installed on vessels.
- The Fleet Survey team completed a survey of Palau in September 2022. the focus of the survey was on the primary channels and main thoroughfares.
- NGA completed its 2nd year of ENC production. 35% of our planned portfolio has been completed. Our completed ENCs are available through our web portal.
- NOAA completed planned survey work around Guam and CNMI, mapping bathymetry and backscatter from nearshore environment to 1500 meters

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USA Plans that affect the region

- NOAA: Planned survey work in FY23 around American Samoa and Pacific Remote Island Area
 - Project team will map from the nearshore to depths of 1000 meters, collect bathymetry and backscatter data, oceanographic observations, and conduct coral reef assessment dives.
 - Data will be used for charting, habitat characterization, and coral reef and fish ecosystem monitoring
- Navy: Continued CSB support to Palau in conjunction with Seabed 2030, UNH CCOM, and DCDB
- State: Supporting Pacific Community (SPC) efforts to help Pacific Islands conduct marine spatial planning (MSP).

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