



**INFOMAR**

Integrated Mapping for the  
Sustainable Development  
of Ireland's Marine Resource

# EGNOS contribution to INFOMAR surveys.



## EGNOS Workshop 2024

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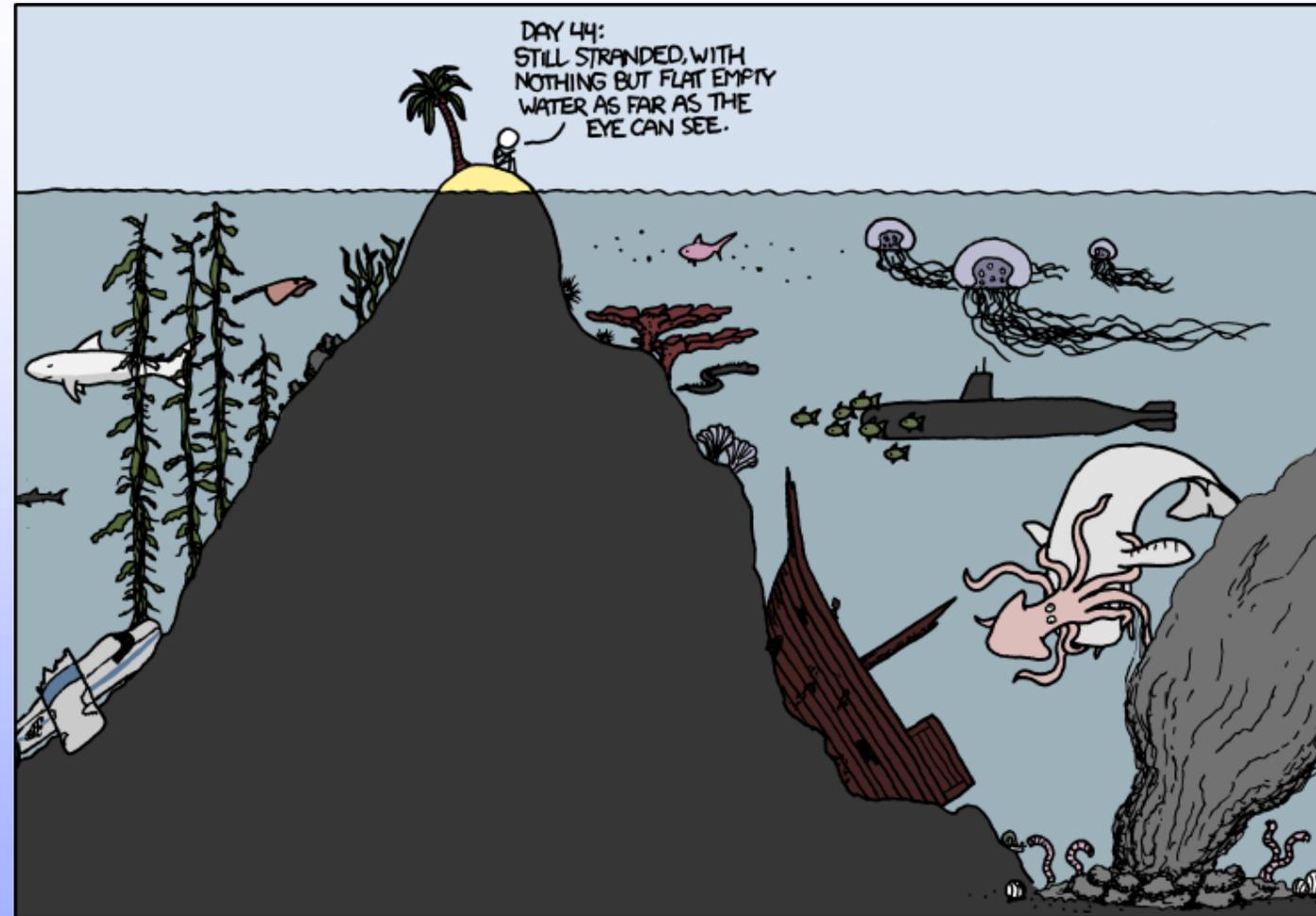


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## Overview



Telescopes and bathyscapes and sonar probes.....the most exciting new frontier is charting what's already here.

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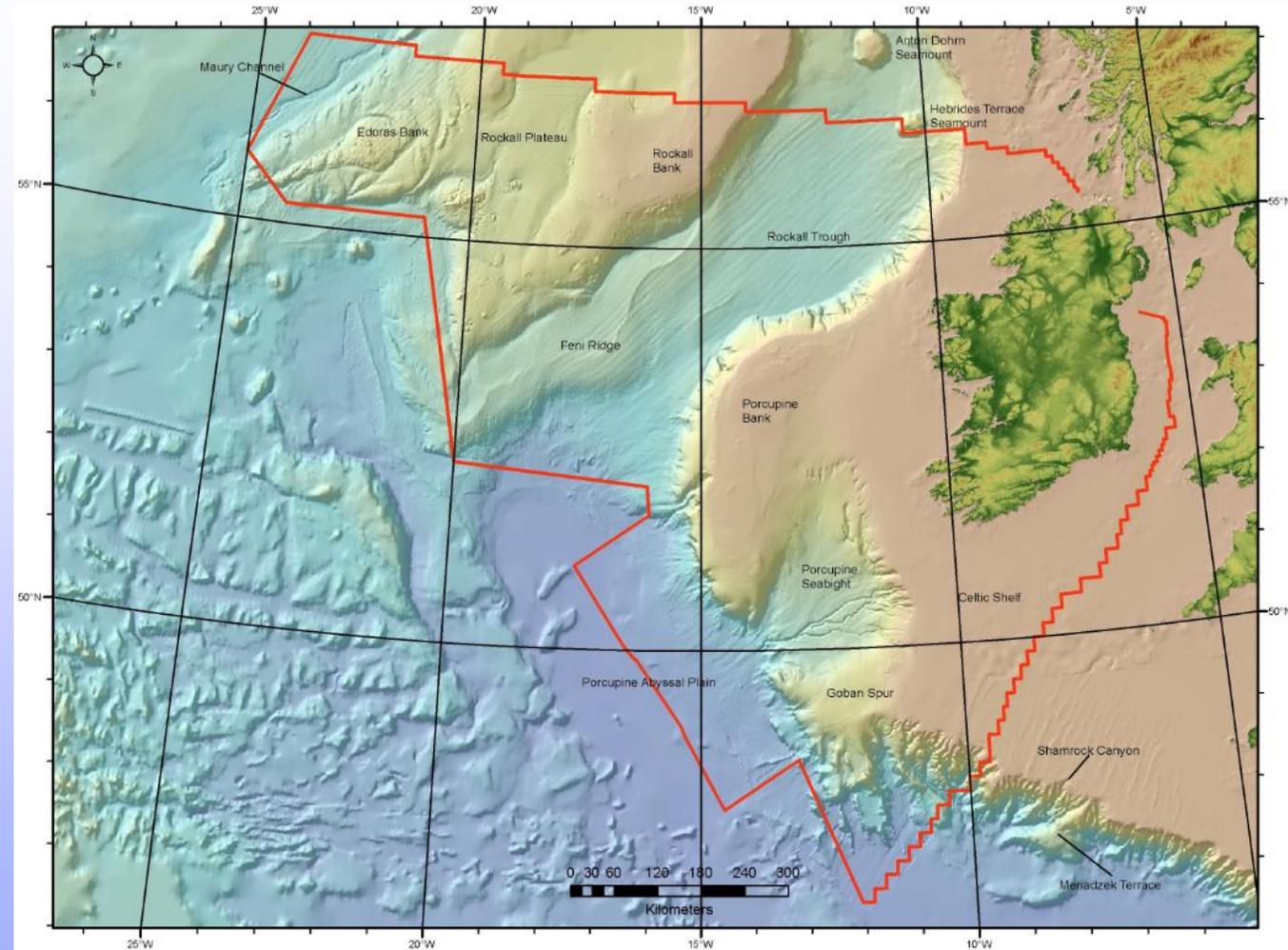


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## What is INFOMAR?

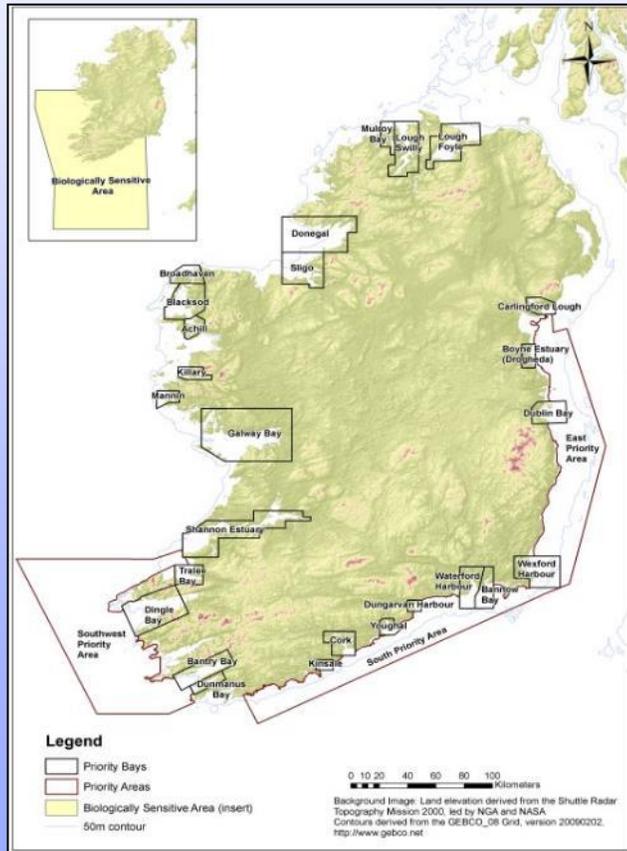
- Irish, state funded, marine mapping programme –
  - **Integrated Mapping for the Sustainable Development of Ireland's Marine Resource**
- Builds on the success of the preceding **Irish National Seabed Survey (1999-2005)**.
- Jointly operated by Geological Survey of Ireland and the (Irish) Marine Institute.
- Funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications.
- Full details at [www.infomar.ie](http://www.infomar.ie) and social media (@followtheboats).
- Projected 6-8x return.
- Ambitious 20 year plan – with a finite and variable budget (3-4 million).





## PHASE 1: 2006-2016

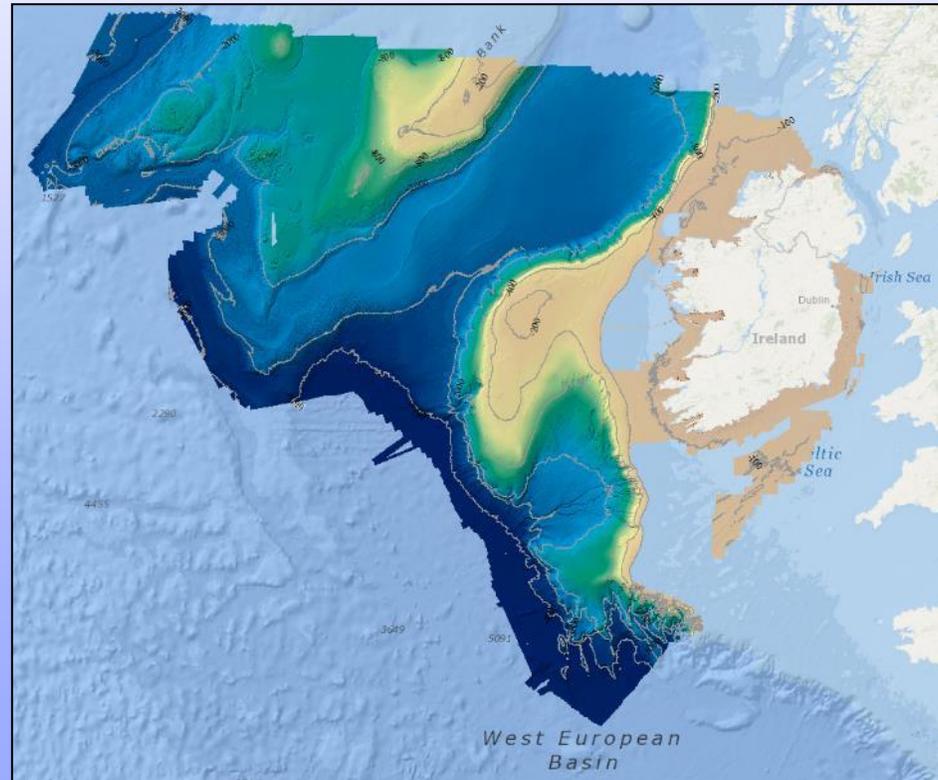
- 26 Priority Bays
- 3 priority areas



## PHASE 2: 2016 – 2026

Map remaining areas

- Coastal areas between bays
- Celtic Sea
- Atlantic Shelf





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# What is INFOMAR?

Data Access → [infomar.ie](http://infomar.ie)

All data freely available!



**Dynamic Web Mapping**  
Analyse bathymetry data. 'How to use viewer' video guide.

**Seabed and Sediment**  
Bathymetry, backscatter and sediment distribution data.

**Data Viewer**  
Download and interrogate data.

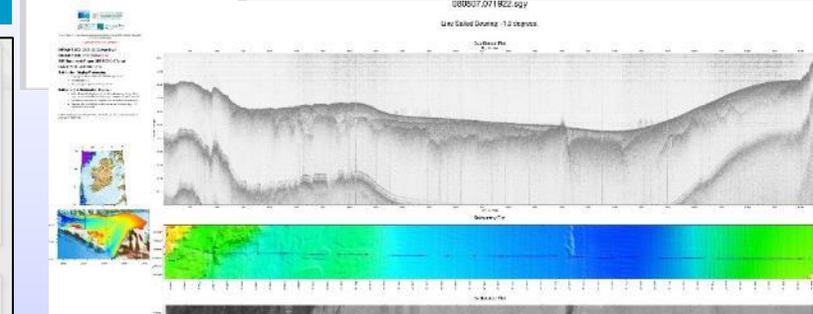
**Follow The Fleet**  
Follow the INFOMAR survey vessels.

**Charts**  
Bathymetry, backscatter and shaded relief charts.

**Maps**  
All our maps. Google Earth Real Map of Ireland.

**Shipwrecks**  
Over 350 shipwrecks mapped, 3D models, maps and much more

**Surveys, Reports & Metadata**



## DINGLE PENINSULA



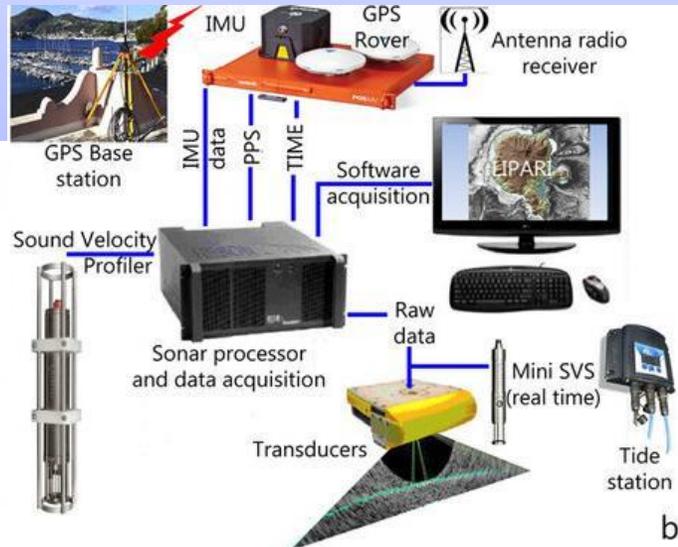
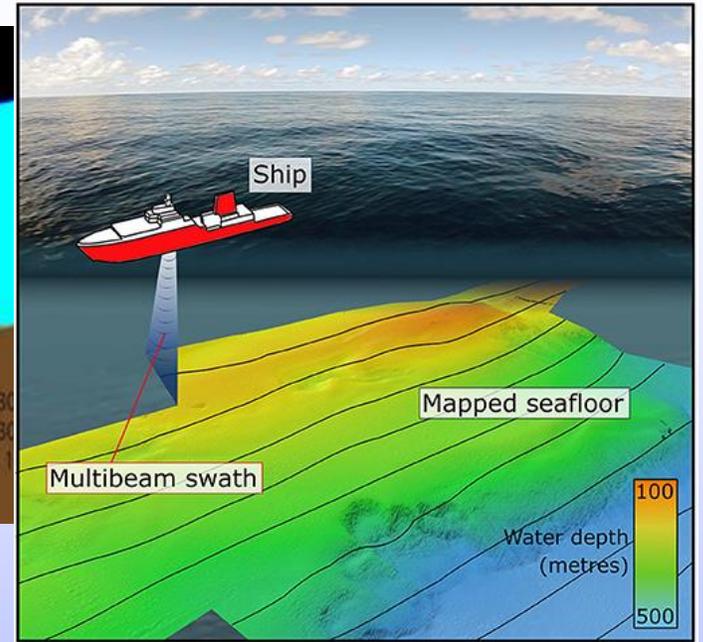
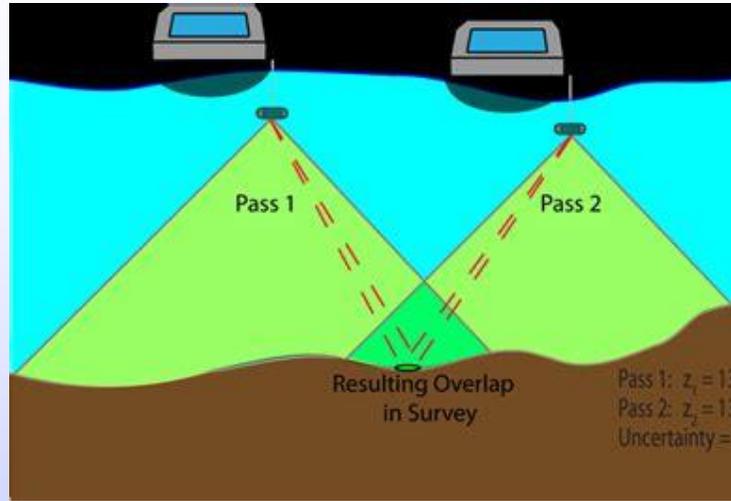
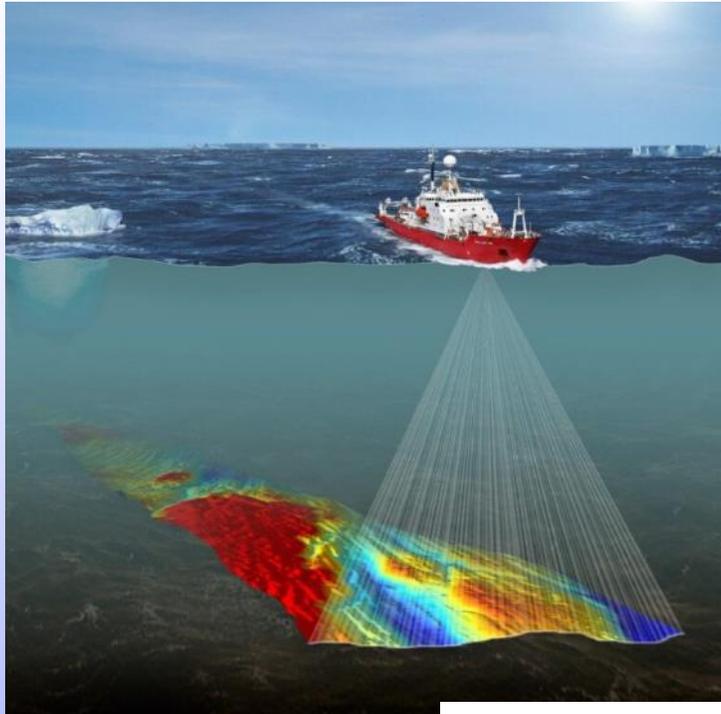
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# Seabed Mapping Overview





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# Meet the Fleet

## Inshore Fleet (Coastline to 30NM)

## Offshore Fleet (30NM +)



*Celtic Voyager*



*Celtic Explorer*



*Tom Crean*



*Keary*



*Mallet*



*Geo*



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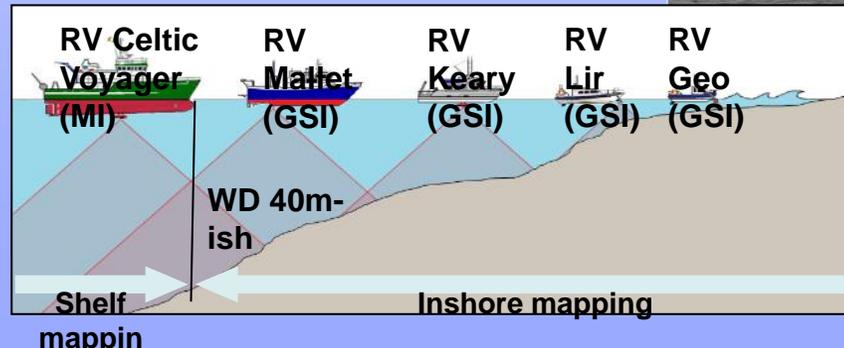
*Galtee*



RV Tonn



M.V. Cosantóir Bradán (2012 - 2014)



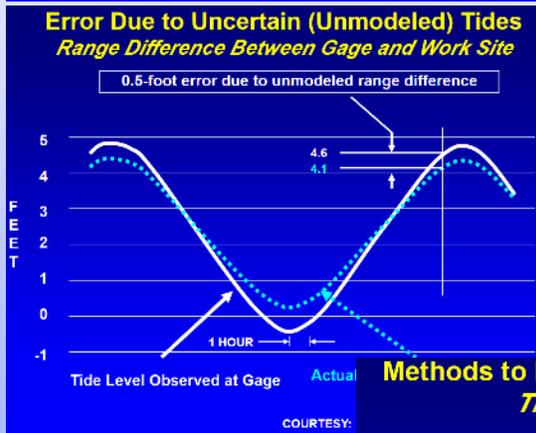
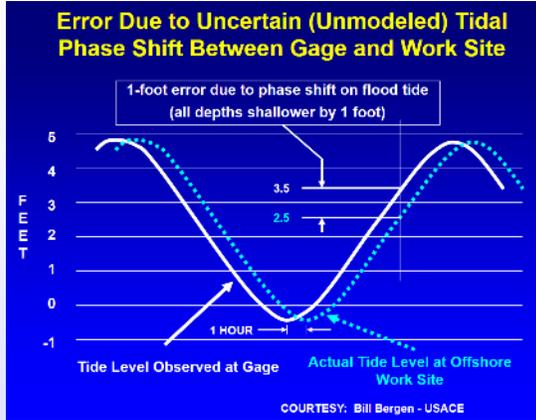
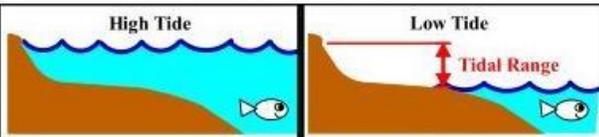


# Accuracy Requirements

Order	Special	1a	
Description of areas.	Areas where under-keel clearance is critical	Areas shallower than 100 metres where under-keel clearance is less critical but features of concern to surface shipping may exist.	Areas than where keel clearance is not of concern for the surface shipping expected.
Maximum allowable THU 95% Confidence level	2 metres	5 metres + 5% of depth	5 metres
Maximum allowable TVU 95% Confidence level	a = 0.25 metre b = 0.0075	a = 0.5 metre b = 0.013	a = 0.5 metre b = 0.013

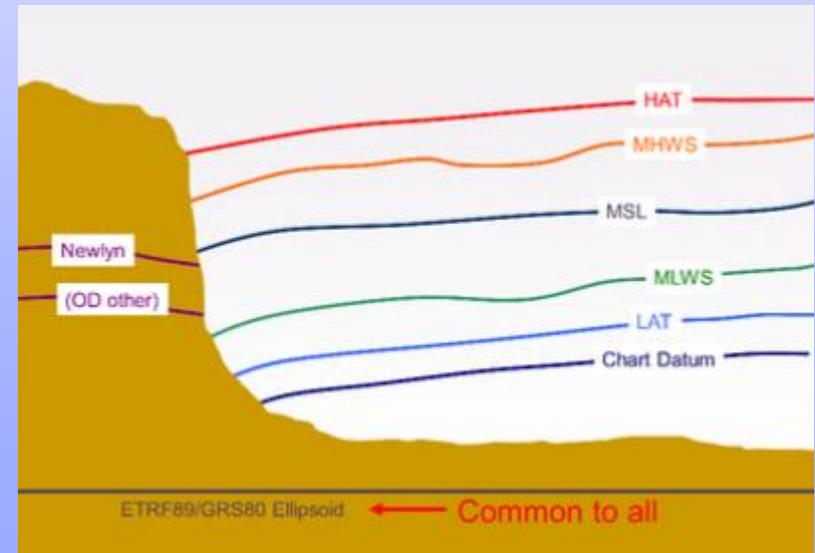
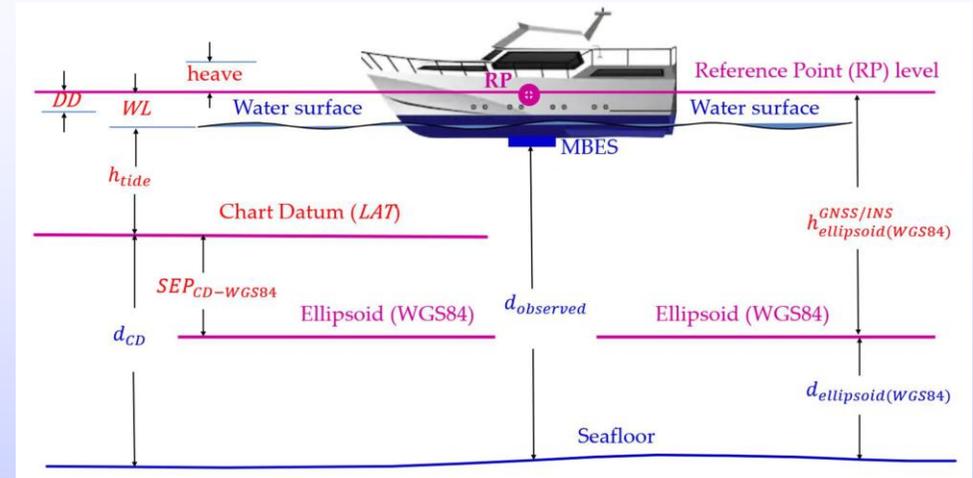
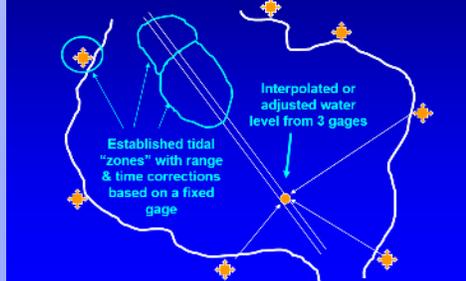


High Tide (right) and Low Tide (left). Courtesy of Samuel Wantman (CC BY-SA 3.0).



### Methods to Minimize Tidal Errors Tidal Zoning

Surround project site with gage network ... interpolate tidal zoning parameters.

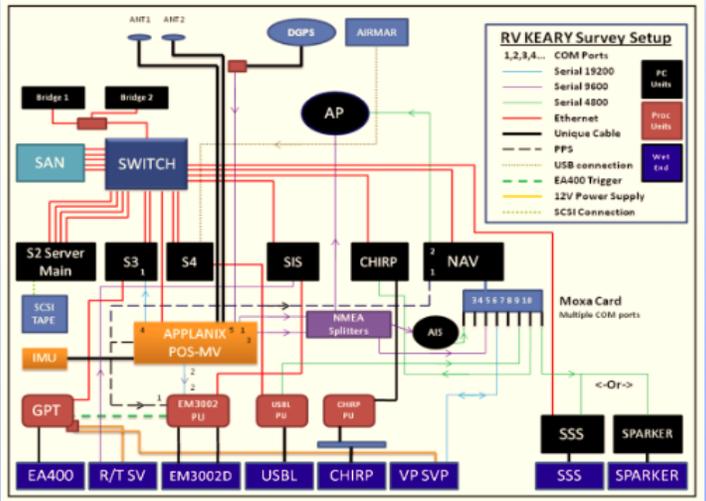




# Adoption of EGNOS

- Final navigation processing requires a vertical accuracy of <10cm to use for tide reduction – limited usable approaches.
- But, still a clear rationale for improving real-time GNSS accuracy.

Standalone GNSS	Commercial signals	RTK	Beacon DGPS	EGNOS
Several Meters	Several Decimeters	Several Centimeters	Sub-metre	Sub-metre
-	Immediately	Immediately	Immediately	2010-2011
-	Significant cost	Equipment & time costs.	Minor cost	No cost
-	Often significantly increased complexity	Increased complexity and very limited range.	Slightly increased complexity	No complexity increase.



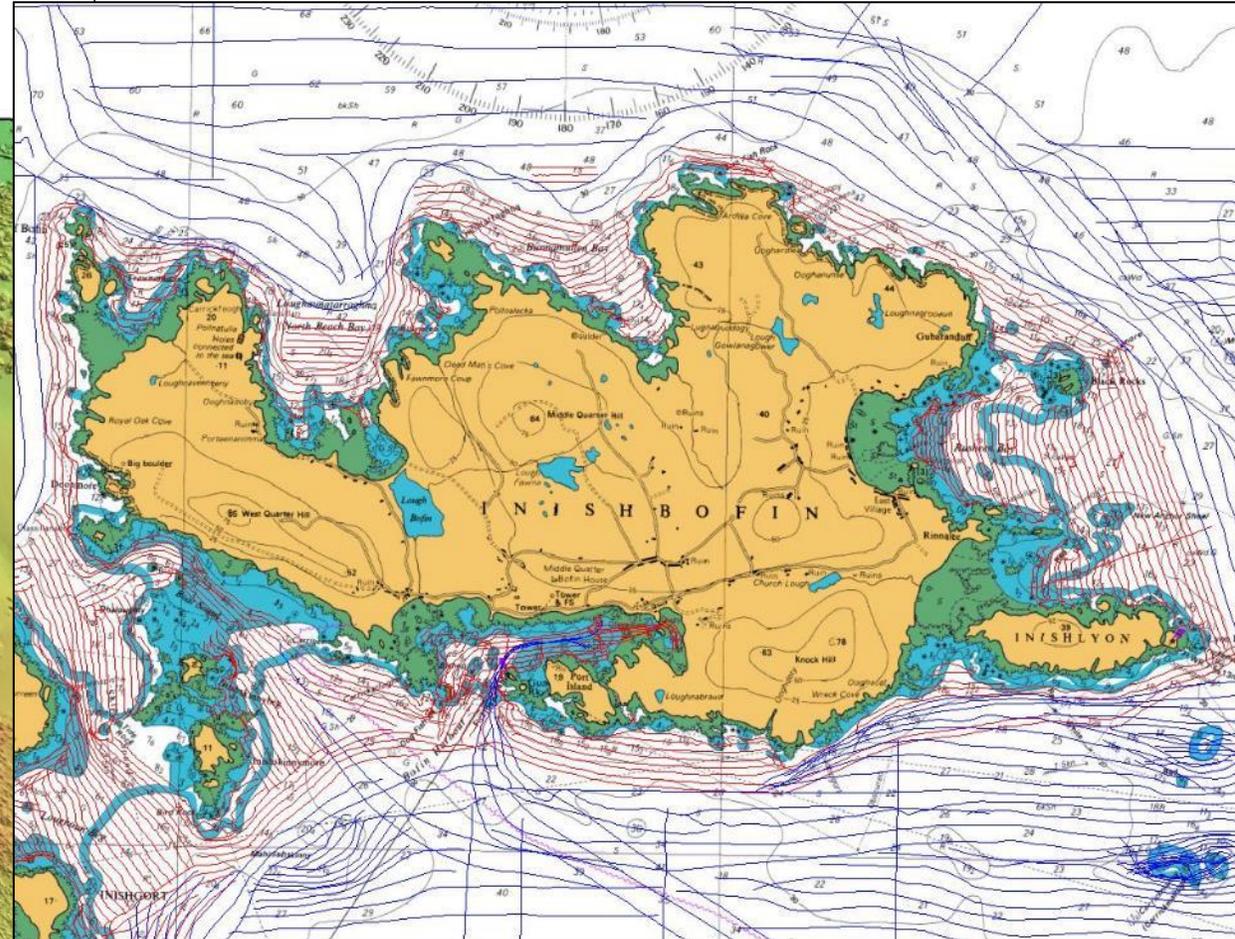
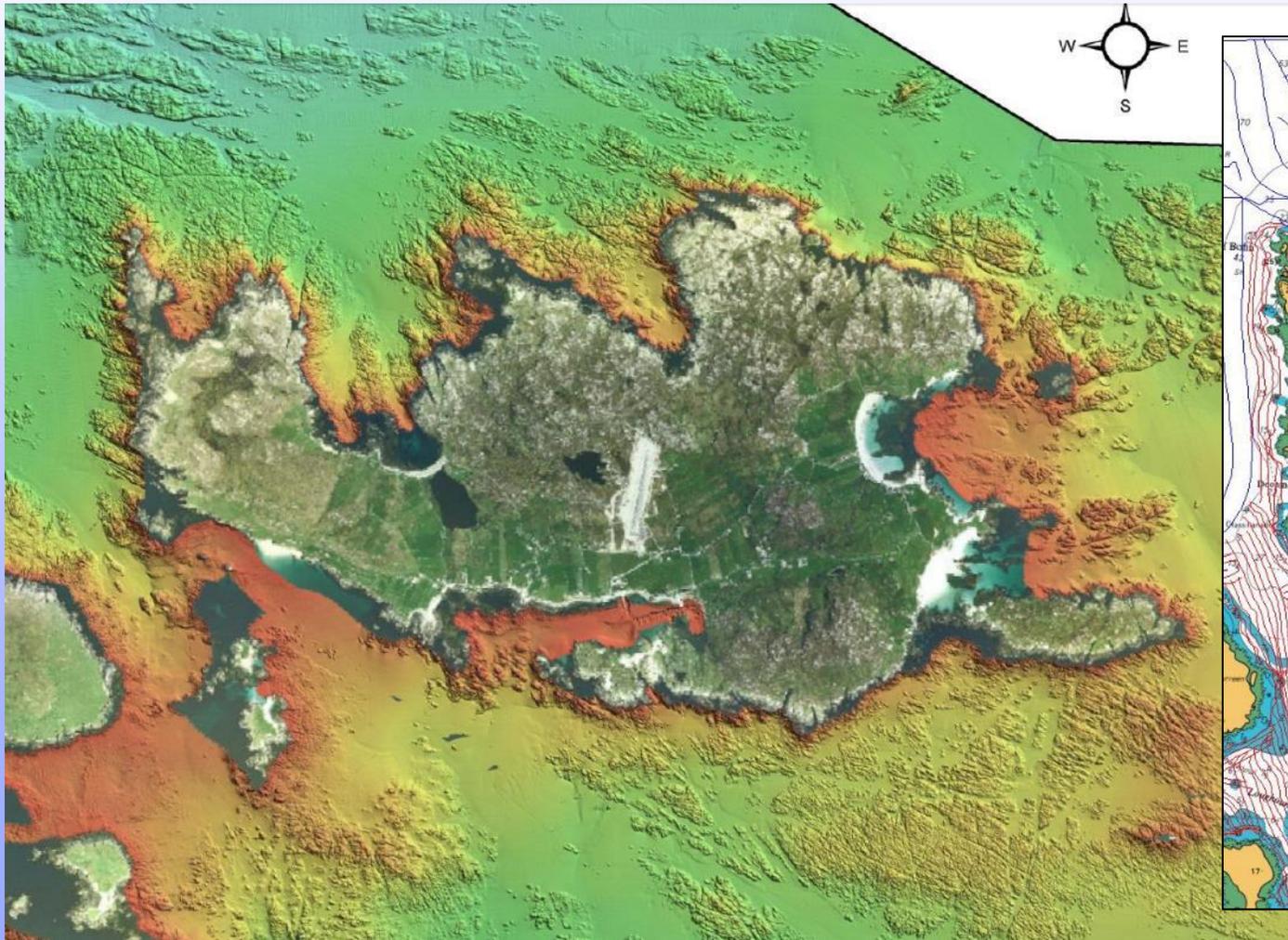
- Accuracy improvement vs. system complexity.
- EGNOS integration with standard survey hardware / firmware.





# Experience with EGNOS

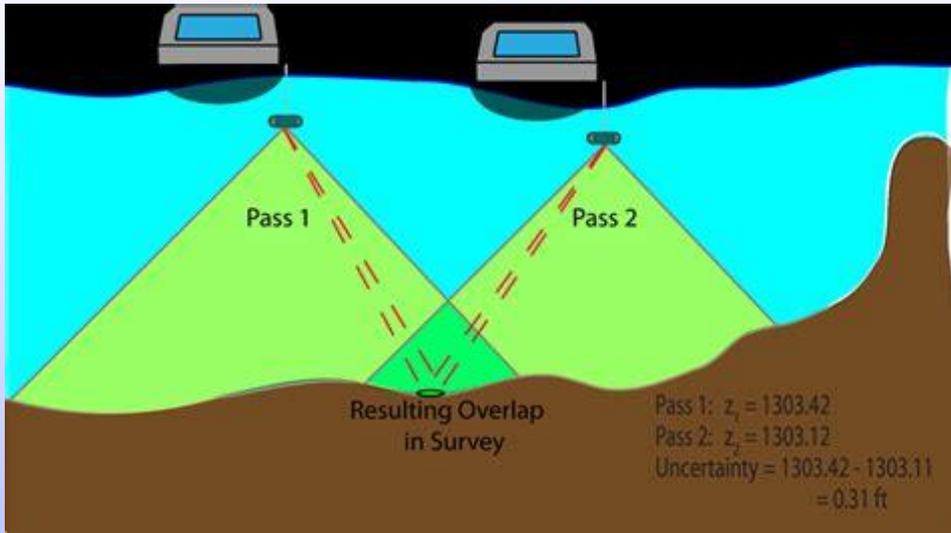
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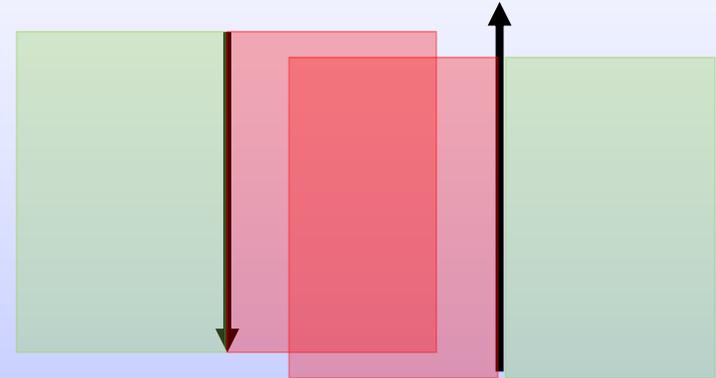
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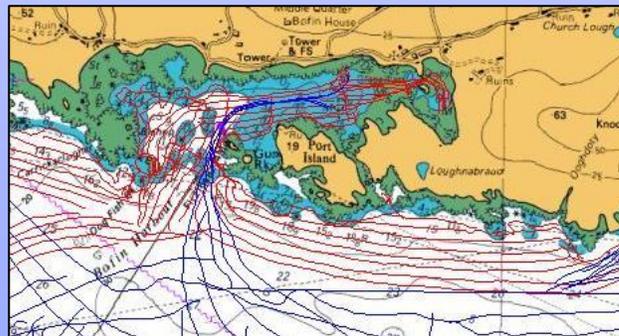
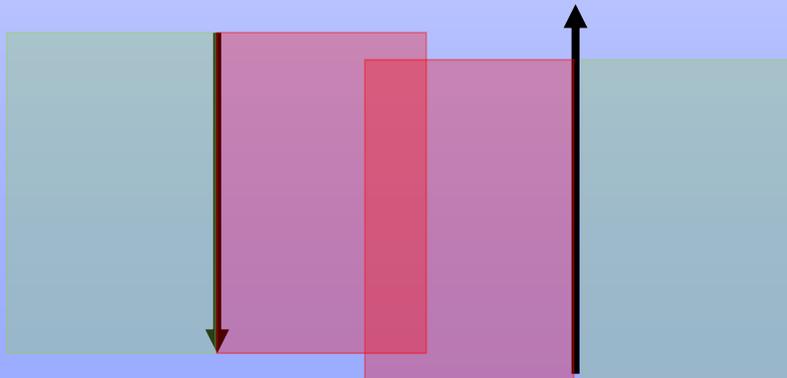


Coverage – 6x WD  
 20m – 120m  
 2m – 12m

Excessive overlap - inefficient



Insufficient overlap/gaps – inefficient or degraded products



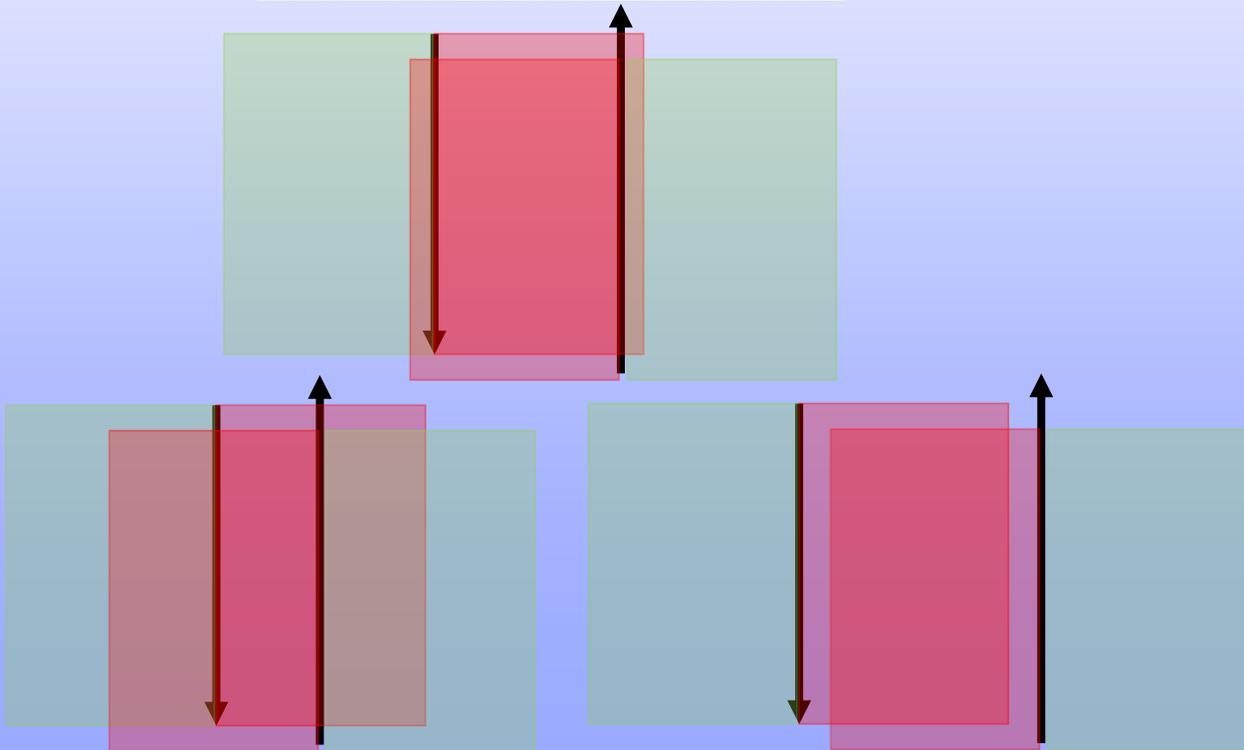
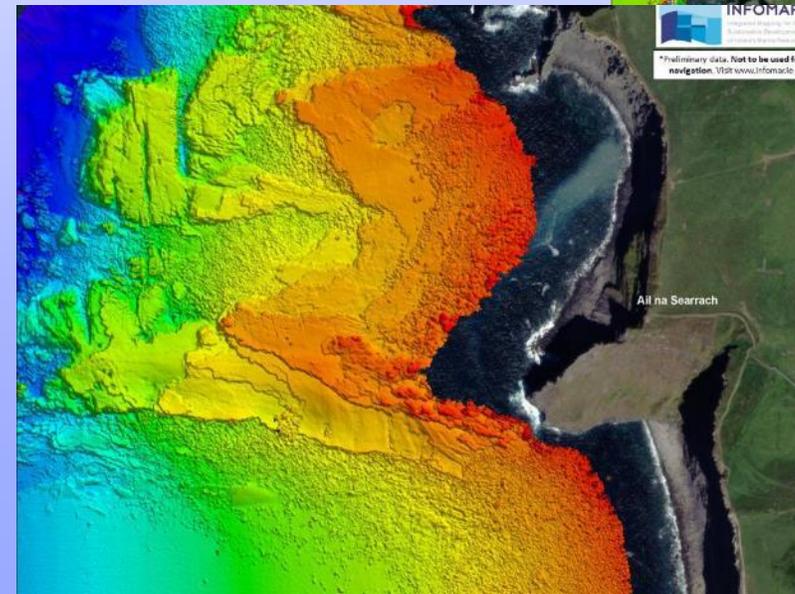
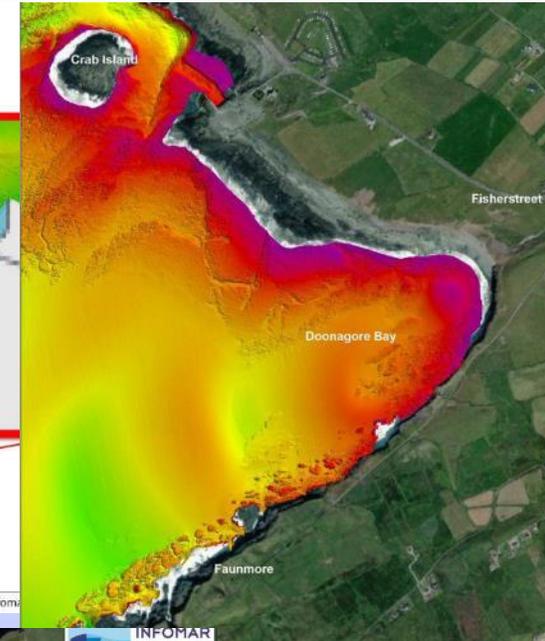
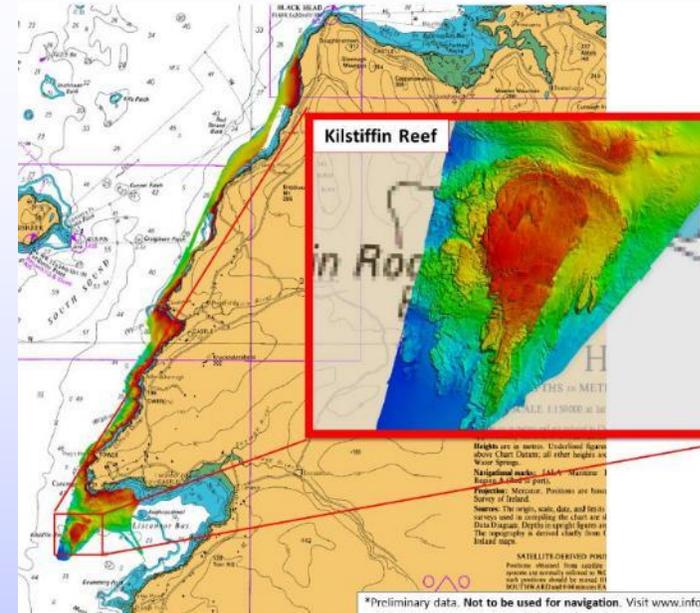


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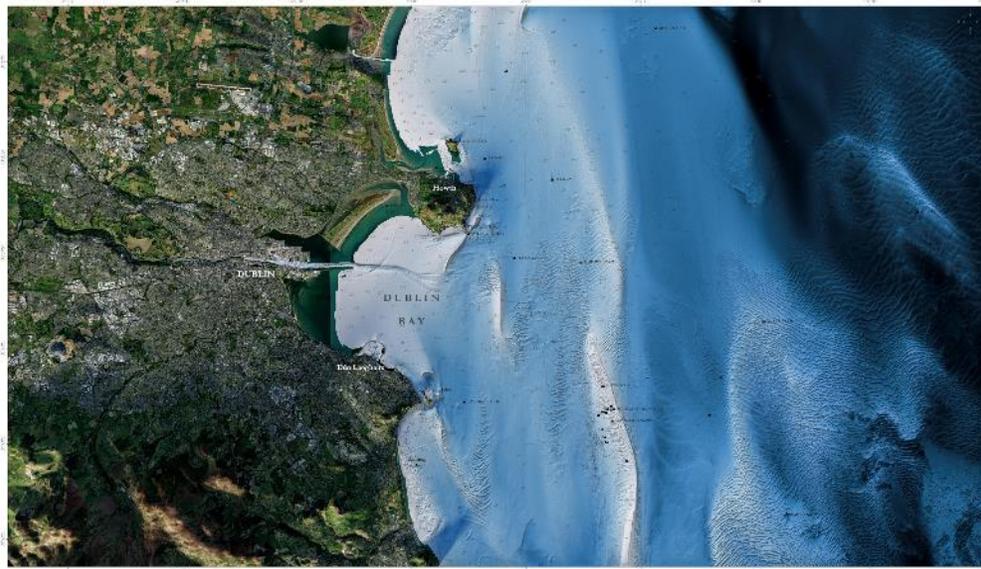
- Crew safety in operationally challenging areas.





- EGNOS is a key enabling technology for INFOMAR – EU ‘public good’ service that supports our national ‘public good’ program.
- Provides improved GNSS performance with lowest system complexity and no incurred cost.
- Improved GNSS performance ensures:
  - Improved crew safety in operationally challenging areas.
  - Improved survey conduct, performance and efficiency through supporting accurate line keeping.

### DUBLIN BAY



### ARAN ISLANDS



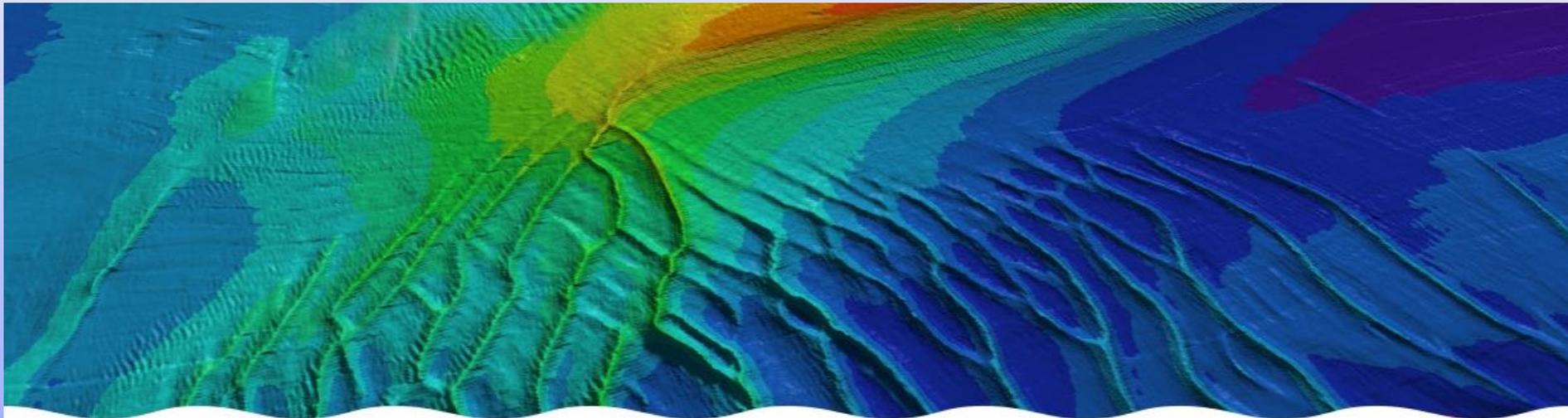


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## Thank you for listening!

- Data Access- see *infomar.ie* or email *data@infomar.ie*
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