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# Crowd Sourced bathymetry in Northern Canada (CSBNC)

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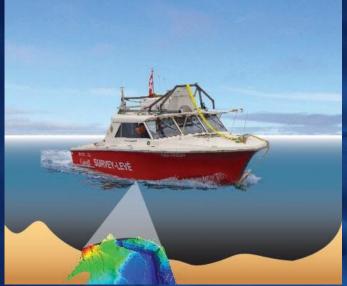


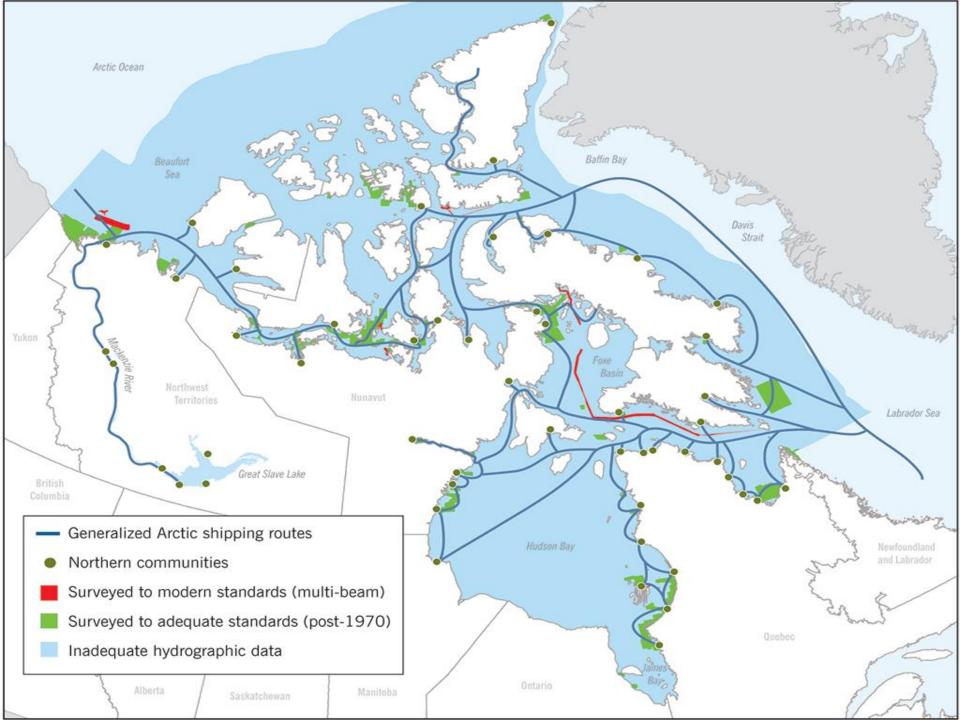
The Canadian Arctic: A vast territory



4.4 million km<sup>2</sup> (47% underwater):

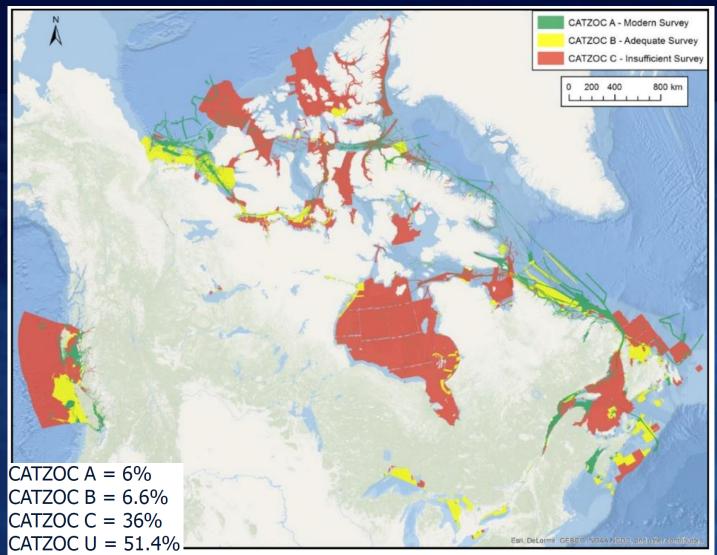
 ~ 28% of the combined Primary and Secondary Low Impact Shipping Corridors are surveyed to either adequate or modern standards.





# Category zone of Confidence (CATZOC)







### Proposed approach



Collaborative bathymetry :



- Pre-qualified systems (HydroBall / HydroBox) \* Fully integrated systems with GNSS L1/L2 capabilities, inclinometer and SBES

- Collaboration with Local communities
- Automatic data processing and dissemination

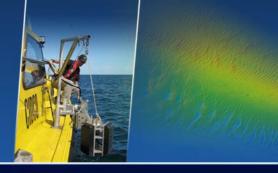
#### More reactive and cost effective than

- Survey teams from the South
- Conventional hydrographic tools





#### Project results



Systems were developed allowing **non experts** to **collect Hydrographic data:** - Pre qualified systems: HydroBall and Hydrobox

Training was successfully provided to indigenous communities

A workflow to automatically process bathymetric data was put in place:

- GNSS PPP (NRCan CSRS-PPP)
- SVP modelling (Hycom)
- Automatic filtering





#### Lessons learned



- A reliable project coordinator is mandatory
- Chosen trainees need to be motivated
- **Community members** need to have greater **involvement** in the project.
- Need to ensure robustness of processing workflow.
- Efficient dissemination of the data is needed.



#### Next steps:



The main objective: provide a scalable turn key solution for the life cycle of hydrographic data.

- Upgrade data acquisition sensors
- Improve **community engagement**
- Ensure robustness of data processing workflow
- Disseminate the data to: web-portal and IHO DCDB
- Expand to other Northern Communities



# Community engagement



**Determine needs** of communities and discuss benefits

Provide **extensive and frequent consultation** with communities

Provide useful products in timely manner.

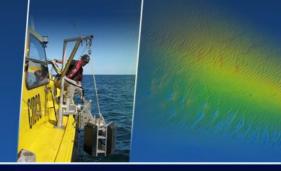
**Expand** to other interested communties

Following initial project, Northern communities are gaining interest for CSB (Arviat, NU has requested training for data acquisition).





#### Pre qualified systems



#### HydroBall:

- Improved hardware for automatic data processing capabilities
- Improved hydrodynamics for faster towing speeds
- Decrease GNSS signal interference
- \* A prototype is currently being worked on by UQAR (University of Quebec in Rimouski) to augment towing speeds.







#### Pre qualified systems



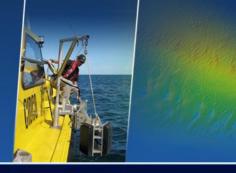
#### HydroBox:

- Evaluate performance of low cost sensors (GNSS)
- Increased sensor compatibility: compatible with multiple different sonars and data formats
- Improved hardware for automatic data processing capabilities

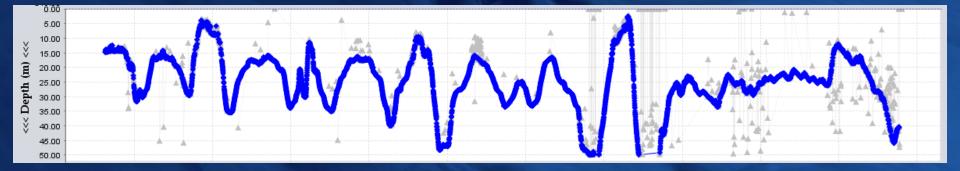




## Data processing

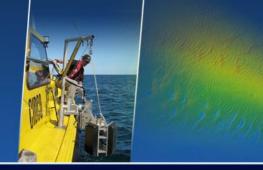


- Ensure the **robustness of the workflow** by incorporating other data sets: **other CSB sources**
- To validate and establish tools for vertical referencing of CSB GNSS data in the Arctic (HyVSEPs + hydrodynamic models).
- Develop **automated data cleaning tools** for outlier detection.

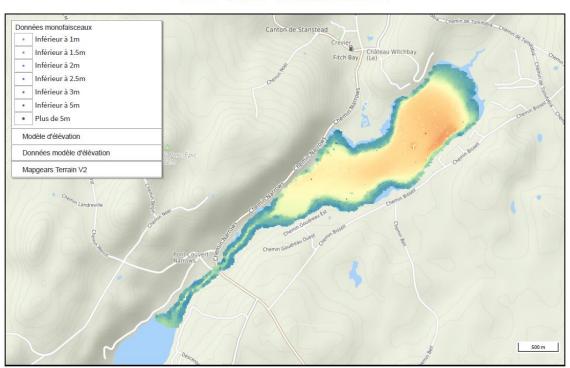




## Data dissemination



#### • Provide useful products to Northern communities



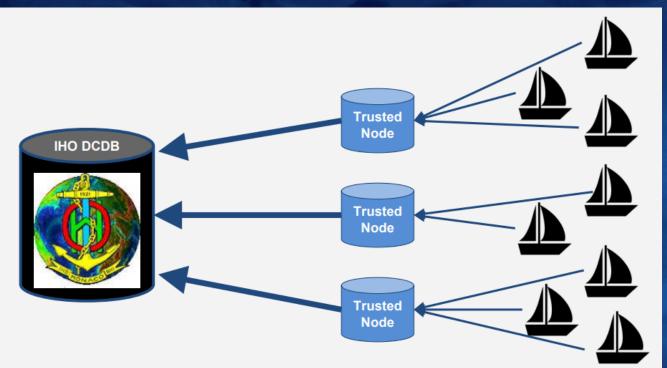
#### CSB data visualisation



## Data dissemination

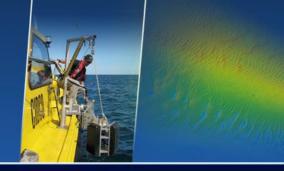


- Add data dissemination capabilities
  - IHO DCDB Trusted Node
  - Contribute to IBCAO





# CSBNC next steps



To ensure the life cycle of hydrographic data is complete:

- Efficient and easy to use data acquisition systems \* In the works
- Community engagement
- Private ship owners to use HydroBox systems
  \* In the works
- Robustness of processing workflow
- Dissemination to IHO DCDB, WEBPORTAL
- \* In the works





• Arviat, NU: Request from community for HydroBall training:

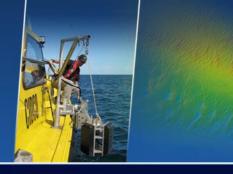












• CHS: installed Hydrobox on Laurentia Desgagnés oil tanker for water depths measurements during winter season



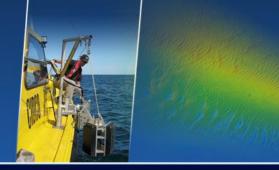








#### Current status



- COMREN in collaboration with CHS have submit a Innovation project proposition to Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC) for a 3 year CSB project in Northern Canada
  - Feedback will be provided by late Fall for the acceptance of the project or not.



In the meantime COMREN objectives:

- Contribute to IHO DCDB and become a trusted node.
- Become a member of the CSBWG.
- Contribute to IBCAO

# Thank you

