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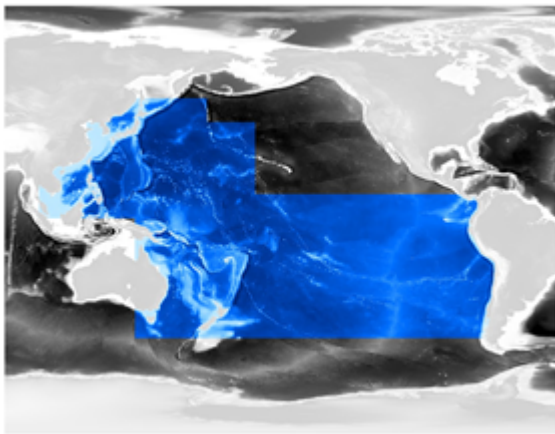
First Circular, 04 April 2022

SAVE THE DATE: 05 - 07 July 2022

The Nippon Foundation - GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project

Regional Mapping Community virtual meeting for the South and West Pacific

[Seabed 2030](https://seabed2030.gebco.net/) is a collaborative project between GEBCO and the Nippon Foundation with the aim of facilitating the complete mapping of the ocean floor by the year 2030 (<https://seabed2030.gebco.net/>). Regional data centres have been established with the task of identifying existing data from their assigned regions and compiling these into regional gridded bathymetric datasets.



The Seabed 2030 South and West Pacific Centre (SaWPac) is responsible for about 124M km² of ocean from the west coast of South America to east coast of Australia and north to Japan, Korea and China. It includes the Exclusive Economic Zones of 39 countries as well as a large region “Beyond National Jurisdiction”.

The centre is hosted at the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research in New Zealand ([NIWA](https://www.niwa.co.nz/)) and coordinated by a team from NIWA, GNS Science Te Pū Ao ([GNS Science](https://www.gns.govt.nz/)), and Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand ([LINZ](https://www.linz.govt.nz/)).

The meeting objectives are to:

- Review the progress to date with the Seabed 2030 project,
- Learn about mapping activities/ projects in the region,
- Identify sources of bathymetric data,
- Discuss methods and protocols of data sharing, and management,
- Know new mapping techniques and technologies, and
- Identify regional priority areas and identify upcoming mapping expeditions.

Please register your interest by completing the form [here](#) by 27 May 2022.

Participation in the virtual workshop will be on the MS Teams platform and is free.

Possible ways of participation:

- attendee - we plan to run sessions for 2.5 hours per day starting at 12pm NZ (UTC+12)
- presenter - 10-min talks are envisaged, but longer or shorter talks may be possible
- if attendance is not possible, you can submit your presentation for the [SaWPac StoryMap](#).

Convenor: Kevin Mackay, Head of the Seabed 2030 S&W Pacific regional data centre, NIWA

Contact: pacific@seabed2030.org (please use "Seabed 2030 SaWPac 2022 RMC Meeting" in the Subject line).

Organizing committee:

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