

Establishment of the Hydrographic office of Vanuatu

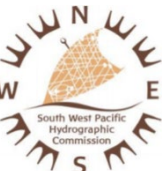
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Introduction

- **New Hebrides** former name- change to **Vanuatu** after political independence in 1980, from the two colonial powers- British and France
- 83 Islands and 68 inhabitants
- Current population – 300,019 per latest census
- Land mass – 12,200km²
- 98% of the area is covered with ocean
- Member of IMO
- Member of IHO
- Member of South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

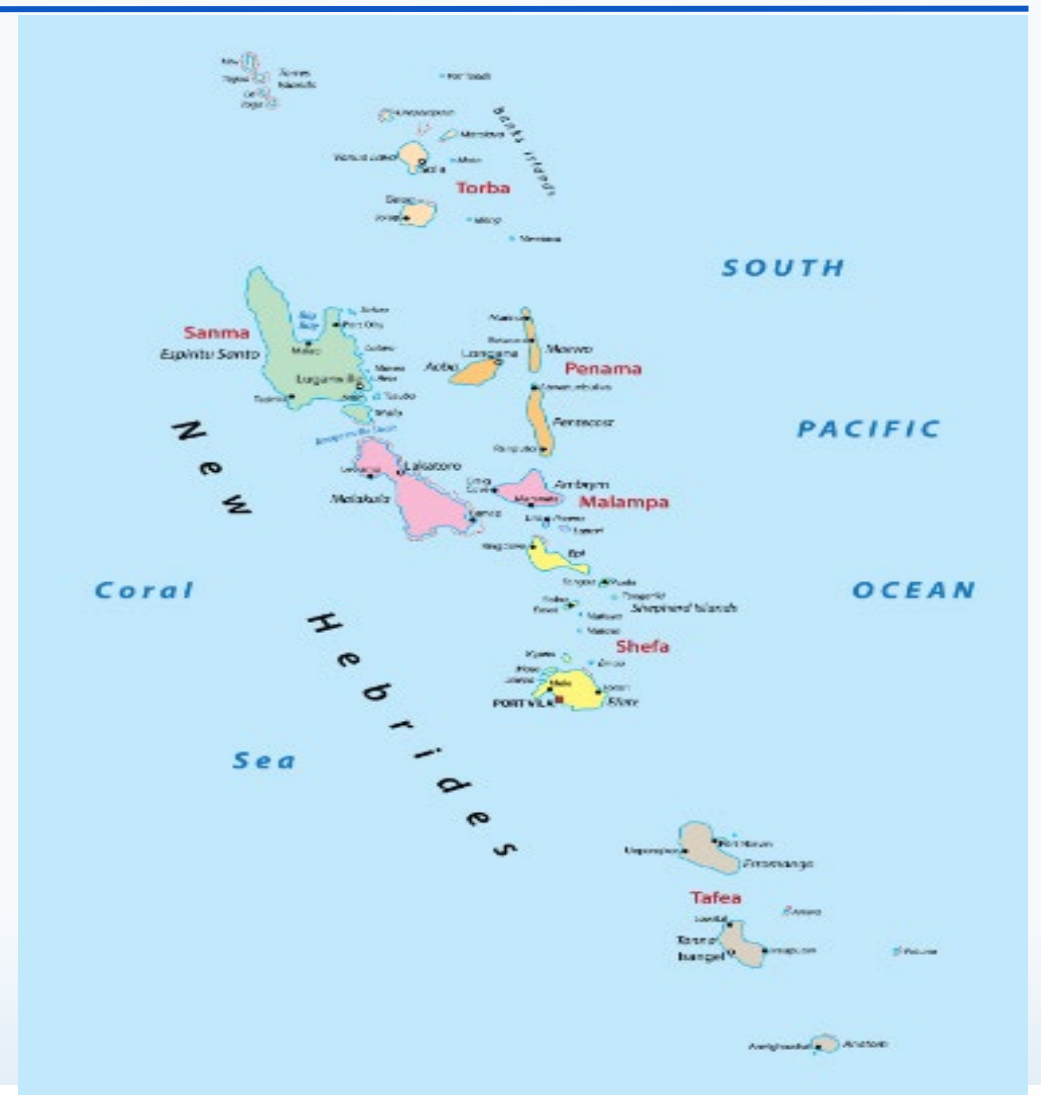


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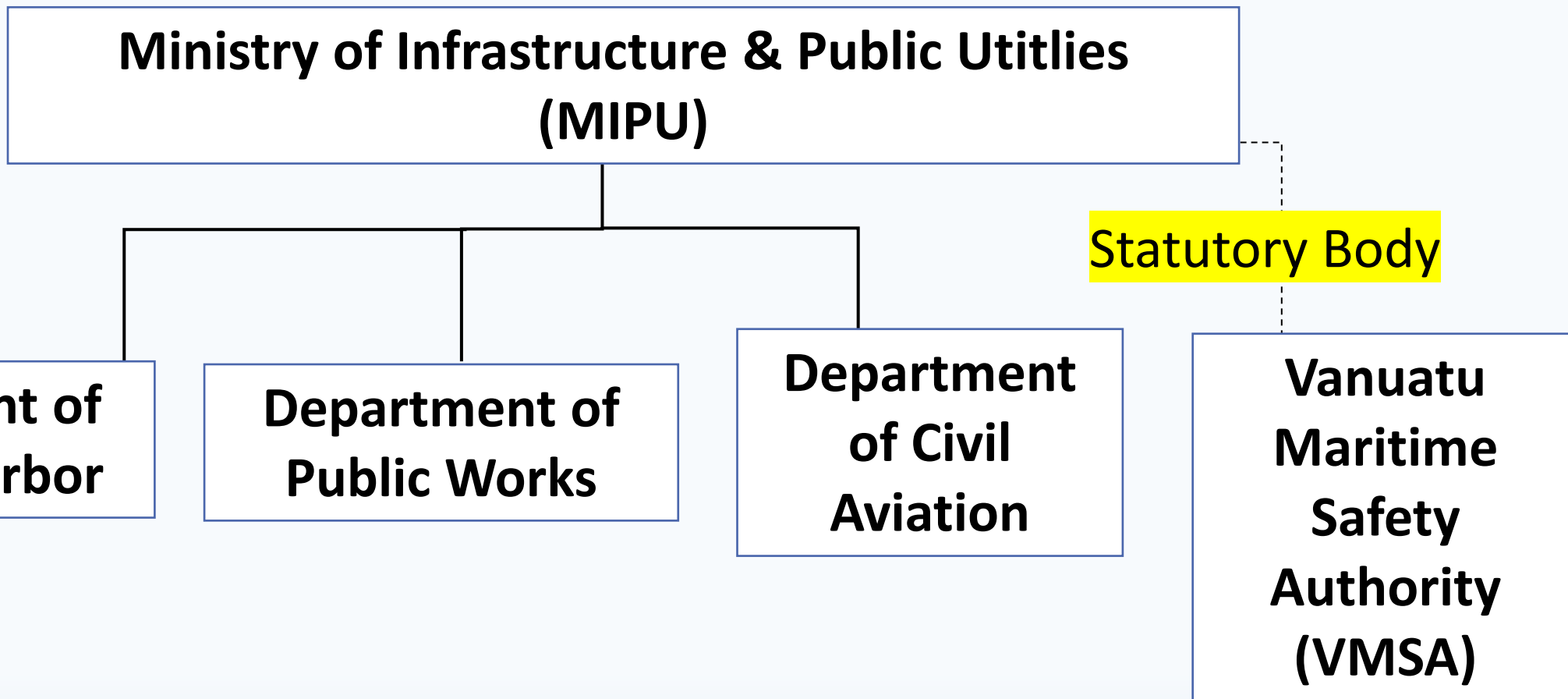
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Organization structure



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Nautical Chart status

- Vanuatu is a member State to the IMO
- Vanuatu is a member to the IHO
- About 80% of Charts are outdated
- Recently there are only few surveys done in 2013-2014 by Secretariate of the Pacific Community through funding from the New Zealand Government and some surveys of two sites in 2016 by the United Kingdom Hydrography office (UKHO)
- Vanuatu's Primary Chart authority reminds with UKHO

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Port Vila, Efate

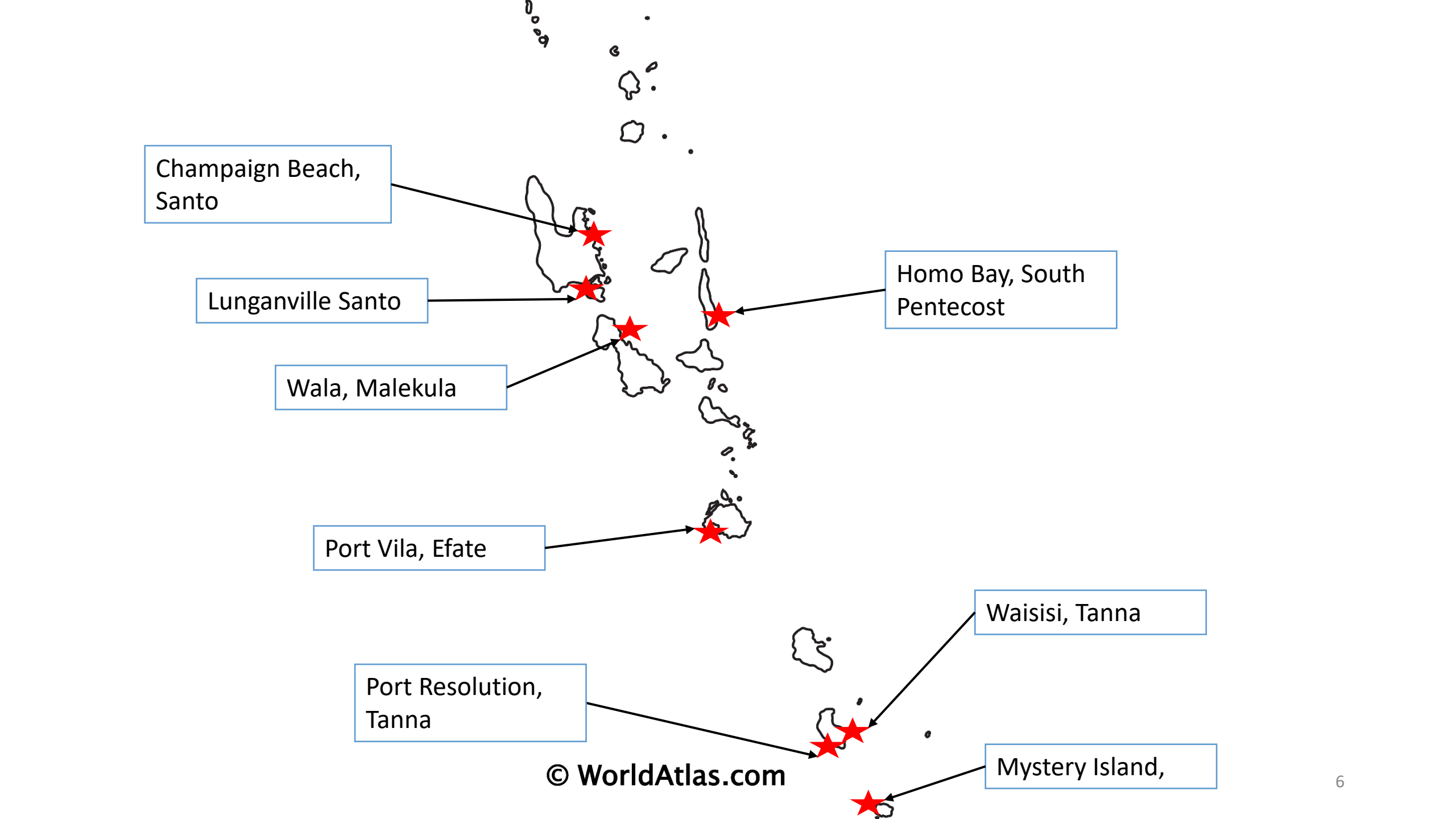
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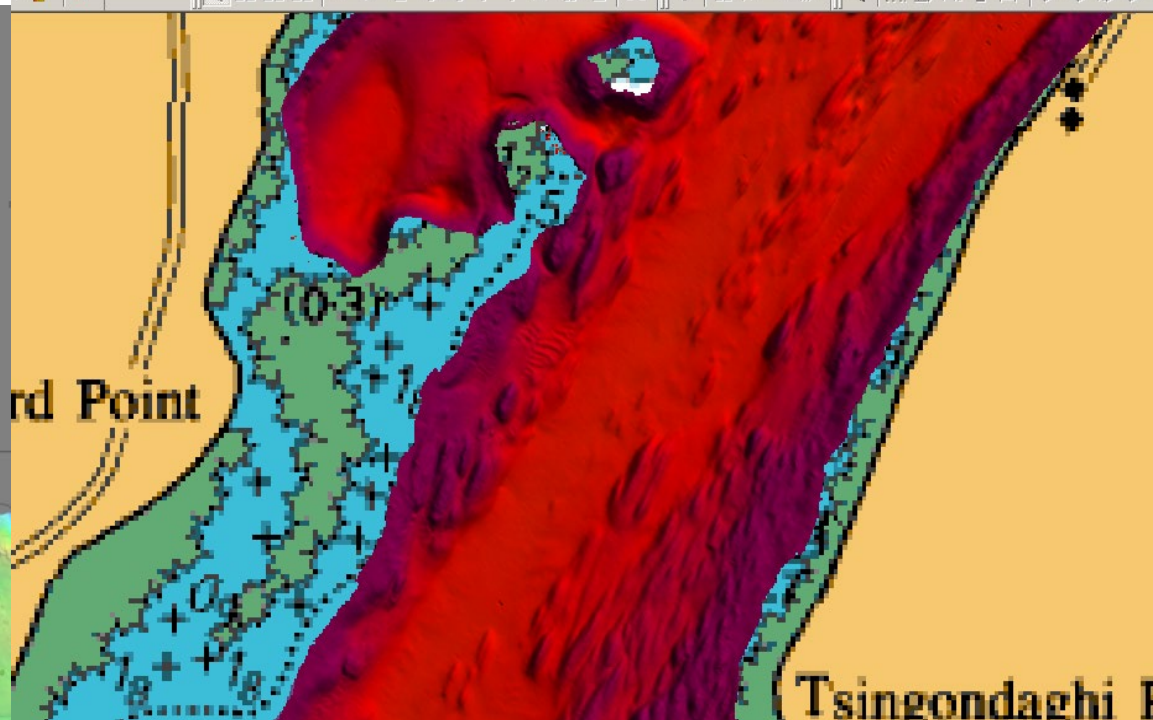
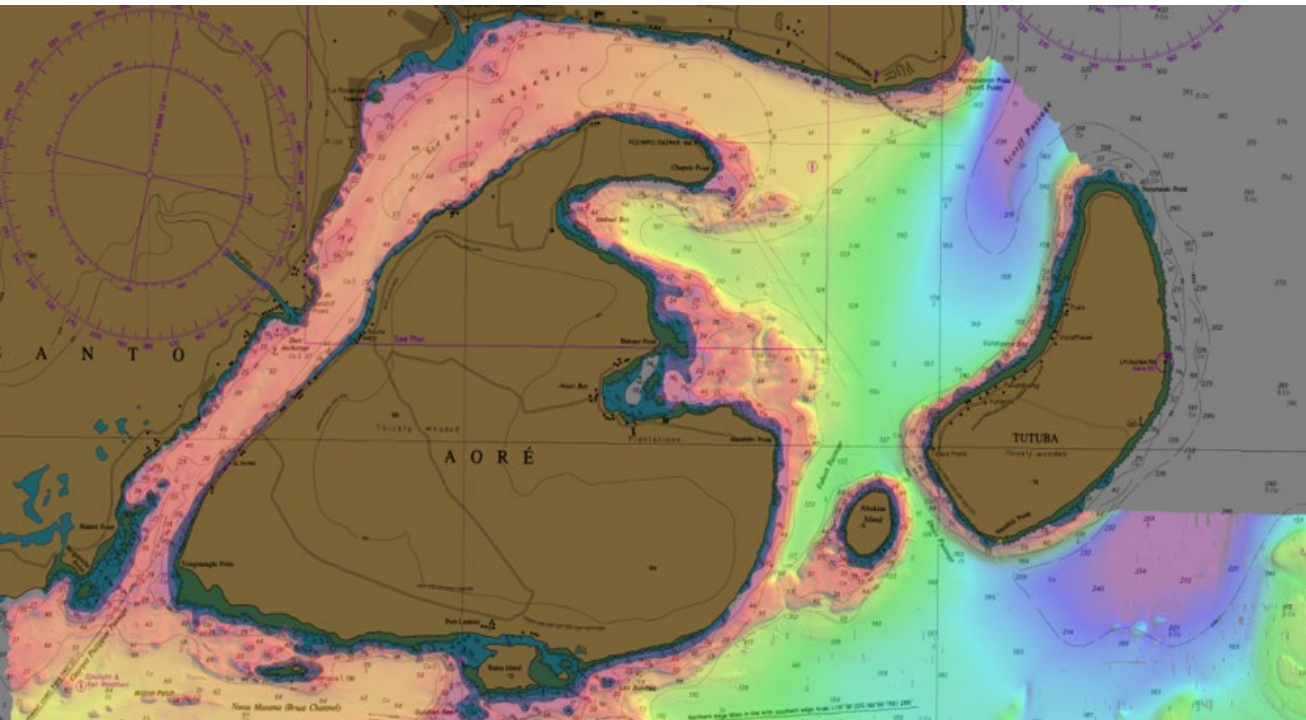
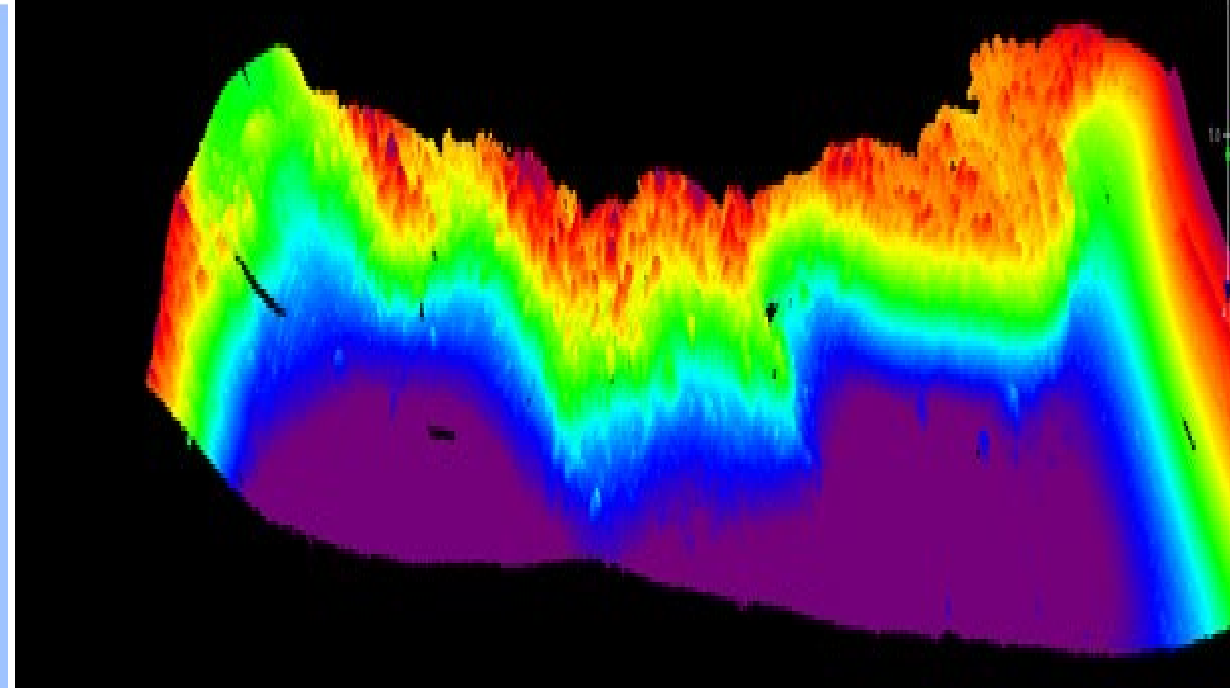
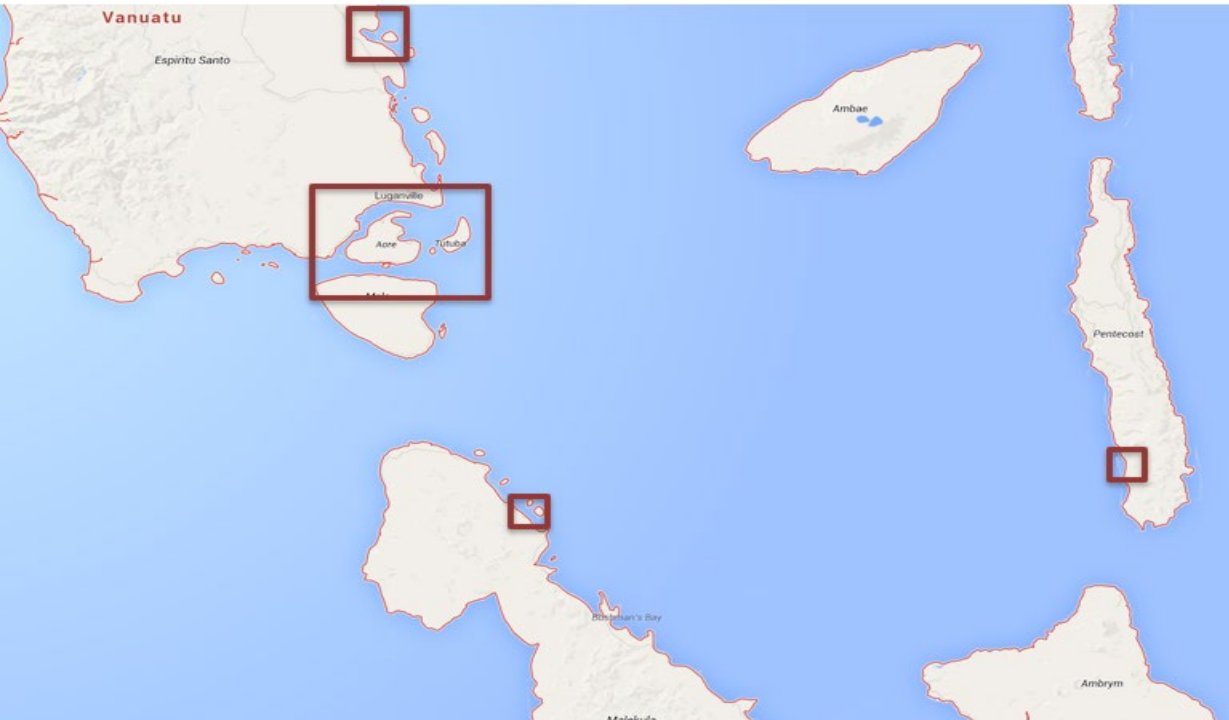
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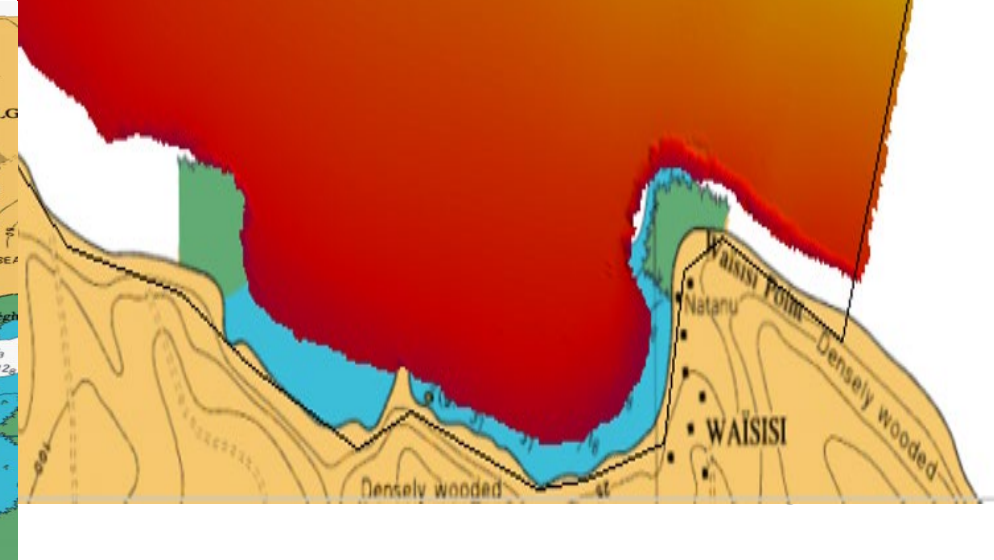
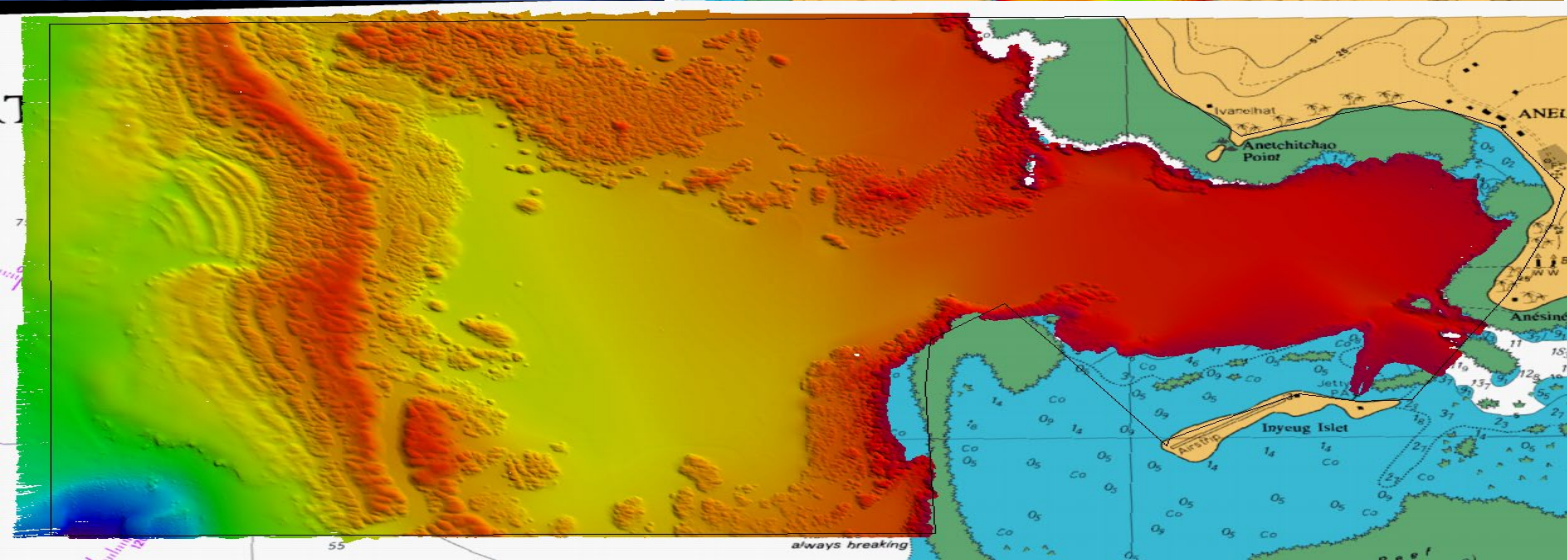
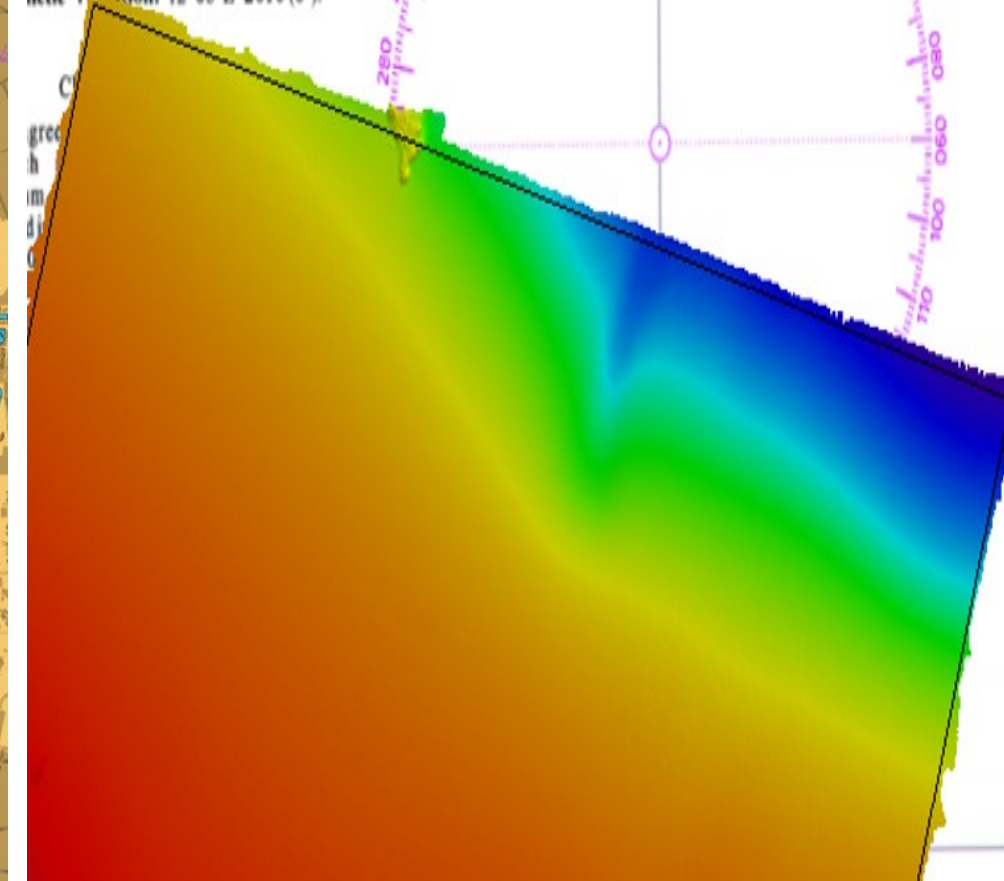
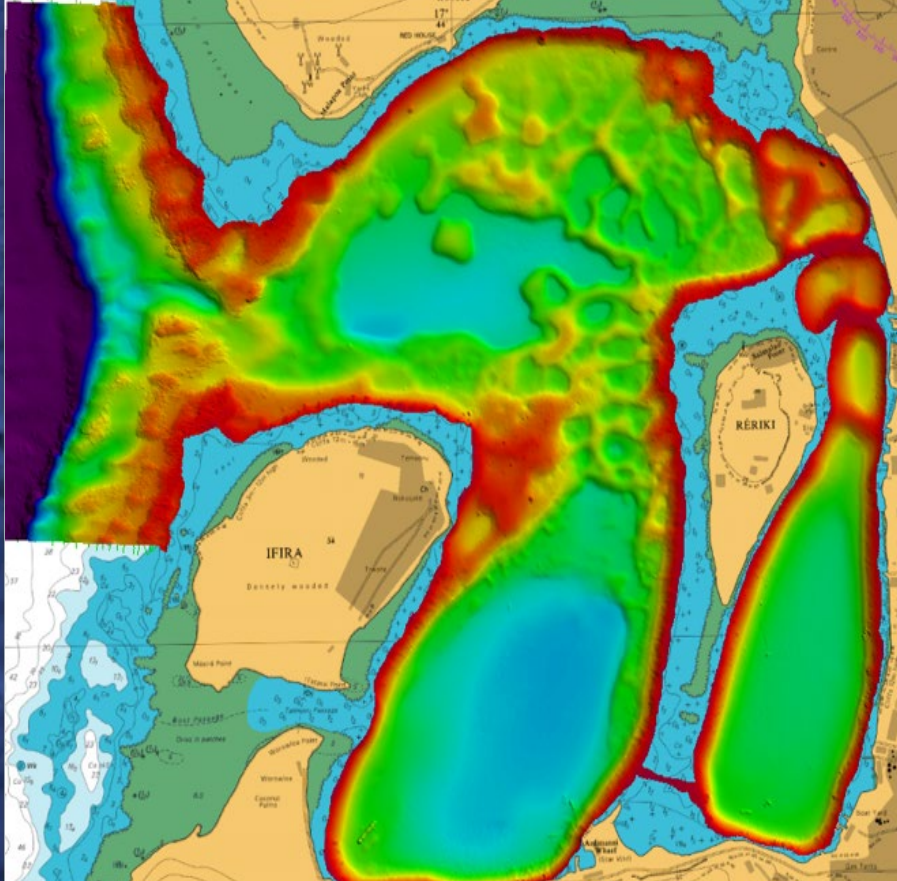
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Main challenges

- Funding
- Survey equipment & Resources
- Capacity building



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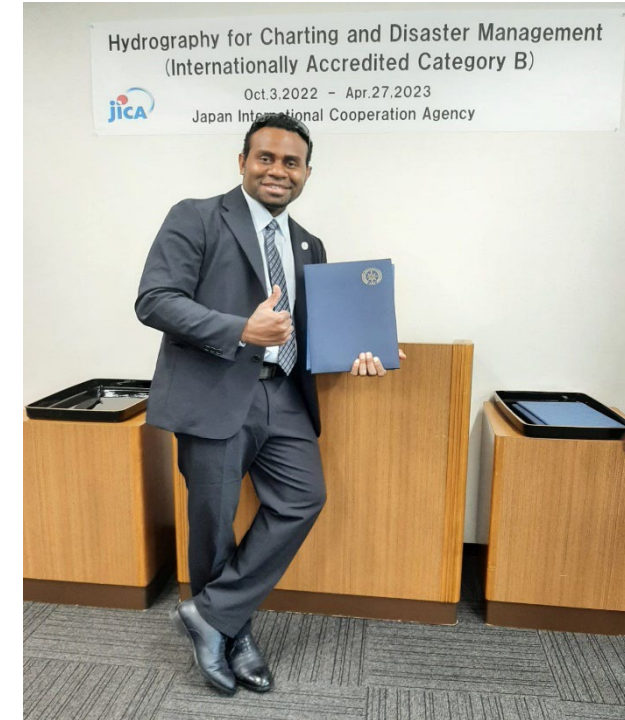
Achievement & Way forward

The Government of Vanuatu endorsed a Hydrographic Governance Framework in 2020

Bill for the Hydrography legislation is being prepared. Hopefully it will be going to Parliament in March next year 2025
National Hydrography Office is currently underway in its initial stages of Establishment

Vanuatu National Ocean's Policy launched 20th May 2016
Follow by a Marine Spatial Plan (MSP) launched in this year June 2024

Vanuatu is fortunate to have an Officers with CAT B Hydrographic Surveyor licensed Holder



Thank you tumas !