

# **Technology Integration for Coastal Mapping Success**

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# We are **Fugro**



We collect data on topography, soil composition and environmental conditions, both on and offshore. We organize the acquired data and add value through processing, interpretation and visualization.



## Alaska coastal mapping



# 33,904 miles of shoreline

Coastal mapping requires multiple types of data:

- Nearshore
- Shoreline
- Coastal elevation



## It's been done elsewhere



# California Seafloor Mapping Project

- Multi-year effort made possible through a partnership model
- Dedicated to producing high-resolution geologic and habitat base maps for all CA waters while also updating nautical charts
- Benefitted multiple stakeholder groups



## Challenges to an Alaska program



# Largely uncharted territory

- Extreme weather
- Remote locations
- Short field season
- Limited tide/base stations



## One size does not fit all



Integrated technologies offer time, cost, and safety benefits

- Vessel: multibeam echosounder (MBES)
- Aircraft: airborne lidar bathymetry (ALB)
- Satellite: satellite-derived bathymetry (SDB)



# Multibeam echosounder (MBES)



#### Overview

Data resolution is dependent on the distance from the sensor to the seafloor. Coverage is typically 3-5 times the water depth. Works in turbid water.

#### **Applications**

- Nautical charting
- Infrastructure planning and inspections
- Dredging and volume computations
- Habitat classification
- Rate of change tracking

#### Experience

- Recently collected more than 1 million km<sup>2</sup> of high resolution bathymetry data per year in shallow and deep waters globally
- Extensive AK experience for public- and privatesector clients; NOAA charting projects dating back to 1999
- First company to deliver high-resolution seabed imagery from MBES backscatter for NOAA



# Airborne lidar bathymetry (ALB)



#### Overview

Depending on water clarity, seabed type, and weather conditions, ALB maps in water depths of up to 70 meters.

#### **Applications**

- Nautical charting
- Coastal zone management
- LOS/EEZ mapping
- Infrastructure planning and inspections
- Habitat mapping
- Rate of change tracking

#### Experience

- 25 years experience; 500+ ALB projects worldwide
- Multiple ALB projects in Alaska for NOAA
- First company to deliver ALB services to USACE, NOAA, and NAVO
- First company to use ALB for charting in the US
- First company to deliver ALB reflectance imagery
- First company to integrate ALB with MBES and topo lidar





# Example: Combined topo lidar, ALB, and MBES

Sitka, Alaska 2004



# Satellite derived bathymetry (SDB)



#### Overview

In optimal conditions, our SDB capabilities offer a vertical accuracy of 10-15% water depth, in depths up to 35 meters. Offers fast delivery of large, homogenous datasets.

#### **Applications**

- Coastal zone mapping
- Reconnaissance for high-resolution surveys
- Environmental assessments
- Environmental impact statements
- Seabed classification
- Change detection (erosion/accretion)

#### Experience

 2015 teaming agreement with EOMAP, the leading global service provider of satellitederived aquatic information in maritime and inland waters



# Example: Combined SDB, ALB, and MBES



#### Penobscot Bay, Maine



### What's next: faster, better, cheaper



#### Seabed 2030



The Nippon Foundation – GEBCO – Seabed 2030 Roadmap for Future Ocean Floor Mapping



#### Shell Ocean Discovery XPRIZE

#### THERE IS A PLANET WE HAVE YET TO UNDERSTAND. OURS.

95% of the ocean remains unexplored.





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