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CABINET DECISION 102/2012:

IHO REPORT on Status of Hydrography in Vanuatu

- 1). On July 25th 2012 the Government of Vanuatu accepted the Vanuatu Hydrography Assessment report done by IHO.
- 2). National Maritime Boundary Committee was mandated to oversee the implementation of the recommendations of the IHO report.

IHO Recommendations

(1). Vanuatu Government should,
Formally designate:

(1). A National Hydrographic Authority & MSI coordinator

(2). Enroll Vanuatu as an Associated members of the
SWPHC and a member to the IHO

(3). **Legislation in place**

(4). Urgently seek assistance to carry out chart
improvement survey.

1st Recommendation

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Minister of Foreign Affairs

- National Committee MBD
- (Director General Foreign Affairs)
- DG PM, Attourney General

Subcommittee on Nautical Charting and Maritime Safety Information

Director General Ministry of Public Utilities (Ports and Harbor)
Foreign Affairs

Commander Maritime Wing

Surveyor General

Director Department of Ports and harbor (MSI)

Harbor Master

Maritime Affairs

Director Dept of Tourism

Principle Licensing officer (Ports and Harbor)

2nd recommendation

Membership

- Vanuatu is already an Associate member to the SWPHC
- By the second week of March 2015, The Embassy of Vanuatu in Brussels **will** presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Principality of Monaco to announce that the Government of Vanuatu wishes to accede to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization.

3 rd legislation

Interisland Shipping Support Project – Establishment of the Maritime Safety Administration

The Major legislative reforms

Two major Acts shall provide the basis for updating Vanuatu's maritime laws; the Shipping Act (now amended) and the Maritime Sector Regulatory Act.

Many gaps in the laws have been filled by amendments made to the Shipping Act [Cap. 53]. These amendments reinstate the domestic vessel registry, apply the fundamental marine pollution protections under the MARPOL Convention, prescribe powers and procedures for marine inquiries and permit many other matters to be addressed by new maritime regulations

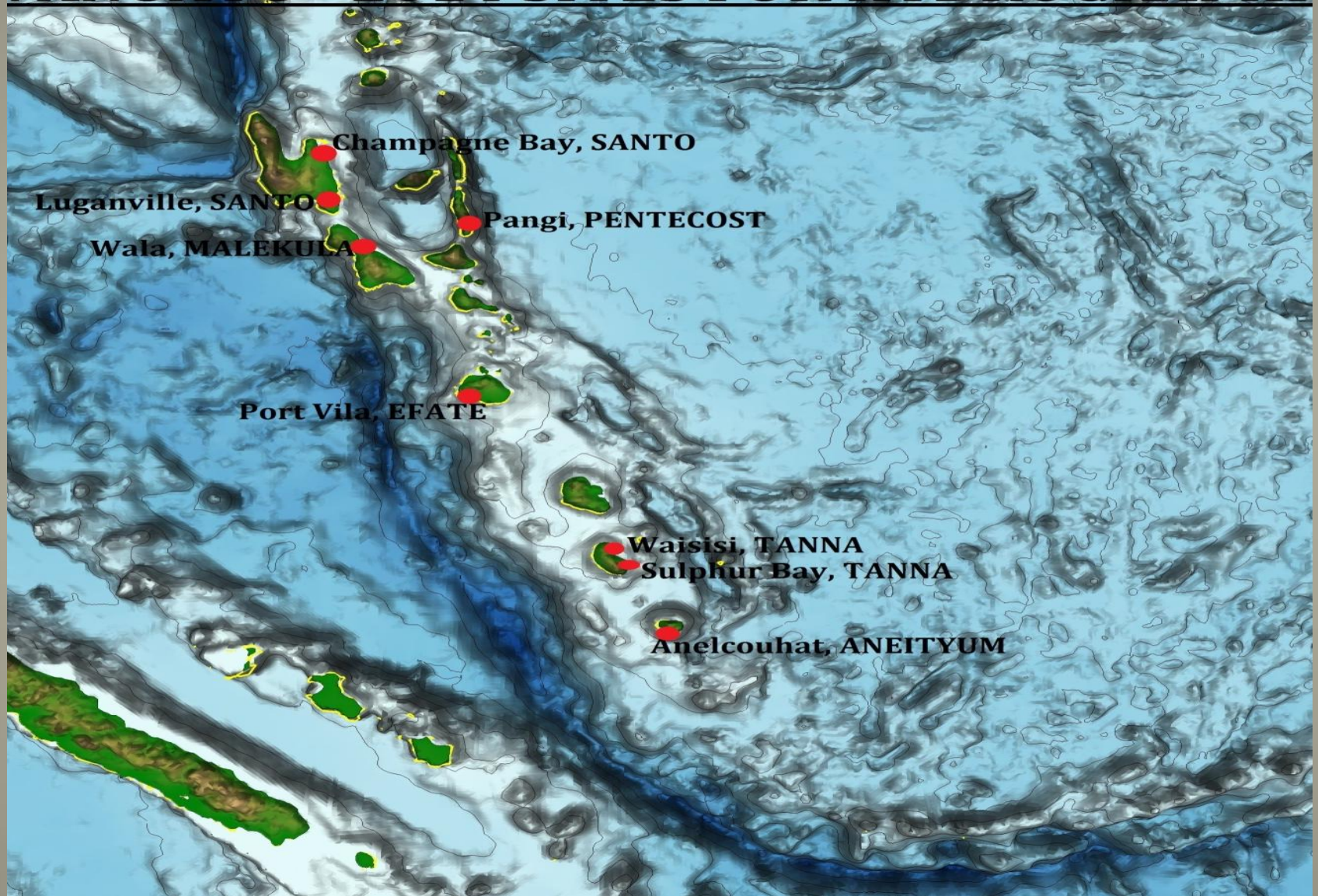
The proposed **Maritime Sector Regulatory Act (MSR Act)** aims at implementing the government's decision to establish an independent Office of Maritime Regulator (OMR) with broad functions and powers to regulate the maritime sector.

“Functions of the Regulator in relation to maritime safety include *“functions involving Hydrography, including controls over hydrographic surveys and the dissemination of survey data, the preparation and approval of charts and surveys for maritime purposes, and the issue of notices to mariners.” (MSI)*

MRS Legislation is bound to be tabled in the November 2015 parliament session

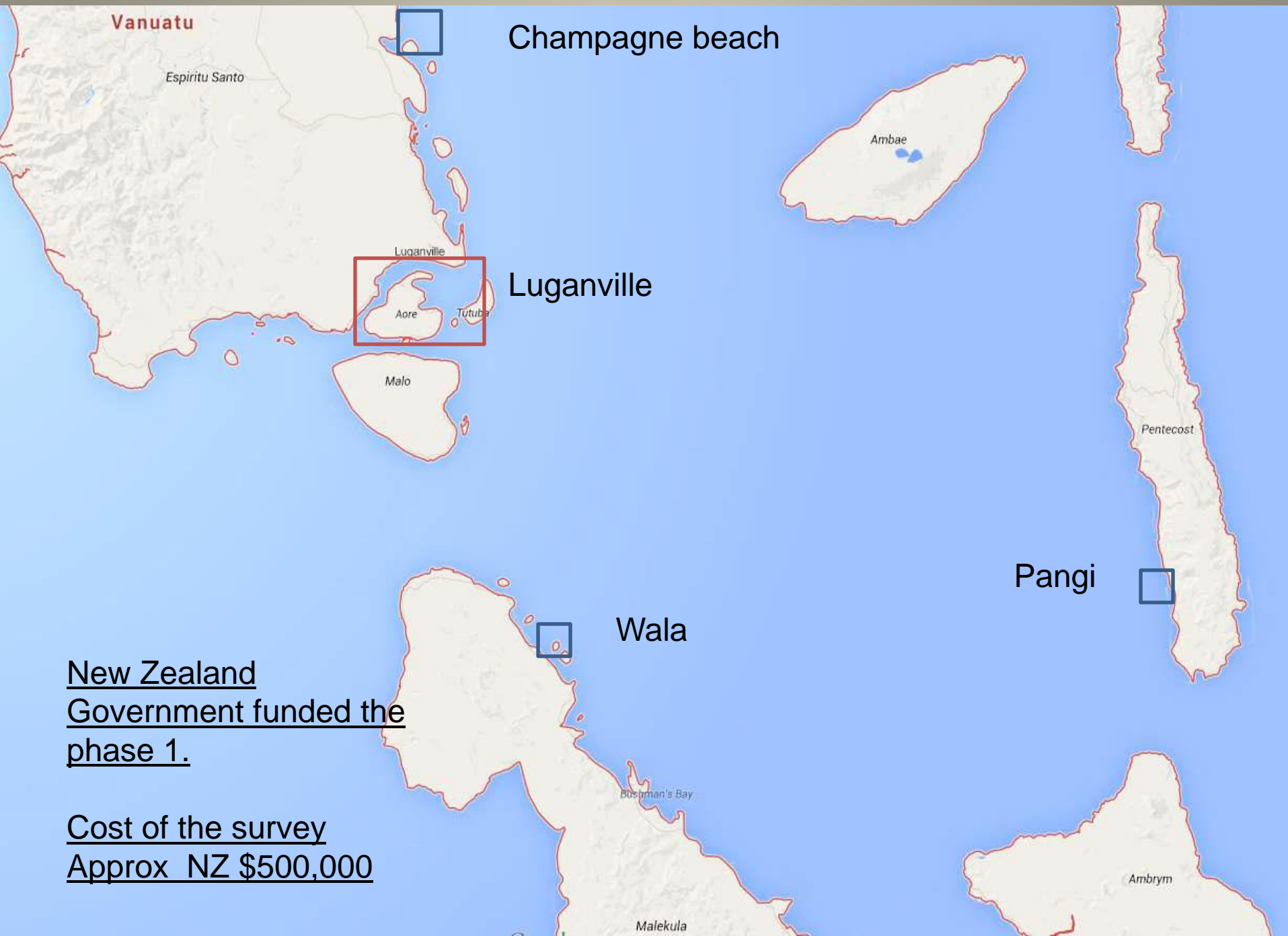
4th recommendation

VANUATU - 2014 SITES FOR HYDROGRAPHY



DPM launch the 1st phase hydrographic survey





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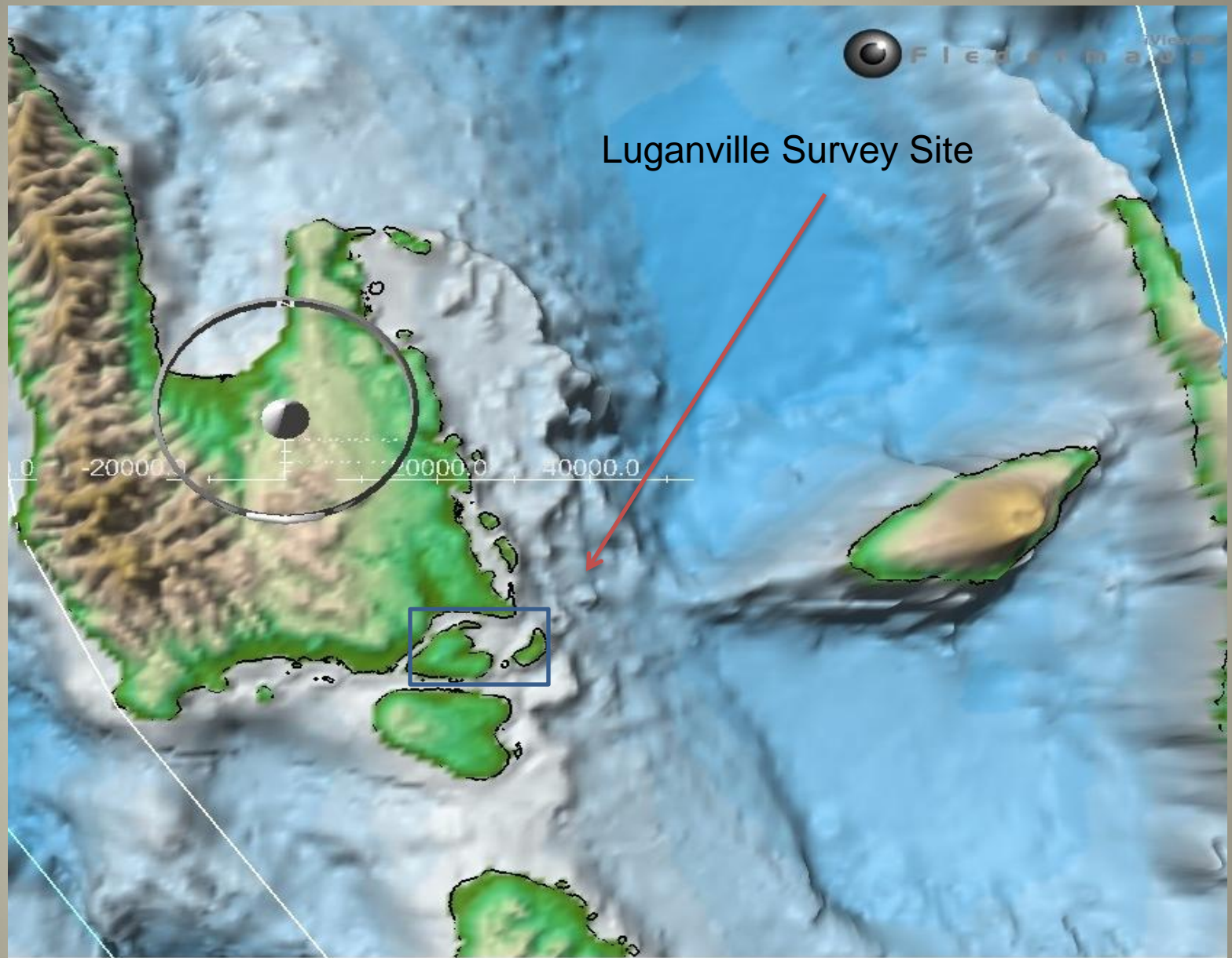
Luganville

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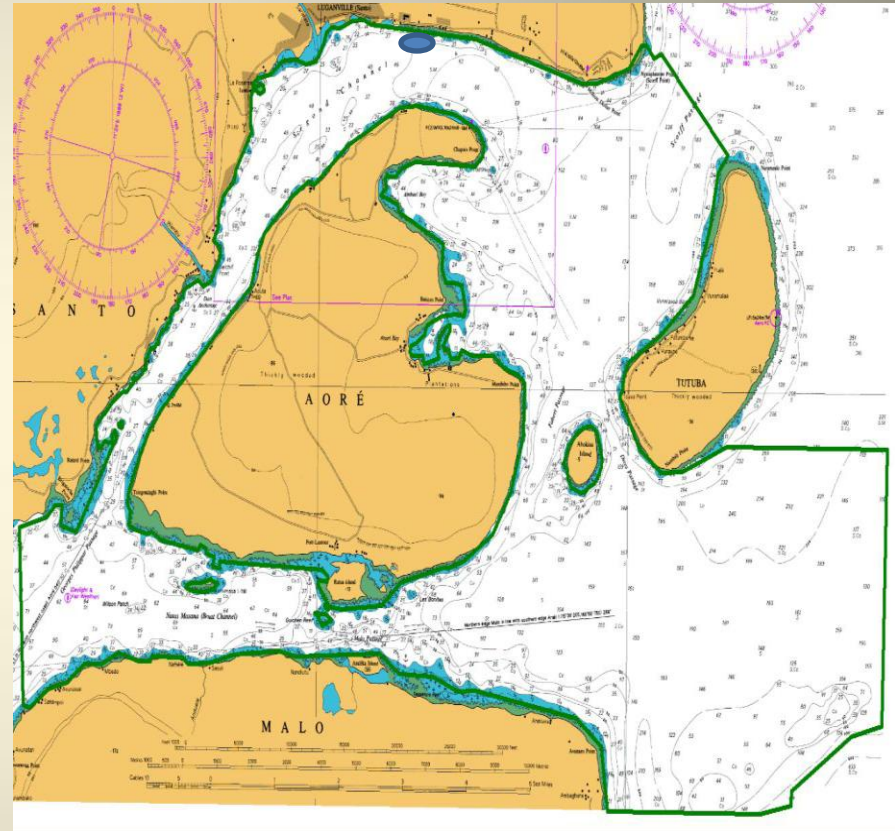
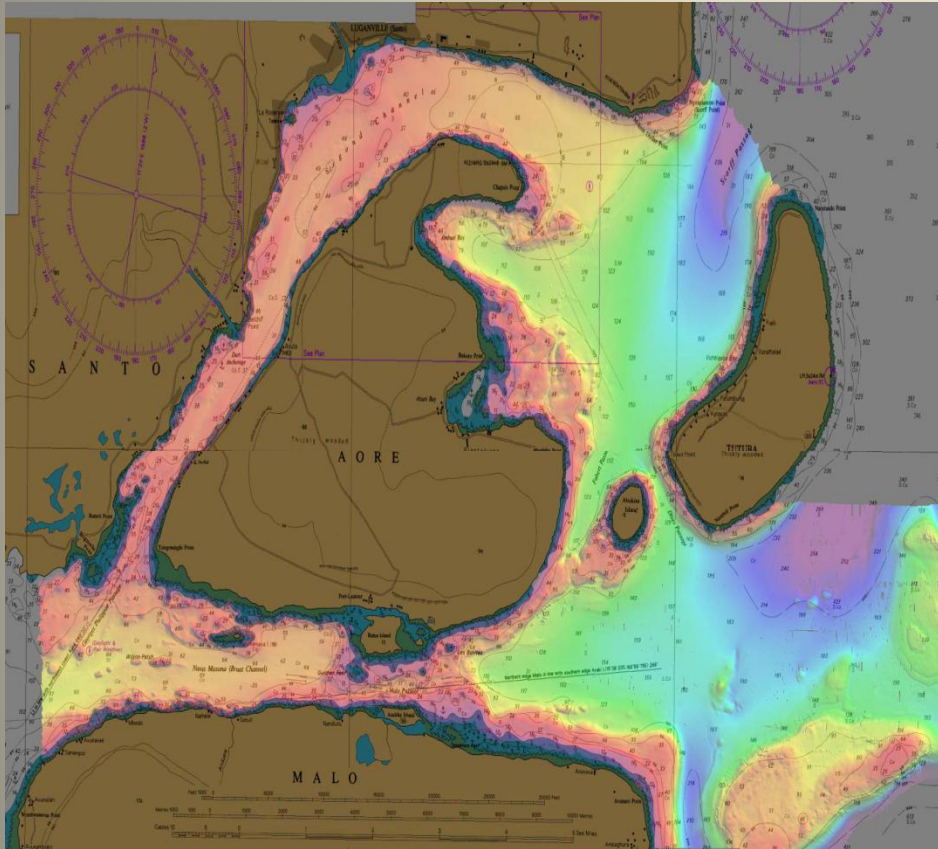
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New Zealand
Government funded the
phase 1.

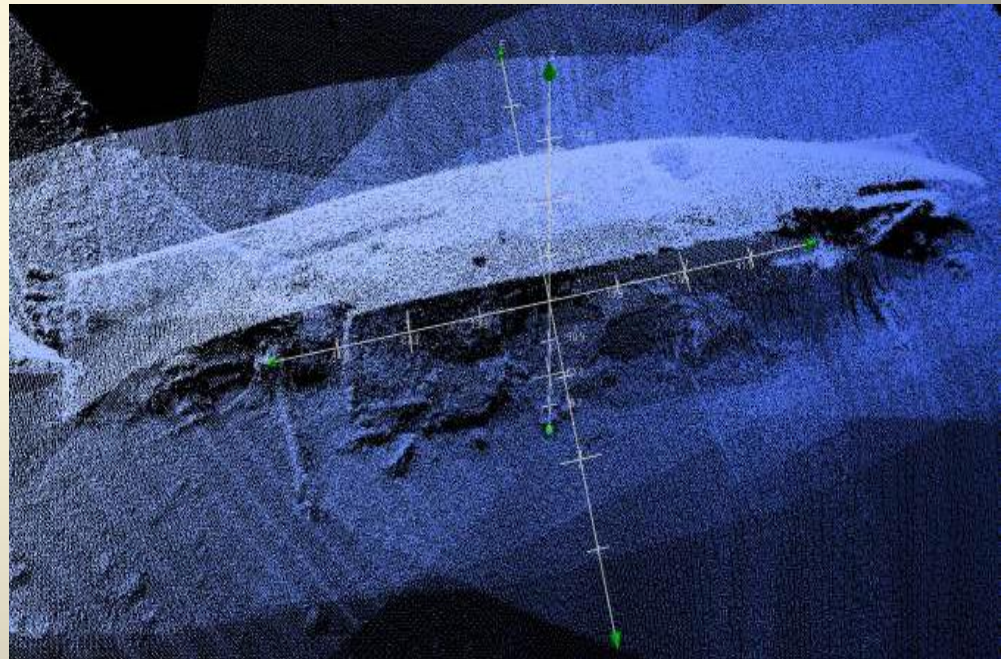
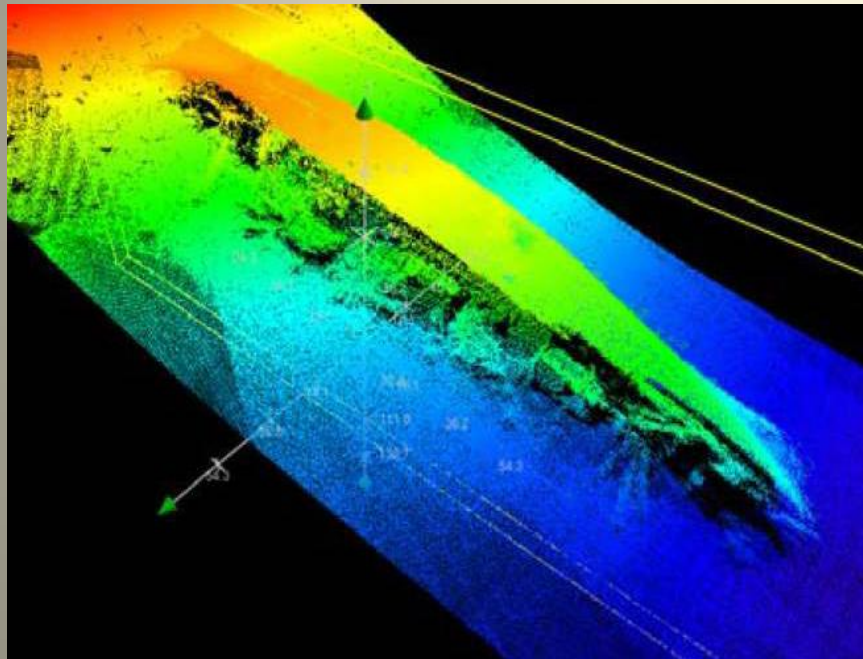
Cost of the survey
Approx NZ \$500,000



Site 1. Luganville Survey



SPC undertook the Survey with the assistance UKHO



1942 SS President Coolidge wreckage

Luganville

- Luganville is international Port of Entry
 - Increase number of cruise ship to Luganville has every year;
 - increase tourist activity in Luganville
 - already committed the Government to upgrading wharf in Luganville to receiving more and bigger ships. That also applies to Vila
- Ground breaking January 2015

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NZ

My Government has acknowledged New Zealand Government for funding the 1st phase or 4 sites in Vanuatu. The Value of the survey is approximately 500,000 NZ Dollars .

I would however would also like to put for the record of the commission My Governments thank you also to Linz and Adam Greenland especially for coming up with the brilliant model in determining future important areas to be charted in the region.

If this was not achieved, I believe politics will continue to determine future Hydrography survey sites in the region

SPC

- I have realized and later accepted during the 1st phase that the hydrographic survey in Vanuatu almost resembles a pilot project.
- There is a lot of uncertainties when doing a pilot project. A big Thank you to SPC and Saleshe for doing this fantastic work. Thank for putting up with the unique Vanuatu experience. Remember SPC has a father and mother now at Waisisi. I am sure your Vanuatu story will be shared to many in this region.





DPM launches the 1st Phase hydrographic survey









DPM with team before they head off to Luganville for the 1st phase was undertaken



UKHO

- I want to place on record that, Sam's presence gave assurance and motivation to Salesh & team(I believe) and myself & team to finish the Job successfully .
- Ungrateful I will be, if I did not say this, But a big Thank you UKHO and Sam for your patients and ingenuity in making this project became now a very successful project. A project that will lead and guide future hydrographic survey work in the region.
Thank you

Way forward

By 2015 Vanuatu would achieved

1. Vanuatu has updated its nautical charts for 8 important sites
2. Maritime sector regulatory Act pass by Parliament
3. Three Cat B surveyors
4. Become a member of IHO and SWPHC

Way forward

- The current team needs to keep this momentum further to a point where the system will be allowed to function itself independently before the team go.
- IHO recommendation yet to be fulfil.

(3) The Government of Vanuatu should

- a. establish a basic level capability for hydrographic surveying by training existing government land surveyors in hydrographic surveying and providing at least one outfit of portable hydrographic surveying equipment. On-going funding will be required for the regular maintenance of the equipment and for the training and requalification of operators; and
- b. engage an overseas hydrographic adviser to guide and assist the National Hydrographic Authority and the Vanuatu Department of Lands and survey during the establishment of an in-country hydrographic data gathering capability and to foster close liaison and possible support from recognized national hydrographic authorities in other countries.