

# AusSeabed Webinar: August 28<sup>th</sup>

Data sharing and collaboration (with Outreach, education and engagement workshop activities)

	<b>General Business</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b>  <b>Work plan 2020/21 summary</b>          Kam Austine (session chair)</p> <p><b>Global Multi-Resolution Topography: A platform to deliver compilations on-the-fly</b>          Vicky Ferrini, LDEO</p> <p><b>Seabed2030 database</b>          Evgenia Bazhenova, NIWA</p>
	<b>Speed Talks</b>	<p><b>Engagement and Outreach</b>          Ralph Talbot-Smith</p>
1030	<b>Themed Workshop</b>	<p><b>Index of Marine Surveys for Assessment</b>          Gordon Motherwell, WA DWER</p> <p><b>MNF 10-year strategy</b>          Barbara Musso, MNF</p> <p>1045</p> <p>Questions and close</p>

## Total Registrants

Individuals: 176

Countries: 19

Organisations: 93

## Total Participants

Individuals: 89

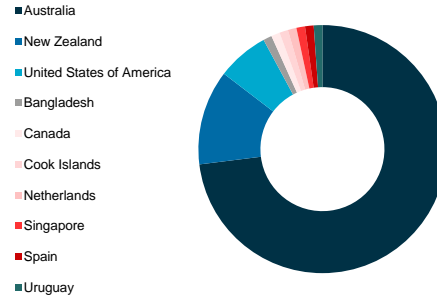
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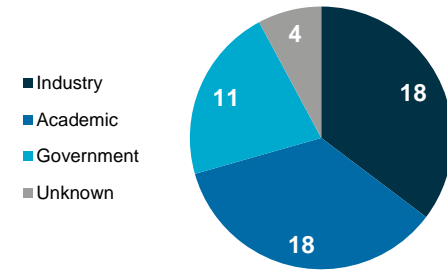
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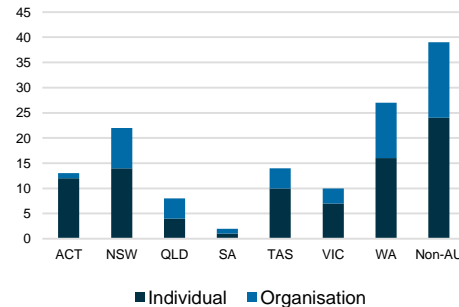
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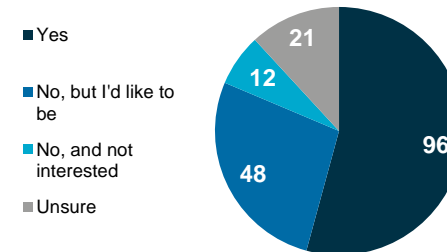
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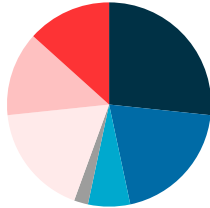
### State/Territory Participation



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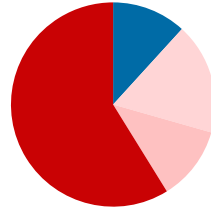


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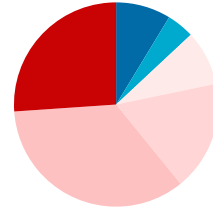
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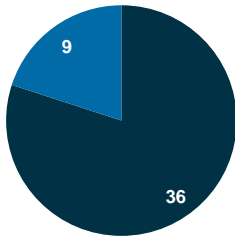
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Industry Participation by Individuals



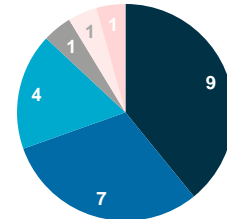
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Government Participation by Individuals



■ Commonwealth ■ State

Industry Participation by Individuals



■ Consulting ■ Technology ■ Not for profit  
■ Surveying ■ Oil & Gas ■ Transport

## Entities in attendance

Government	Industry	Academic
Australian Antarctic Division	Busselton Jetty	Curtin University
Australian Hydrographic Office	EGS Survey	Deakin University
Australian Institute of Marine Science (QLD)	Elgin Associates	GNS Science
Australian Institute of Marine Science (WA)	Esri	Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory
City of Gold Coast	FrontierSI	Lund University
CSIRO (TAS)	Fugro	Macquarie University
CSIRO (WA)	Fugro NZ Ltd	Murdoch University
Geological Survey of Canada	IIC Technologies.Ltd	NZ National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research
Geoscience Australia	Inpex	UdelaR
Land Information New Zealand	Johnson Outdoors	University of Chittagong
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment	Kongsberg Maritime	University of Wollongong
QLD Department of Environment and Science	Nautilus Environmental and Engineering	
Royal Australian Navy	Pawsey	
SARDI Aquatic Sciences	Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd	
Transport for NSW	Project Planning Advisory	
UK Hydrographic Office	Teledyne Caris	
WA Department of Transport	TMA BlueTech	
WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation	Veris	

**Question:** Is this webinar being recorded and will it be available to download?

**Answer:** Yes, all webinars are being recorded and will be available to download. Each month's recording, presentations and Q&A will become available on the [AusSeabed website](#).

**Question:** Vicky, In the grid generator, what are the options for 'feathering' the interface between low and high resolution data to reduce large discontinuities between datasets?

**Answer:** We used to do blending but we don't anymore as this process was adding artefacts on the edges. The only "blending" that we do are the multibeam cruises that we bring together into the multibeam compilation component. The way that we integrate that with the contributed grids is more of a layering with some rulesets based on the different datasets in the contributed grids piece.

**Question:** Vicky, what infrastructure/ language is GMRT written in?

**Answer:** Currently uses JAVA, MB System, GDAL, some python. Working on evolving away from java – web services and front end are still somewhat dependant on java, otherwise have adopted service standards (OGC compliance etc).

**Question:** Vicky, in terms of overlapping data, how do you account for weighting in terms of quality?

**Answer:** The way with MB data, as we go through process of QA/QC a weight value is assigned to the cruise (1-10: poor-good). Weighted value gets integrated into the blended grid - e.g. something that is weighted as a 10 will dominate something that is weighted as a 1. Could be refined further to a higher level.

Also working on code to extract and “fix” a cruise from the blended compilation.



**Question:** Vicky and Evgenia, is the same data source code used for Seabed2030 being used for GMRT too?

**Answer:** We know which pieces of GMRT are from the multibeam compilation and that gets contributed to seabed 2030.

We don't handle the total integrated depth in the same way.

The biggest challenge is being provided a gridded data set with interpolation, which while great for science is terrible for data integration because ideally you'd be able to mask out depths that weren't supported by data.

**Question:** Gordon, you mention that there are some items in here that are relevant to AusSeabed - can you give a quick explanation of how IMSA might work with/integrate with AusSeabed?

**Answer:** We don't get a lot of bathymetry data but we do get a lot of MB for offshore. Mostly its sat derived bathy that is captured at the same time as benthic habitat data. I'm still not sure how we will integrate with AusSeabed—got to have those talks with Ralph and the other AusSeabed people. But whatever seabed data IMSA get in, it can be accessed and will hopefully flow in to that portal.



## Future Webinars

Each seminar will be held on the last Thursday of the month from June to September and run from 1100–1245 AEST.

**September (24<sup>th</sup>):** Cross sector talks on the applications of seabed mapping (with program strategy activities)—[register here](#).