

# An effective approach for wide area detailed seabed mapping

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### Agenda

Introduction to Ocean Infinity & Partner Background Story Survey Equipment Vessel Systems Data Management and Processing Challenges Mission Planning Operational Status and Results







WE OPERATE WORLDWIDE COLLECTING HIGH RESOLUTION SURVEY DATA FROM THE SEABED

Proving a comprehensive seabed exploration system for water depth down to 6000 meter consisting of 6 (8) AUV's and 6 (8) USV's from one host vessel.

Ocean Infinity partnered with Swire Seabed who own and operate the vessel, do all project management, survey support, processing and reporting.

### Evolution of efficient seabed mapping



So why multiple?

The seabed survey started with led line,

Continued with single beam echosounders

Then Multi beam echosounders

Towed sensors, ROV, AUV

Survey ROV



And then the next must be a fleet of AUV's.... Up towards 900 line km a day..



#### WE CALL IT SEABED INTELLIGENCE™

Ocean Infinity are explorers. We go to unmapped locations to survey the seabed using the most advanced fleet of autonomous vehicles in the world.



#### Benefits of multiple AUV's

- Performance optimization
- Carbon footprint reduced
- Robust and durable standardized equipment
- Reduction in AUV Operational Crew
- Simultanously operations





#### So why go for 6000 meter depth







## 4 months ago







### SURVEY EQUIPMENT



#### Hugin 6000



Autonomous Underwater Vehicle The main survey system for seabed mapping



#### Sensors

- EM2040 Multi-Beam Echosounder
- Edgetech Sidescan Sonar
- Edgetech Sub-bottom profiler
- Catxh Color Camera
- Conductivity/Temperature/Depth (SAIV)
- Self Compensating Magnetometer



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#### **Unmanned Surface Vessels**





#### Telemetry

Radio Mesh

Acoustic HiPAP 502

**Collision Avoidance** 

Radar

AIS

Warning / Stop Systems

Daylight Camera

Thermal Camera

#### **Radio Telemetry**





**Swire Seabed** 



### **VESSEL SYSTEMS**



#### Launch and Recovery Systems





USV DAVIT L&R & Painter Boom & Popping nose cone for recovery

#### AUV STINGER



#### Seabed Constructor



Seabed Constructor		HOST SURFACE VESSEL
Design	MT 6022 MKII	
Year	2014	
Length	115.4m	
Breadth	22m	
Accommodation	102 PAX	
Crane	250 Tonne AHC	
Moonpool	7.2m x 7.2m	
Cargo Deck	1300 m²	

#### Workclass ROV

Schilling HD

- Heavy Duty Work Class ROV
- 150 shaft horse power (shp)
- 5000 meter depth rating
- Schilling TITAN 4 & ATLAS 7R Manipulator
- Payload 200 kg

#### Kystdesign

- Work Class Deepwater ROV
- 150 shaft horse power (shp)
- 6000 meter depth rating
- TITAN 4 Schilling Manipulator (7 Function) & Rigmaster Schilling Manipulator (5 Function)
- Payload 200 kg









#### DATA MANAGEMENT AND PROCESSING CHALLENGES





#### HARDWARE SOLUTIONS



#### **Data Processing**

Each AUV per 24 hours:

- 1 TB digital data
- 430.000 still images

Processing packages:

- Delph iXblue
- EIVA NaviSuite
- ESRI ArcGIS

Deliverables:

- SSDM format GIS data
- .bag compatibility
- Mosaic raster catalogs
- Field Reports

Turnaround production:

• Preliminary results within 24 hours after data on disk.

## iXblue







#### Automatic Data Processing

- Virtual machines set up on 7 workplaces
  3-5 monitors depending on use
- One virtual macine workplace is for the Eiva WFM user interface This in turn remote control one or more additional virtual machines.
- One data processor on shift dedicated to navigation and MBE basic processing only.
- Record so far is processing of 3 auv dives in less than one 12h shift. Total of 125h of data.







### **MISSION PLANNING**



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#### Simultaneous Mission Issues

- Maintenance management of multiple USV and AUV.
- HSV position management to maximise radio telemetry to USV.
- Payload management with multiple survey specifications.
- Launch and recovery bottlenecking.
- Emergency intervention.

#### Simultaneous Mission Solutions

- Integrated maintenace schedule into MP software.
- HSV mission planning component.
- Payload command bank available pre-dive and mission simulator for payload settings QC.
- Reactive planning learning from realtime L&R timing, intelligent launch staggering.
- Emergency protocols for various emergency events.



### OPERATIONAL STATUS



#### **Operational status**



Performed 4 projects so far with the AUV solution:

- 1st project was the size of Faroe Islands or Singapore in 9 days, 1700km2.
   Primarily SSS and MBE data logged and processed within 24 hours
- 2nd project was 1440km2 area surveyed, 18x AUV dives. Primarily SSS and MBE data logged and processed within 24 hours
- 6 AUV's doing survey simultaneously
- Area surveyed last month 5944sq km







#### **Operational status**













#### Un-aided operations



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### Magnetometer data







#### Photo mosaic







## Thank you for your attention Any Questions

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