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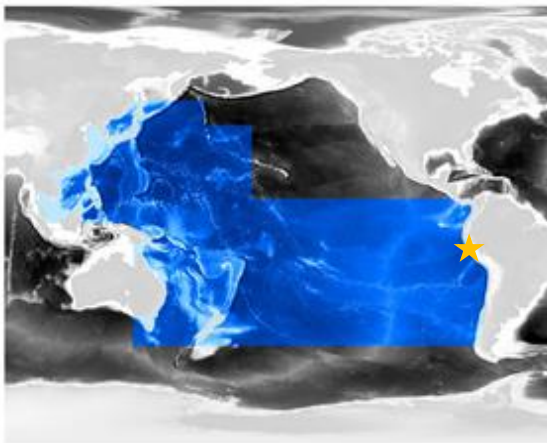
**SAVE THE DATE: 12-14 July 2023**

**In person Lima, Peru / Online**

**Nippon Foundation - GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project**

**Regional Mapping Community Hybrid meeting for the South and West Pacific**

Seabed 2030 is a collaborative project between GEBCO and the Nippon Foundation with the aim of facilitating the complete mapping of the ocean floor by the year 2030. Regional data centres have been established with the task of identifying existing data from their assigned regions and compiling these into regional gridded bathymetric datasets.



The Seabed 2030 South and West Pacific Centre (SaWPaC) is responsible for 124M km<sup>2</sup> of ocean from the west coast of South America to east coast of Australia and north to Japan, Korea and China. It includes the Exclusive Economic Zones of 39 countries as well as a large region “Beyond National Jurisdiction”.

The centre is hosted at the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research in New Zealand (NIWA) and coordinated by a team from NIWA, GNS Science Te Pū Ao and Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ).

The meeting objectives are:

- Review the progress to date with the Seabed 2030 project,
- Identify sources of bathymetric data,
- Discuss methods and protocols of data sharing, and management,
- Identify regional priority areas and identify upcoming mapping expeditions.
- Open data download and use workshop.

**Please register your initial interest by submitting the form [here](#) by 31 March, 2023.**

Participation in the workshop is free-of-charge. Each day will include a hybrid session in English (virtual participation welcomed), and an in-person session in Spanish / English.

We would like to encourage participants to present. More information for presenters will be provided in the 2<sup>nd</sup> circular.

Please reach out if you have any queries.

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