Title

NSW seabed landforms derived from marine lidar data 2022

Abstract

Seabed landform features were classified from the New South Wales statewide marine lidar dataset, acquired in 2018 by Fugro Pty Ltd on behalf of the Department of Planning and Environment (data available for download on SEED, see below). Seabed features were extracted from the marine lidar data and classified into seabed landform classes. Classified landform features include reefs, plains, peaks, scarps, depressions and channels. These landforms capture variation in the shape and structure of reef outcrops along the NSW coastal and nearshore environment. Features were classified using the Seabed Landforms Classification Toolset developed for ArcGIS by the Coastal and Marine Unit, DPE (Linklater et al. 2023) which are publicly available on SEED (https://datasets.seed.nsw.gov.au/dataset/seabed-landforms-classification-toolset) and GitHub (https://github.com/LinklaterM/Seabed-Landforms-Classification-Toolset/).

The statewide dataset is provided as ArcGIS shapefiles divided into 9 segments along the coast. The data covers 4060 km2, extending from the coastline (0 m AHD) to a maximum of 50 m depth, reaching an average depth of 35 m. Data coverage extends a maximum distance of 9 km offshore, with coverage extending on average 3 km offshore.

This dataset provides an understanding of the extent and distribution of submerged reefs along the NSW coast, which contributes fundamental baseline information for managers, users and custodians of the marine environment.

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Resource locator

Show on SEED Web Map Name: Show on SEED Web Map

Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download

Description:

Display dataset on SEED's map

Function: download

Data Quality Statement Name: Data Quality Statement

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Data quality statement for NSW seabed landforms derived from marine lidar data 2021

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<u>Package</u> Arakoon to Forster

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Forster to Newcastle

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<u>Package</u> Newcastle to Broken Bay

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system

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	MARINE
	MARINE-Reefs
	PHOTOGRAPHY-AND-IMAGERY-Remote-Sensing
	GEOSCIENCES-Geomorphology
	WATER
	ECOLOGY-Habitat
	ECOLOGY-Landscape
Originating controlled vocabulary	
Title	ANZLIC Search Words
Reference date	2008-05-16
Geographic location	
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East bounding longitude	153.73
North bounding latitude	-37.55
South bounding latitude	-28.13
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Maximum value	2228
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Code identifying the coordinate reference system	5711
Temporal extent	
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End position	N/A
Dataset reference date	
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Lineage

Statewide marine lidar data was collected along the NSW coast in 2018, with elevation data collected down to an average of 35 m depth. This dataset represents a classification of seabed landforms derived from this marine lidar data, which delineates the prominent seabed features observed. This classification defines areas of reefs, peaks (uppermost part of the reef surface), plains, depressions and channels (within the reef surface), and scarps (areas greater than 10 degrees slope). The statewide dataset is provided as ArcGIS shapefiles divided into 9 segments along the coast, covering 4060 km2 of NSW coastal waters. Features were classified using the Seabed Landforms Classification Toolset (ArcGIS), developed by DPE (Linklater & Morris, 2022) which applies the methodological framework presented in Linklater et al. (2019). In this classification approach, ruggedness (VRM, Walbridge et al. 2018), slope, finescale and broadscale Bathymetric Position Index (Slope Position, Evans et al. 2014) variables were derived from the marine lidar bathymetric dataset and used to characterise prominent features within the seascape. Procedures were implemented to reduce potential noise within the dataset and identify the full extent of reef outcrops. Manual editing was performed to separate inferred reef outcrops from soft sediment bedforms, with the resulting classification focused on identifying the presence, extent and character of submerged reef outcrops within the marine lidar dataset. The classification output was reviewed and edited by the data creator to capture observed and interpreted seabed features. The resulting layer was externally reviewed to ensure scientific rigour and data integrity.

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Limitations on public access

Scope dataset

DQ Topological Consistency

Explanation ArcInfo was used to do a topological consistency check to detect flaws in the spatial data

structure. No polygon overlaps were detected.

DQ Absolute External Positional Accuracy

Explanation This dataset represents seabed features classified from 5 m cell size input bathymetry

data, with no ground-truthing undertaken. Polygons smaller than 100 m2 were eliminayed. Due to the variability in sediment movement, precise feature boundaries can

be variable over time.

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