

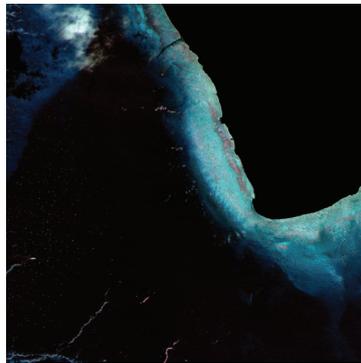
Bathymetry

Looking Beyond the Surface

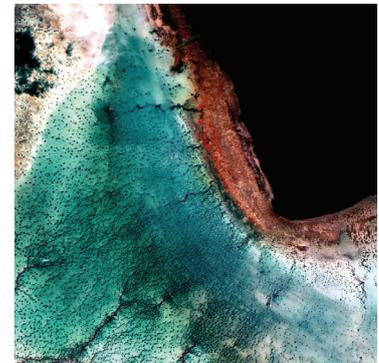
Accurate and high resolution bathymetric data is a necessity for a wide range of coastal oceanographic research and is especially important when studying the environmental health of benthic habitats that are often disturbed by human or natural phenomena. Utilising the WorldView-2 and WorldView-3 satellites, we are able to see further into the water and support bathymetric studies around the globe. Remote sensing of the shallow ocean floor has become much clearer as a result of the additional spectral bands, including coastal blue. Several research studies have shown that a combination of coastal blue with yellow, and the more tightly focused green band, can discriminate underwater features more efficiently and with remarkable accuracy, agility and collection capacity.



Identification of a deep lagoon



Identification of submerged aquatic vegetation



Identification of linear reef flats



MARINE HABITAT MONITORING

Ability to map large underwater areas and identify vegetation and substrate classes for use in monitoring pollution and man-made hazards in order to protect fragile environments.



NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS

Keep nautical charts up-to-date in even the most remote and dangerous locations with continuous coverage and the ability to capture large areas of interest.



COASTAL MONITORING

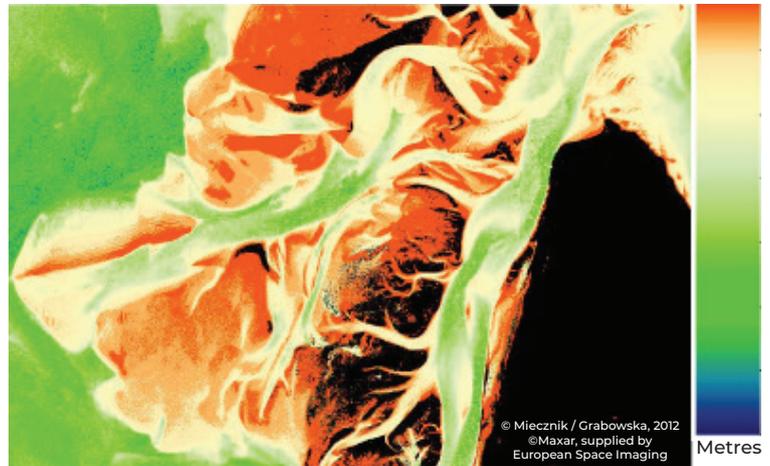
Evaluate damages from erosion, storm surges, coastal inundation and tsunamis as well as detect change over time using our archive dating back to 2002.

Bathymetry

Satellite Based Bathymetry

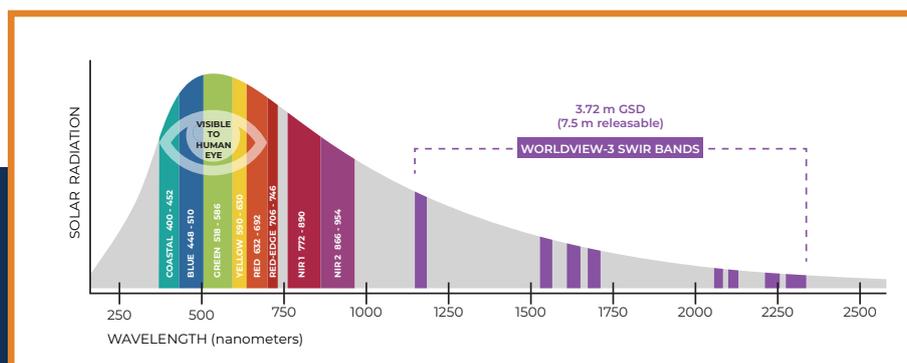
Traditional bathymetry is a lengthy, delicate and expensive process. It deploys airborne LiDAR and/or labour-intensive marine acoustic sonar with vessels to slowly survey the sea floor. These studies can have an adverse impact on the environment, incur high costs, and require government permits.

The derivation of ocean water depth from satellite imagery with eight spectral bands is a cost effective method of remotely sensing an aquatic environment. WorldView-2 and WorldView-3 use differing wavelengths of light to map bathymetry in water depth of up to 10 - 15 metres under optimal conditions.



This image shows bathymetric analysis of Moreton Bay, Australia, to determine water depth. This study was conducted by Grzegorz Miecznik and Dorota Grabowska for their research project of WorldView-2 bathymetric capabilities .

The smaller wavelengths (e.g. blue and green light) penetrate water more than longer wavelengths (e.g. near infrared, shortwave infrared) . When water is clear and the sea floor is bright (e.g. sandy) estimates of depth can be derived from the reflectance measured by the satellite or by using stereoscopic measurements. When multiple visible-wavelength spectral bands are used together, the effects of the sea floor reflectance variability and water turbidity are lessened.



About European Space Imaging (EUSI)

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Through their longstanding partnership with Maxar Technologies, they were the first European company to bring 30 cm resolution satellite imagery to the EU market. Today, EUSI has access to satellites at resolutions 30 cm – 1 m and a combined daily revisit of close to 10 times a day in panchromatic, multispectral, hyperspectral and video.