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MONGOLIAN GEODETIC NETWORK SHORT REPORT

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UN-GGCE Geodesy Capacity Development Workshop for Asia-Pacific on Transitioning to a Modern Geospatial Reference System June 20-24, 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand

A Part of Geodesy in Thailand


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- Prof. Chalermpichon Satirapod et al., on behalf of Chulalongkorn Univ.  
- Kapil Katiyar, et al., on behalf of Trimble Inc.



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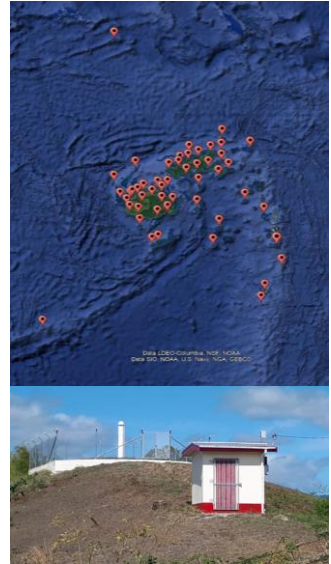
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# Geodesy in Fiji

- **Global Geodetic Reference Frame**
  - Geodetic and Land Cadastre; Local (WGS72)
  - Spatial Data; Global (WGS84 and ITRF)
- **Geodetic Infrastructure**
  - GNSS COR Stations
  - Sea Level (Tide Gauge) Stations
- **Academic Institutes - Capacity**
  - University of the South Pacific – Geospatial Science
  - Fiji National University – Surveying
- **Ministry of Lands & Mineral Resources**
  - Survey Department
    - Surveyor General's Office - Control Office
- **Fiji Navy**
  - Fiji Hydrographic Services
- **Pacific Community (SPC) and the PGSC Partnership Desk**

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# Why Geodesy Matters ?

WHY?

## Climate Action

Geodetic data helps monitor the impacts of climate change, such as sea-level rise and glacier retreat, providing evidence for mitigation and adaptation strategies.



## Life on Land

Geodesy supports the monitoring and management of forests, wetlands, and other ecosystems, contributing to biodiversity conservation and sustainable land use.



## Sustainable Cities and Communities

Geodesy can help to plan and manage urban areas by providing data for infrastructure development and disaster risk reduction.



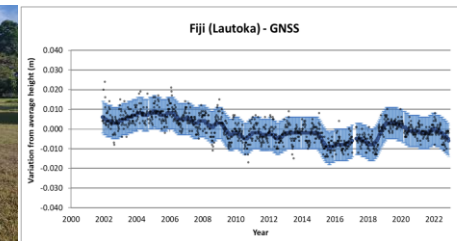
## Life below Water

Geodesy helps to define and manage maritime jurisdictions for marine resources, biological diversity and fisheries management.



## Pacific Sea Level & Geodetic Monitoring (COSPPac)

- Sea Level Monitoring
- Vertical Land Motions




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# What's Next / Call to Action

WHAT?

- ✓ Framework; Roadmap – Fiji Geospatial Reference System
  - ✓ Fiji Geodetic Infrastructure
  - ✓ Capacity; Geodetic Operations, Geodetic Surveyors and technicians.
  - ✓ Regional Collaboration and Partnerships
-  **Call to Action:** data management, technology and geodetic standards.

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# Thank You

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# Why Geodesy Matters in Kiribati

- ▶ **Infrastructure Planning & Sustainable Developments** – Roads, Bridges, Wharves, Causeway
- ▶ **Accurate Mapping** – resolve land disputes and supporting Land Management
- ▶ **Sea Level Monitoring & Mitigating Natural Resources** – rising seas & storm surges
- ▶ **Navigation Safety** – EEZ determination, Maritime Jurisdiction, Marine Geospatial Planning

# The State of Geodesy in Kiribati

- ▶ Only 1 CORS station & 2 Tide Gauge in Kiribati
- ▶ 33 islands on different local datum – **NOT** well-defined datum  
Lacks elevation/height data information – **inaccuracies** in EGM2008 Geoid Model (400mm tilt in Tarawa) - Highest point is 3m!
- ▶ Vast dispersion of islands makes network expansion costly and complex.
- ▶ Absence of a unified national geodetic framework hampers large scale mapping efforts.
- ▶ Geodesy terminology remains a **disaster** in Kiribati - PEOPLE

# What's Next/ Call to Action

- ▶ Training local staff in geodetic data collection and analysis - **PEOPLE**
- ▶ Establishing a national geodetic framework and sustainable funding - **aligning to ITRF**
- ▶ Strengthening partnerships with Pacific nations for data sharing and technical support.
- ▶ More accurate maps supporting land rights, disaster preparedness, climate resilience, and ongoing projects

# Thank You



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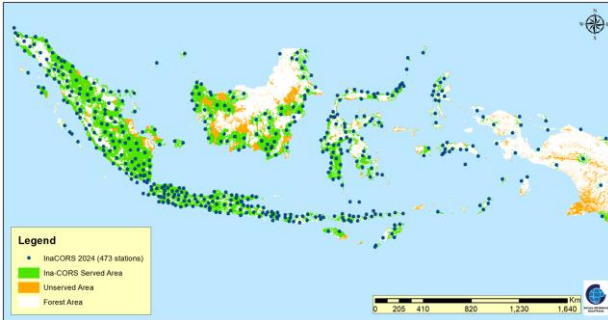
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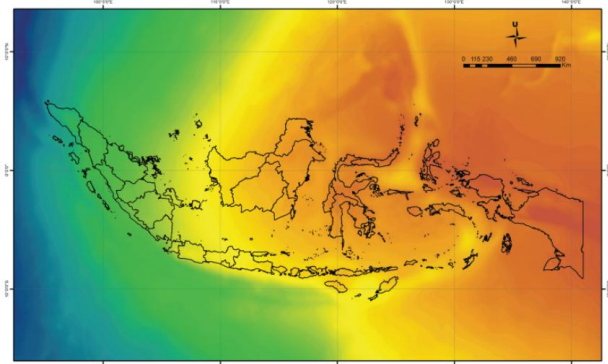
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# ONE MAP POLICY PROGRAM ACCELERATION



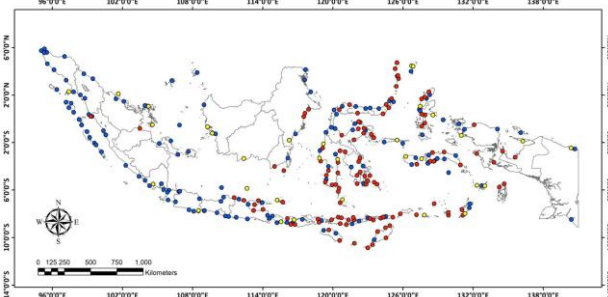
## CORS - horizontal geospatial reference.

Capable to provide real time differential correction (RTK) covering 88% urban area, compatible with global reference frame ITRF2014, and also to provide rinex download & online post processing.



## INAGEOID2020 - vertical geospatial reference.

Developed using combination of terrestrial and airborne gravimetry with EGM2008, as well as co-sited GNSS/leveling to estimate the geoid accuracy. The geoid model is served as vertical reference for height unification.



## Tidal data - utilized to build chart datum

289 Tide Stations discrete sea level recordings can be accessed by users to obtain chart datum values using the model based.

# WHY GEODESY MATTERS?

## Our contribution to the Global Geodetic Community

### Ina-CORS contribution to ITRF / APREF

- ❑ 5 CORS station are shared to IGS to define ITRF
- ❑ 8 CORS station for Asia - Pacific Reference Frame (APREF)

### Ina-Tide contribution to Indonesian Tsunami Early Warning System (Ina-TEWS)

- ❑ 10 TG stations are cooperation with UHSLC
- ❑ 3 TG stations are cooperation with GFZ-Germany

### Ina-Geoid as a part of global vertical reference systems

- ❑ INAGEOID2020, is a part of global vertical reference systems
- ❑ has been registered at **EPSG (ID: 20036)**



# CHALLENGES: BUDGET CONSTRAINT

## Limited Budget: Year-on-Year Nominal has declined

Defining which program is priority and thus will be funded is a politician task, not us. Our job is to report to them and convince them to support our work.  
**So, a simple message must be delivered.**

### 1st option

#### Common issue

**Disaster mitigation issues** as our basis for submitting funds, in addition to simply providing basemaps and references services.

This approach is also supported by other related agencies, therefore **collaboration** is mandatory, and is authorized through various legal **regulations**.

### 2nd option

#### Commercialization

For countries that are less vulnerable to disasters, **commercializing** geospatial data and services could be an alternative source of external funding.

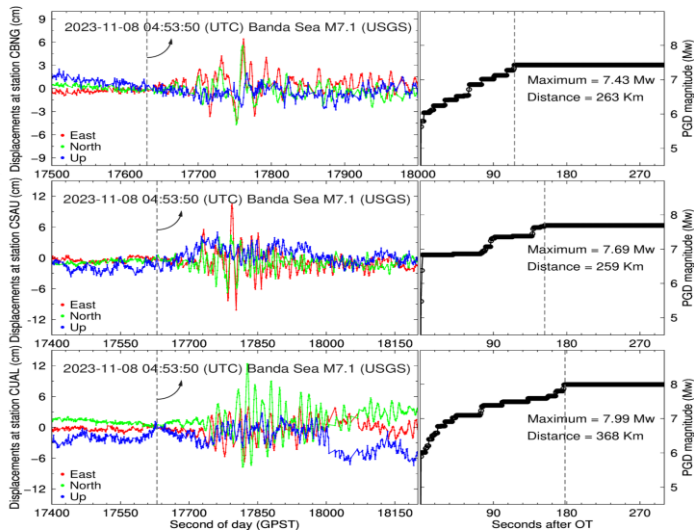
This approach can help cover operational expenses and **reduce reliance** on government budgets.

# CALL TO ACTION - WHAT'S NEXT?

## Linking geospatial works to critical societal needs

How positioning is used not only to provide large-scale base maps and references but also in many more aspects.

Offer **practical solution**. Increase **social awareness**. Gain **trust** from policy makers. Develop the **market**.



**Earthquake magnitude** detection and **volcanic** activity monitoring using **real-time** based displacement provided by CORS stations.



Monitoring of **sea level rise** and **land subsidence** in coastal areas to provide warnings to local communities.



**Gravimetry** key roles in **natural resources** management, geological hazard (**geohazard**) mitigation, **infrastructures** monitoring, and others.



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## Geodesy in the Philippines

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## Underpinning sustainable development in the Philippines



- Fostering the environment
  - Resource mapping
  - Land administration
  - Charting of Philippine seas
- Driving economic growth
  - Build-Build-Build and Build-Better-More Infrastructure Development Program
  - Creating smart cities
- Building resilient communities
  - Monitoring Earth processes and climate change
  - Supporting recovery from man-made and natural disasters



The collage features several key elements: a large, multi-story building with a prominent dome and minarets, likely a mosque or government building, with a group of people standing in front of it; a satellite map showing a grid of green and yellow lines overlaid on a city area; a map of the Panay-Guimaras-Negros Island Bridges; and a weather warning sign with the following text:

RED WARNING	15-30mm (intense) rain Flooding is threatening	DISASTER ALERT
GREEN WARNING	7.5-15mm (heavy) rain Flooding is possible	DISASTER MONITORING
YELLOW WARNING		

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- Current Frames in Use and Geodetic Infrastructure
- Key Achievement: Modernization of the Philippine Geodetic Reference System (ongoing)
  - Infrastructure for the PGRS Modernization
    - Philippine Active Geodetic Network (PAGeNet)
    - Philippine Geoid Model
    - National Deformation Model
    - Methodology for connecting to the World Height System
    - Modern PGRS Geodesy Portal (beta)
  - Inclusion of PGRS Modernization in the IGIF Country Action Plan
  - Linkages with local and international partners
- Major Challenge
  - Limited buy-in among senior decision-makers
    - *Impacts all components of the project (i.e. infrastructure, capacity building, policy development)*

**Towards the Development of the IHRF in the Asia-Pacific Region**  
Jak Sarmiento

**Report Status**

Station: ABR-15

Status: \_\_\_\_\_

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Latitude, Longitude

**Benchmarks**  
Elevation

**Gravity Points**  
Gravity Value

**Reported by**

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Station Name	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation	Order	Action
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Pitcairn Astro 1967				International 1924	
Point 58 (Burkina Faso/Niger)				Clarke 1880	
Pointe Noire 1948 (Congo)				Clarke 1880	



## NAMRIA and DPWH Sign Agreement on CORS Data Sharing

News & Event(s) | Charisma Victoria Cayapan | 8 April 2021 | [Print](#)

NAMRIA and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 24 March 2021 on sharing of data from their respective Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) networks. The partnership intends to optimize government resources and promote the use of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), especially for infrastructure development.



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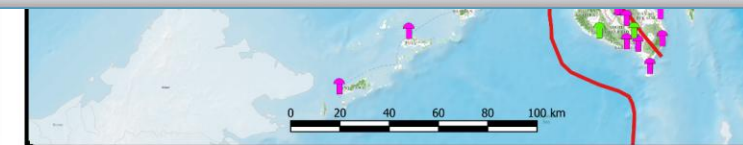
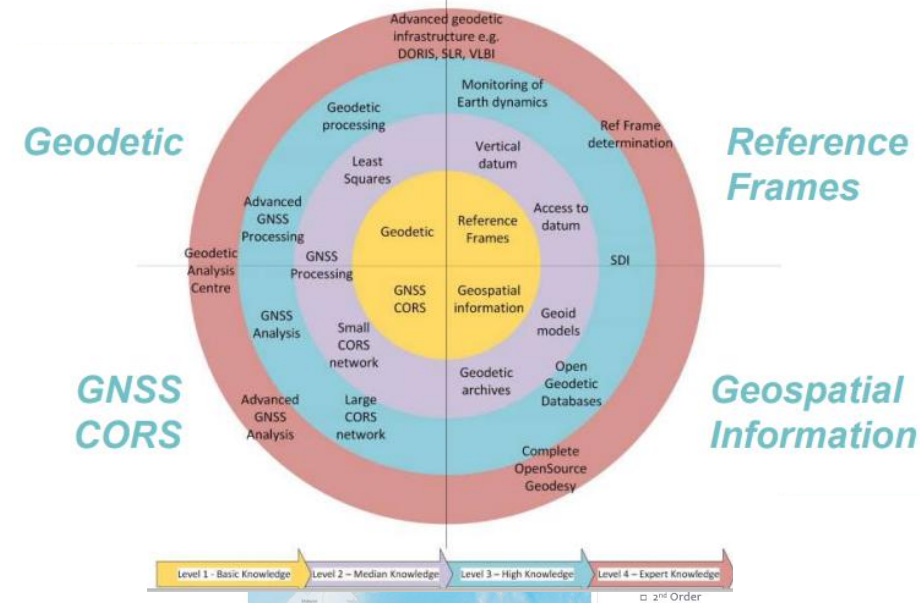
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- **Governance**
  - Revival of the National Committee on Geodesy (IAG)
  - Policy Development
    - DENR Department Administrative Order (*Adoption of the Framework on the Development of the Modern Philippine Geodetic Reference System (PGRS) for Sustainable Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Management*)
    - Proposed Executive Order (*Adoption of an Integrated Approach to Geospatial Information Management*)
- **Geodetic Products and Services**
  - Strengthening of the geodetic infrastructure
  - Continuing development of the Modern PGRS Geodesy Portal
- **People**
  - Competency-building
  - Organizational enhancement
  - Increased linkages with the academe as well as other local and international partners
- **Communication**
  - Creating more champions for geodesy





*Maraming salamats po!*



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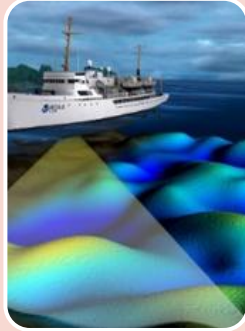
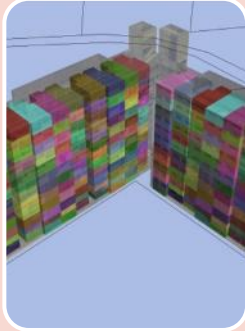
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## Geodesy in Singapore

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# Why Geodesy Matters in Singapore



## National Security & Sovereignty

- Boundary Delimitation
- Border Control
- Topographical Mapping

## Risk Management & Public Safety

- Disaster Management
- Aviation Safety
- Flood Risk Management
- Safety Planning
- Land Motion Monitoring

## Sustainability & Environmental Protection

- Climate Resilience
- Coastal Protection

## Urban & Infrastructure Planning

- Urban Planning

## Infrastructure Development & Construction

- Digital Construction
- Underground Mapping

## Real Estate & Property

- Authoritative land information
- Cadastral Survey

## Maritime Navigation

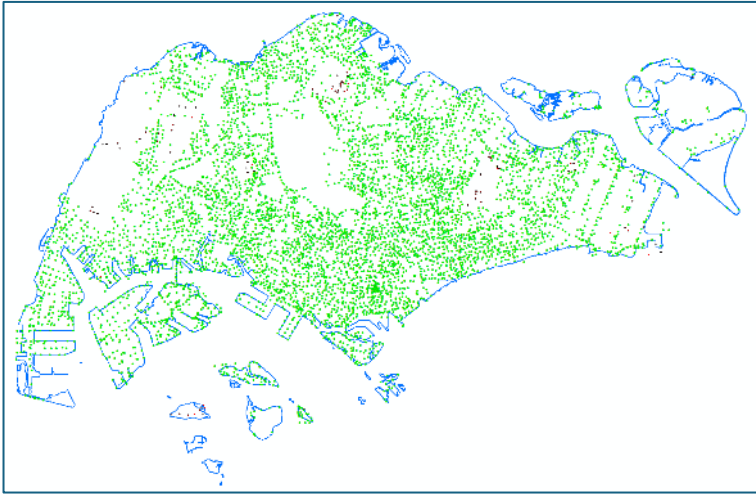
- Hydrographic Survey
- Maritime Safety

## Smart City

- Urban Digital Twin Development
- Autonomous Mobility
- Robotics
- Smart Construction

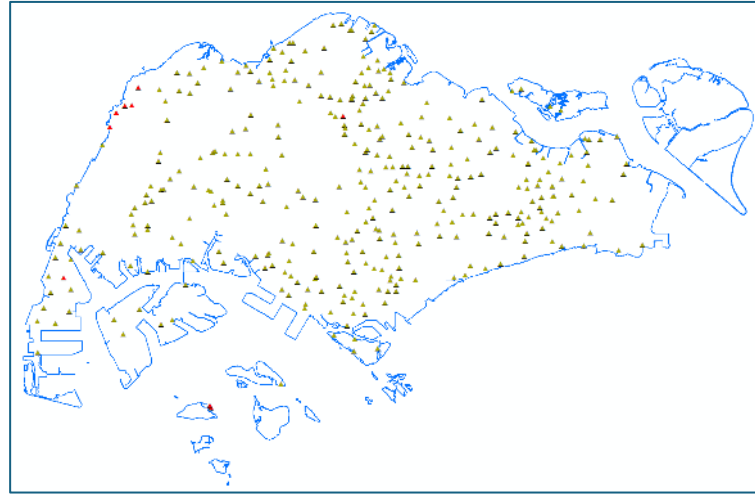
# The State of Geodesy – National Survey Reference Infrastructure

### Integrated Survey Network (ISN)



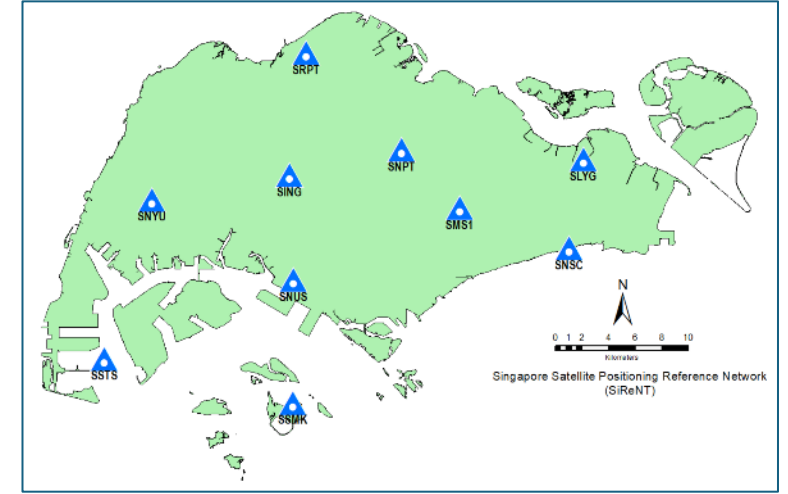
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### Vertical Control Point Network (VCP)

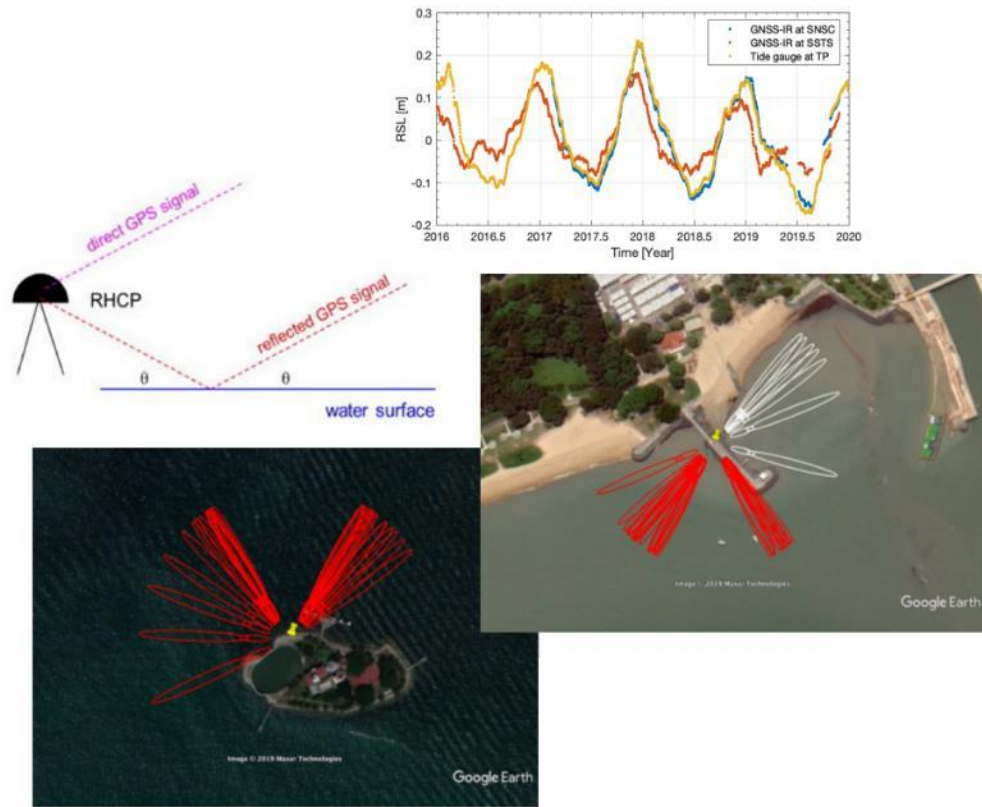


549 VCPs (Apr 2025) @ 1km interval

### SiReNT



# The State of Geodesy – Collaboration with IHL and Private Sectors



**Simultaneously monitoring of Land Motion and sea Level Rise through coastal SiReNT stations. A collaboration with Earth Observatory Singapore (EOS).**

## Applications of SiReNT in Singapore



Autonomous Vehicle



Autonomous Mobile Robot



GNSS Assisted Piling System



Machine Control



Autonomous UAV



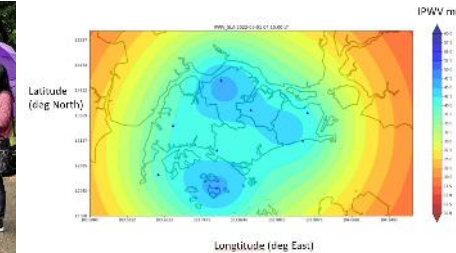
Land Subsidence Monitoring



Mobile Mapping



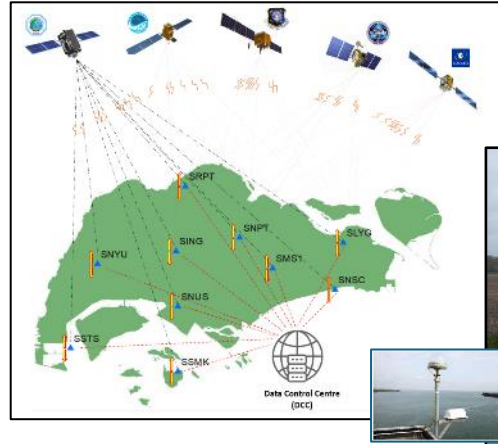
Grass Cutting Management System



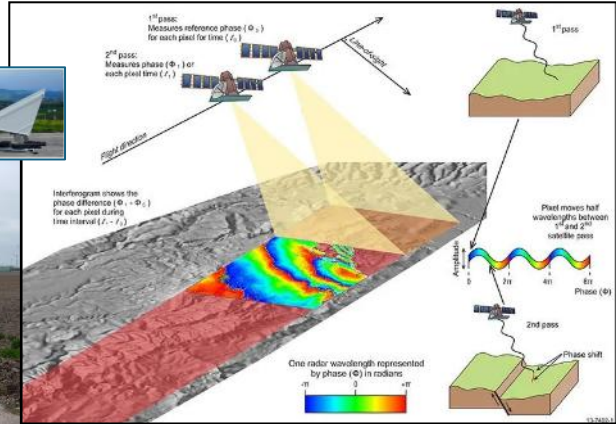
Integrated Precipitable Water Vapor monitoring

# What is Next

Singapore Satellite Positioning Reference Network



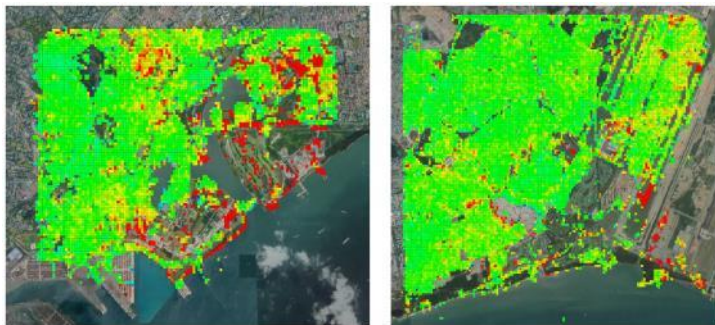
Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar



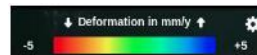
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Geodetic Instrumentation to integrate SiReNT, InSAR, etc.

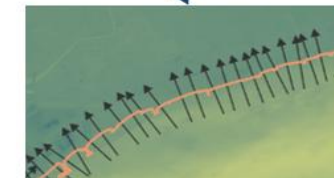
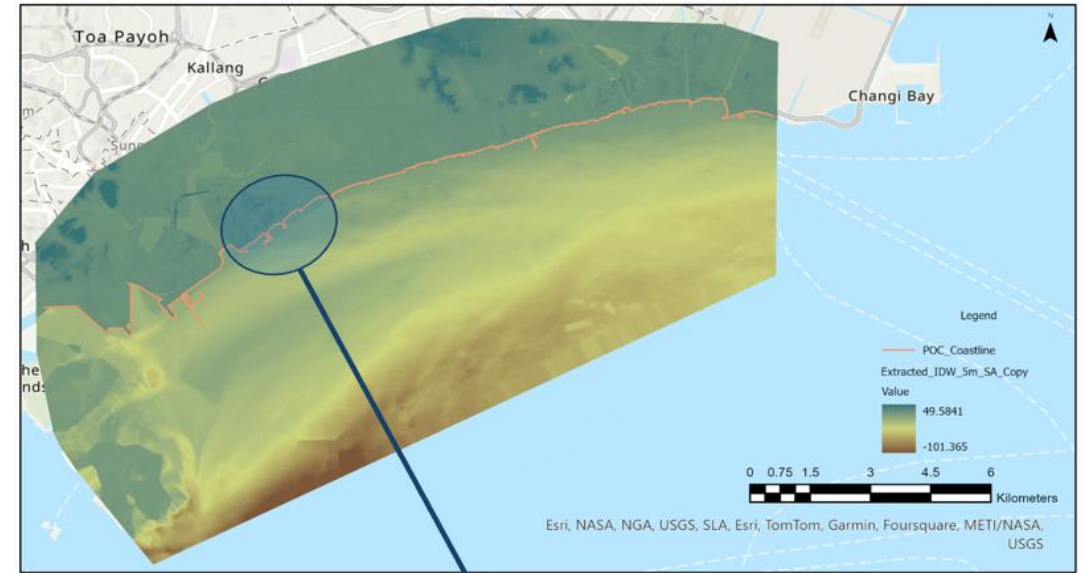
↓ Integrated processing



Nationwide LMM information product, absolute, referenced, validated



Long-term Nationwide Land Motion Monitoring Using GNSS (SiReNT), InSAR and Geodetic instrumentation



Integration of Land and Sea Domains

Development of TopoBathy data and guidelines



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# Geodesy in the Cook Islands



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- The Deputy Secretary assists the Secretary in planning, overseeing, managing and directing all activities in the Civil Works Asset Management, **Geoscience and Hydrography**, and Pa Enua Support departments, as well as the Building Controller and Electrical Inspectorate.
- The Deputy Secretary must be able to account for furthering the accomplishment of ICI's planning, operational goals and objectives; as well as ensuring that assigned division goals and objectives are accomplished within general policy guidelines.
- Chair Cook Islands GIS Users Group
- Chair Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council



# Why Geodesy matters

Geodetic Reference Frame

Positioning & Navigation

Geodetic Infrastructure

Land Cadastre

Standards & Policy

Maritime Boundaries

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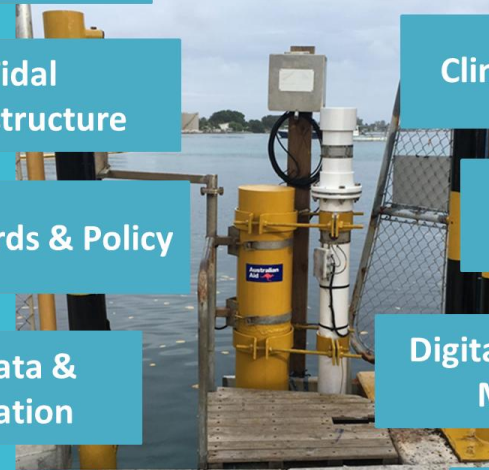
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# State of Geodesy

## Why modernize the Cook Islands Geospatial Reference System?

- The demand for high integrity and high accuracy geospatial applications is increasing.
- This is largely driven by the wide spread use of GNSS for positioning and navigation.

GNSS (e.g. GPS) constellations provide positions aligned to the International Terrestrial Reference System, the most recent realisation being the International Terrestrial Reference Frame 2020 (ITRF2020).

- The current geodetic datum is based on World Geodetic System 1986 (as opposed to the modern ITRF2020). It is therefore out-dated and not compatible with GNSS.

Avarua Town



Cadastral vs Satellite Image

WGS84 vs Non Earth projection

### Challenges

- Lack of technical Assistance to progress developing the Cook Islands Reference Frame
- Government of the Cook Islands to invest in the project
- Lack of awareness from stakeholders, private and government line agencies of the importance of the project.
- SPC, Geoscience Australia, United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs United Nations, FIG to prioritize Small Island States to develop their Road Map.

# What Next?

## Road Map

The Roadmap for development of the Cook Islands Geospatial Reference System has a number of phases;  
This includes:





# Thank you/Meitaki Ma'ata

- On behalf of the Cook Islands, we extend our sincere gratitude to the UN-GEAC Asia-Pacific Geodesy community for the kind invitation to participate in the Geodesy Capacity Development Workshop here in Bangkok.
- This opportunity has been invaluable in enhancing our technical capacity, fostering regional collaboration, and strengthening our understanding of geodetic infrastructure and applications. We look forward to continued partnerships and knowledge sharing in the spirit of sustainable development and geospatial resilience across the Pacific.



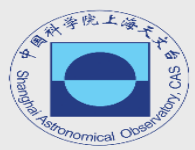
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# Geodesy in China

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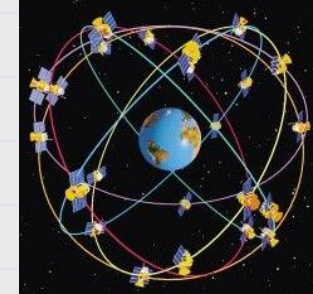
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# Why Geodesy Matters

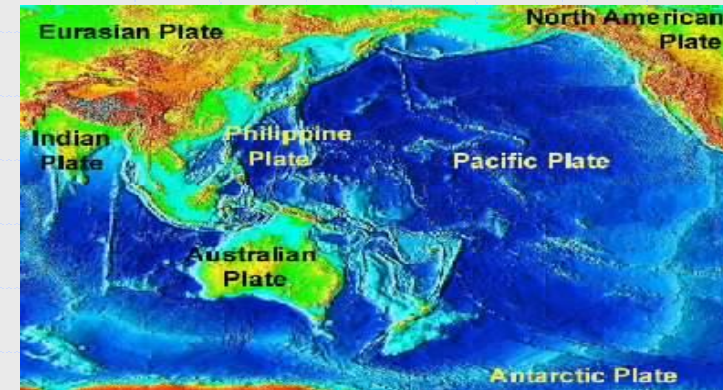
## ■ Navigation:

Geodesy provides the foundation for BDS & other systems, ensuring precise & reliable location data.



## ■ Disaster Risk Reduction

China is a rapid developing country with very dense population (1.4B), suffers from serious natural hazards, frequent & fierce earthquakes, landslides, etc.



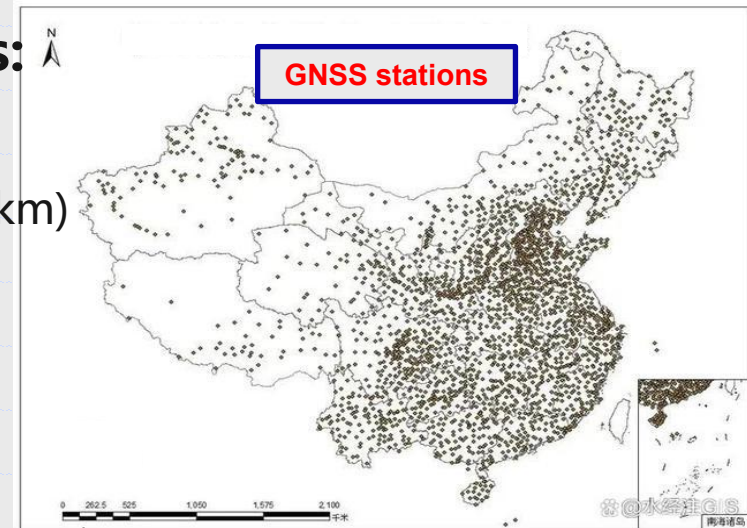
- After the devastating 2008 Wenchuan earthquake, geodetic measurements were pivotal in assessing damage, predicting aftershocks, and guiding rescue operations.



# The State of Geodesy

◆ The national geodetic networks includes:

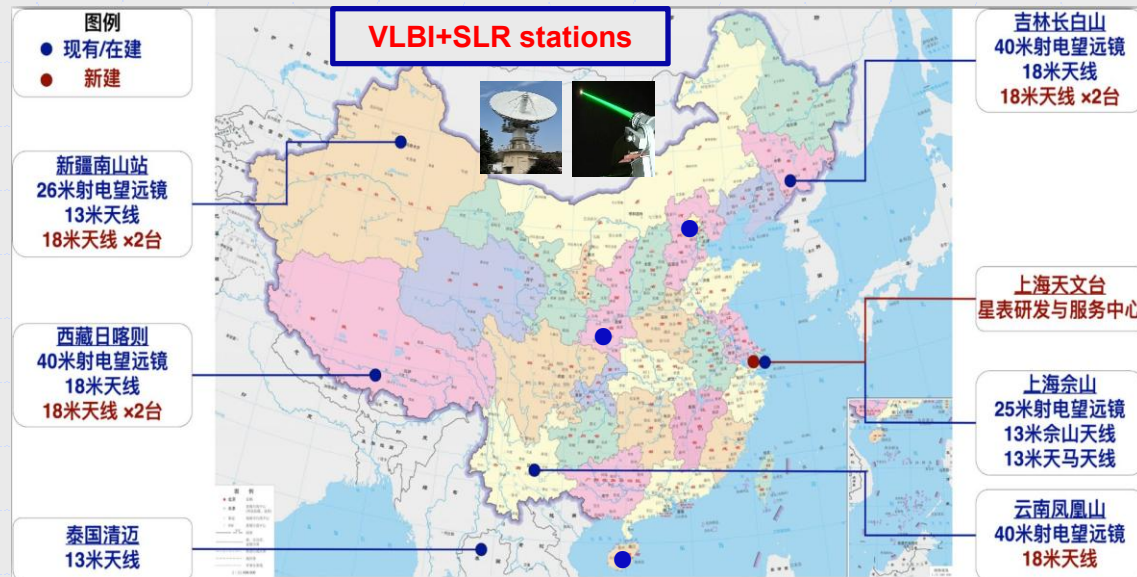
- ✓ Beidou System (BDS 1→2→3)
- ✓ 18K+ GNSS sites (geodesic line length ~13/47 km)
- ✓ ~20 VLBI/VGOS telescopes
- ✓ 10+ SLR stations

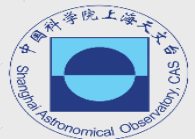


◆ Mainly run by:

- Chinese Academy of Surveying and Mapping;
- Shanghai Astron. Obs., Chinese Academy of Sciences
- ...

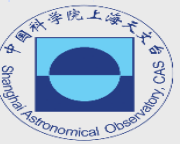
◆ China Geodetic Coordinate System 2000 (CGCS2000), aligned to ITRF1997, was adopted in 2008.





# What's Next / Call to Action

- ◆ The national capacity-building (infrastructure, networks) is almost completed.
- ◆ Needed:
  - national coordination of these infrastructure/networks
  - coordination of these networks with regional & global geodetic networks
  - more data-mining and scientific research from these mega-data is encouraged
- ◆ E.g.: CGCS2000 is ongoing to be updated to CGCS2025.



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# GEODESY IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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1. PNG94 datum was introduced in 1997 and is almost 30 years now and requires a new datum for navigation, surveying and mapping and development.
2. PNG is in the pacific Ring of Fire. Earthquakes and Volcanoes occur frequently.
3. The Rabaul Volcanoes Observatory uses GNSS instruments and geodetic techniques to monitor the volcanic activities in the active regions and the country.
4. Tide gauges be monitored for the Sea level rise in the coastal regions and smaller islands where most parts is covered by sea.  
Like the Atolls in the Bougainville region and the Manus Province.

## WHY GEODESY MATTERS.

WHY IS GEODESY CRITICAL IN PNG.

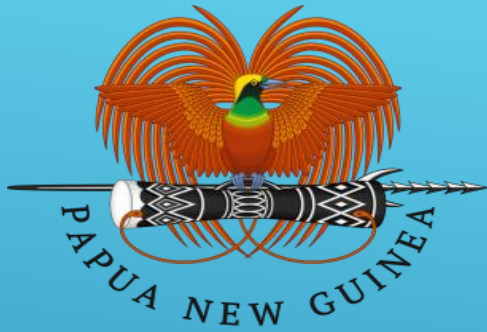
- ▶ PNG94 datum and the PNG Geodetic Network is old. Meaning the positions should have been shifted by now and new position should be observed and assigned to the Permanent Survey Markers, (PSMs).
- ▶ The Geodetic section of the School of Surveying at the PNGUoT and the Geodetic section of the Office Surveyor General are working on a new Geodetic datum for Papua New Guinea called PNG2020.
- ▶ The funding has been made available, and the officers are doing the data acquisition for the new datum.
- ▶ Funds are released late, and time is the problem if we have to meet deadlines.

THE STATE OF GEODESY.

- ▶ Capacity building- If CORS be set up in the Provincial Towns and new positions be assigned on the new epoch for the town grids upgrade.
- ▶ Geodesy be made prominent in rather than other variables which makes Geodesy of no effect.

WHAT'S NEXT/CALL FOR ACTION.





- ▶ Office of the Surveyor General.
- ▶ Department of Lands & Physical Planning
- ▶ NATIONAL CAPITAL DISTRICT.
- ▶ P.O.Box 5665 BOROKO
- ▶ Webpage: <http://dlpp.gov.pg>

## THANK YOU.

WE APPRECIATE UN-GGCE\_ASIA-PACIFIC GEODESY CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP ORGANIZERS FOR INVITING US TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT WORKSHOP.

# Geodesy (Pohnpei-FSM)

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# Why Geodesy Matters

- Geodesy is Critical in the FSM for many reasons:
  - Infrastructure Development
  - Disaster Risk Management
  - Sea Level Monitoring
  - Maritime Boundary Monitoring
  - Issuing Land Titles to our Citizens
- ❖ Help COSPPac and NOAA creating GNSS core stations for sea level monitoring in Pohnpei and using these benchmarks for Project Development such as renovation on Pohnpei's Airport runway and soon to be the expansion of Pohnpei Sea Port.

# The State of Geodesy in Pohnpei

- The Pohnpei State Government is the only institution that:
  - Provides public services to its people for obtaining land title document
  - Its function include helping other organizations and non government entities for Environment Management Projects, Natural Resources Monitoring and Management, Conservation Projects , etc.
- Key Achievement:
  - Is becoming a member of the PGSC (Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council)
- Key Challenge:
  - Funding/Grants

# What's Next?

Pohnpei is tasked with creating FSM's Action Plan for its Geospatial Information Management Policies and seek Support in creating Rules and Regulations for the Division.

# Thank You

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# Why Geodesy Matters

Survey Department of Brunei Darussalam established the geocentric datum for Brunei Darussalam 2009 (GDBD2009) using space geodetic technology based on the International Reference Frame (ITRF) 2005. The GDBD2009 is related to ITRF2005 through the inclusion of 8 GPS Stations in Brunei Darussalam Zero Order Network and has been processed together with more than 35 IGS stations all over the world.

Large alignment between GDBD2009 and ITRF will decrease the positioning accuracy and reliability of any real-time positioning services such as RTK and VRS

Dynamic processes of the earth such as the long-term plate tectonic motion of Sunda move 3cm/year causing changes in the reference station coordinates. GDBD2009 is aged 15 years and has displaced 45cm from its actual position

The land displacement affects the reliability of the GDBD2009 for precise and accurate definitions of coordinates, modern geodetic datum needs to be updated to the latest ITRF using semi-dynamic approach

The benchmark (traditional levelling reference mark) typically deviates from the real position, necessitating ongoing maintenance and observation. To modernize leveling operations, Brunei Darussalam must set up a new zero-order height system.

# The State of Geodesy

Empowering the geodesy for an efficient Survey Department Brunei Darussalam requires a combination of technical, human and infrastructural components to ensure accurate, reliable, as well as consistent data collection.

Main Key Components to empower Geodetic Sections:

- Human Resources, Training and Capacity Building
- Geodetic Reference Framework
- Geodetic Infrastructure, Equipment and ICT Technology
- Precise Geodetic Software License
- Geodetic Field Operations Module Software
- Geodetic Data Quality and Accuracy Assurance
- Collaboration with other relevant authority/agency and Academic Geodesy Institutions.

By establishing these components, a land survey department enables an effective and reliable geodesy section supporting various surveying and mapping applications from land management to infrastructure development and scientific research.

# What's Next / Call to Action

- Experts in Geodesy and Geospatial sciences with knowledge of Global Positioning Systems (GPS)/ Global, Navigation Satellite System (GNSS), geodetic datums and coordinate systems
- To update and well-defined Geocentric Datum of Brunei Darussalam that aligns with the updated version of the current International Terrestrial Reference Frame
- To generate semi-dynamic model for Geocentric Datum of Brunei Darussalam
- To modernize zero-order height system in Brunei Darussalam

# Thank You / Terima Kasih

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Geodesy country reports - Timor-Leste

**Elisinha Nunes**

# Geodesy in Timor-Leste

## **1. Ministry of Justice**

The Secretary of state of  
Land and Property,  
The Directorate General of  
Land and Property,  
The Directorate Nacional  
of Infrastructure and  
Geospatial

## **2. Ministry of Planning Strategic and Investment**

The Directorate General of Planning  
and Territory

# Why Geodesy Matters in Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste is still developing its spatial developing;

## **1. Geodesy support on land administration**

- Land Disputes
- Cadastral Mapping
- Land Titling

## **2. International and Regional Boundary**

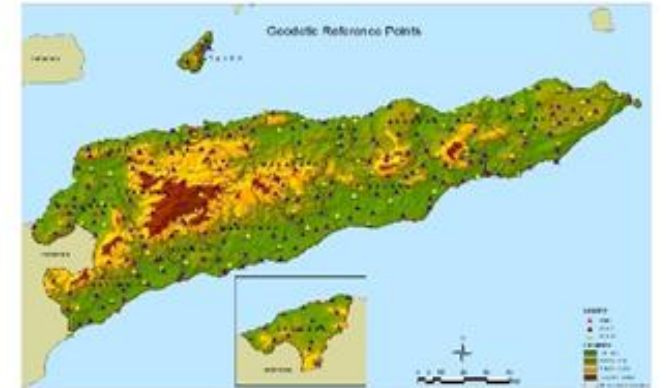
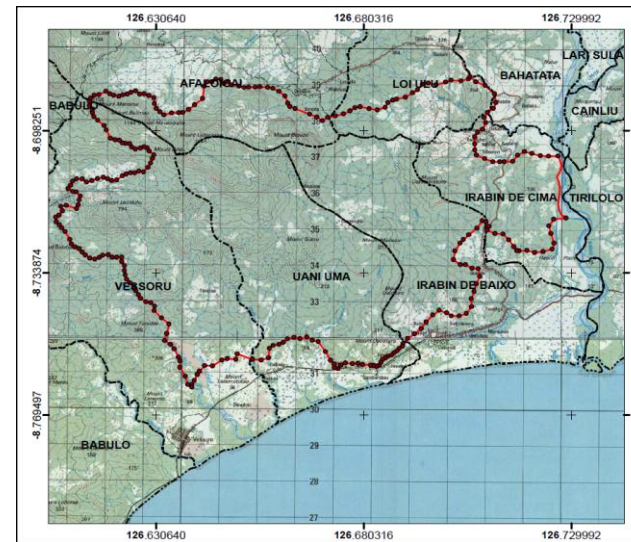
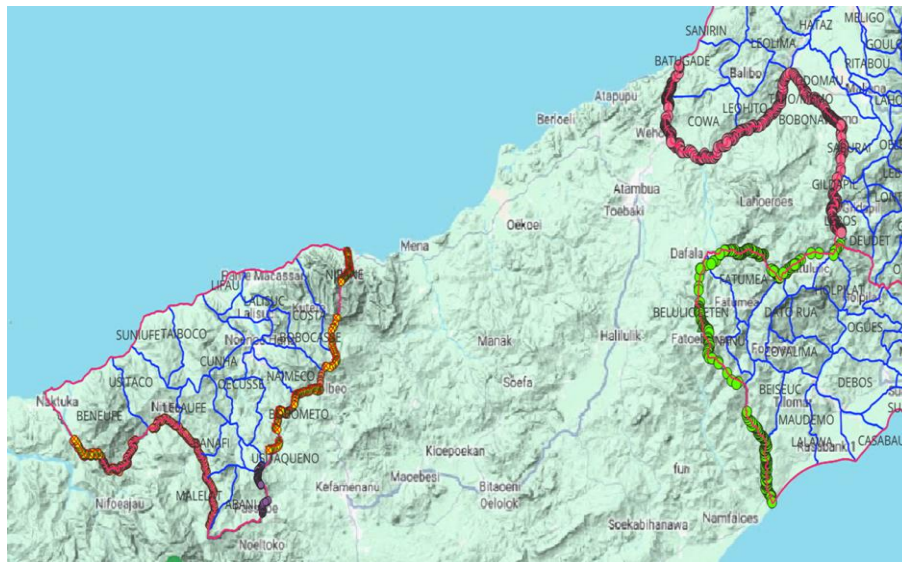
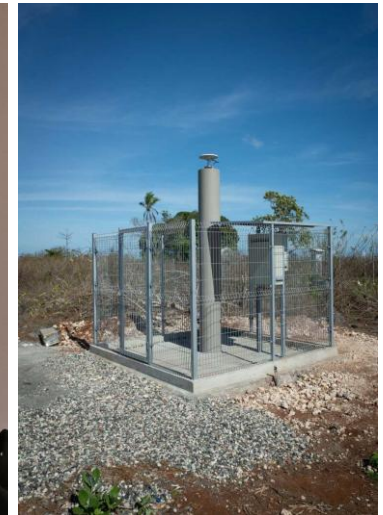
- International boundary with Indonesia
- Established village boundaries

## **3. Infrastructure**

- Roads, subway and bridge
- Irrigations
- Airports and buildings

# State of Geodesy in Timor-Leste

1. CORS was established 8 (blue), and another 8 (red) planned to establishing in 2025
2. Geodetic reference points; 314
3. Protected areas,
4. International boundary



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# Geodesy Challenges in Timor-Leste

- Limited human resource in geodesy and geospatial
- Integrated geospatial data infrastructure
- Data sharing across government and agencies
- National geodetic framework link to global reference system (ITRF)
- Limited use geospatial data in the planning

# Plan and Needs

- \* **International boundary with Indonesia**
- \* **CORS network is still under development**
- \* **We need partnerships support for Capacity building;**
  - geodetic professional
  - surveying
  - GIS specialist
- \* **Partnerships support to set up datum local**



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WHERE?

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# *Geodesy in Japan*

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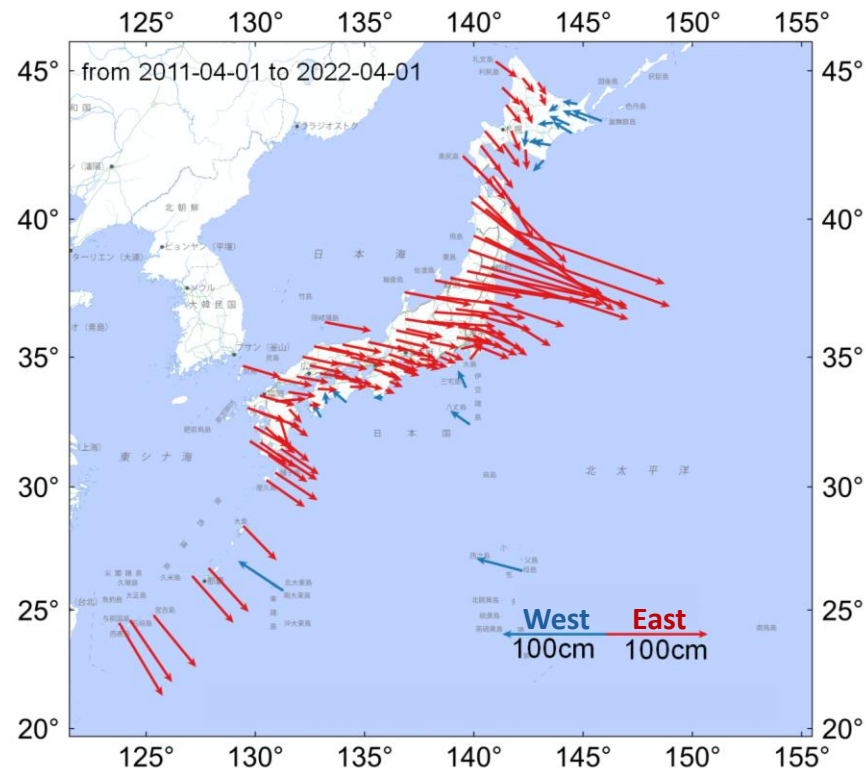
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# Why Geodesy Matters ?

WHY?

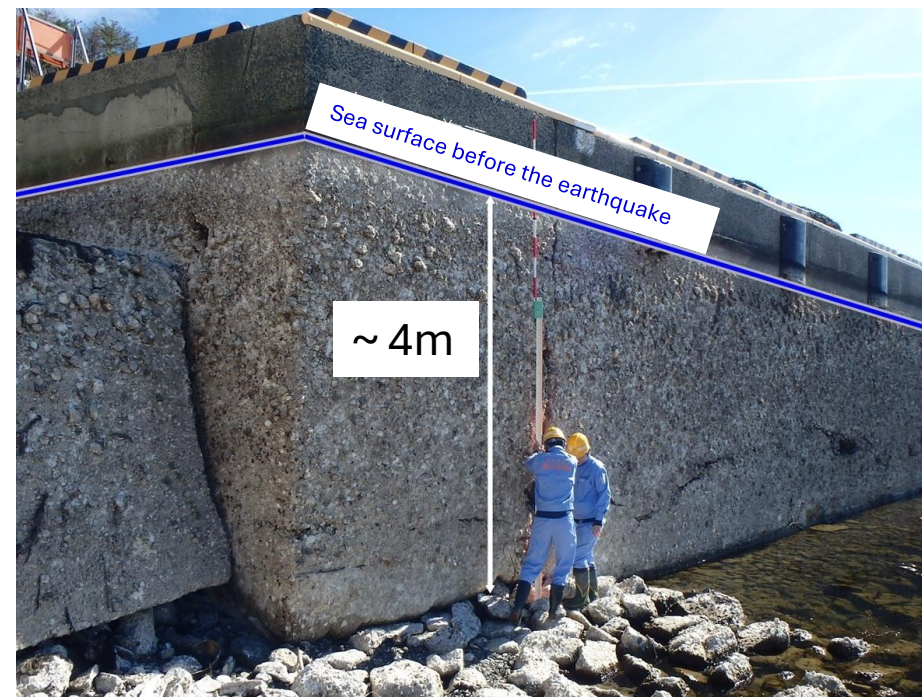
- The Japanese archipelago is frequently affected by natural disasters such as earthquakes and volcano eruptions
- A dense GNSS CORS network has been installed across Japan to monitor these disasters. This network also serves as a key component of the geodetic infrastructure
- Complex crustal movements make it challenging to maintain an accurate reference frame, requiring continuous monitoring

## Crustal movement



## Earthquakes

the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake

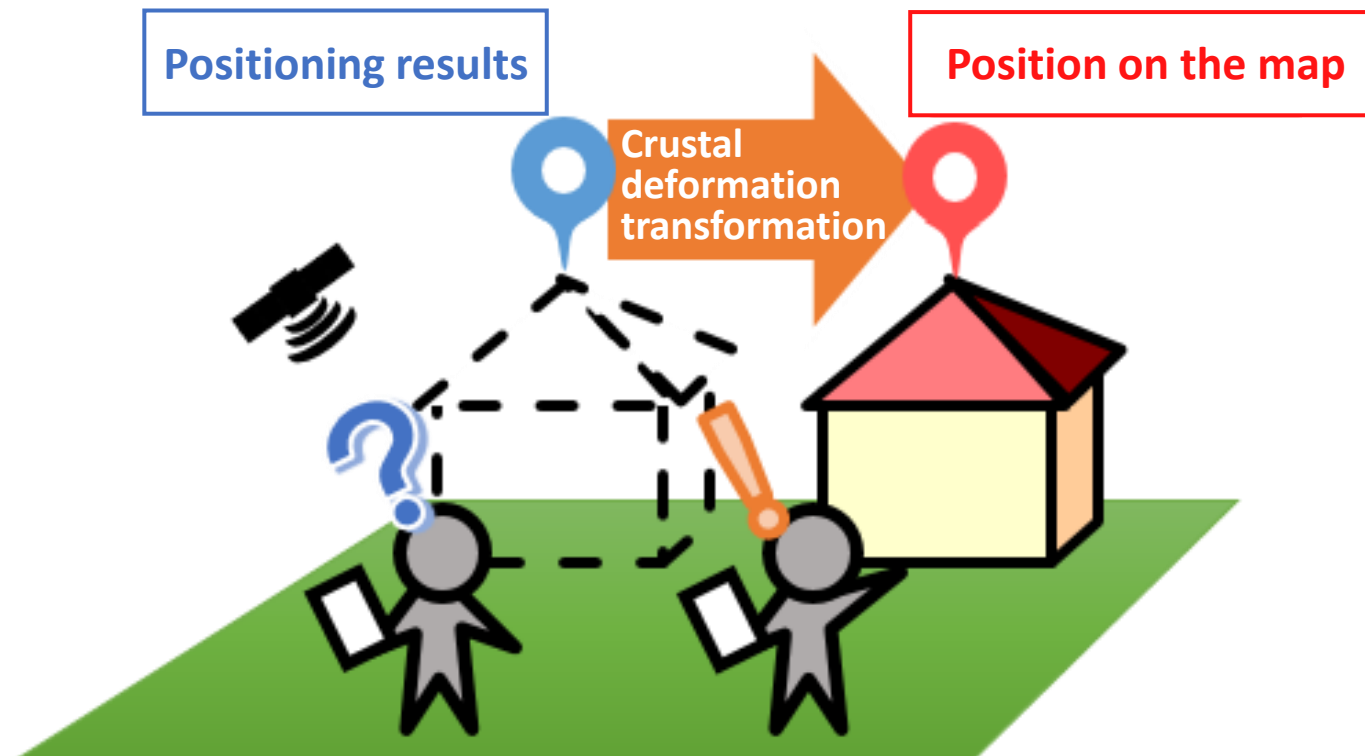


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# Why Geodesy Matters ?

WHY?

- Economic and social activities (construction, cadastral surveys, urban planning...) are based on the map in which positions are fixed at a certain point in the past
- Due to crustal movements, the position shown on maps does not correspond to that obtained by GNSS positioning, and this discrepancy accumulates and expands over time
- To reconcile the difference, “crustal deformation transformation” must be applied to the GNSS positioning data, which is made possible through continuous geodetic observation

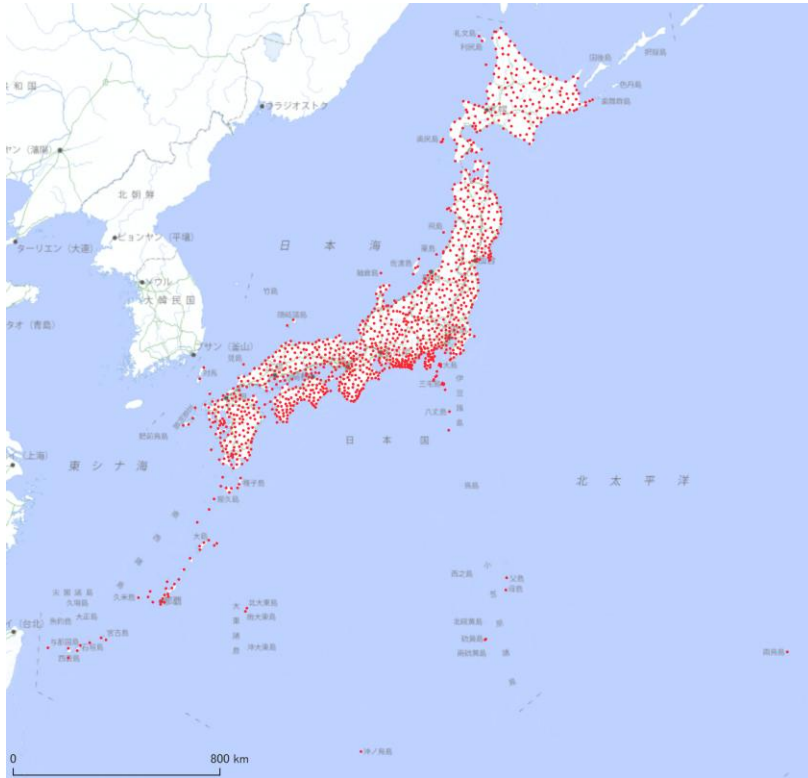


# Why Geodesy Matters ?

HOW?

- GSI operates GNSS CORS network and Ishioka Geodetic Observing Station as geodetic infrastructure

## GNSS CORS network



~1,300 stations at an average interval of ~20 km for crustal deformation monitoring and GNSS surveys

## Ishioka Geodetic Observing Station



VLBI

GNSS

Gravity measurement

**Omni-SLR** (being developed under joint research between Hitotsubashi University and GSI)

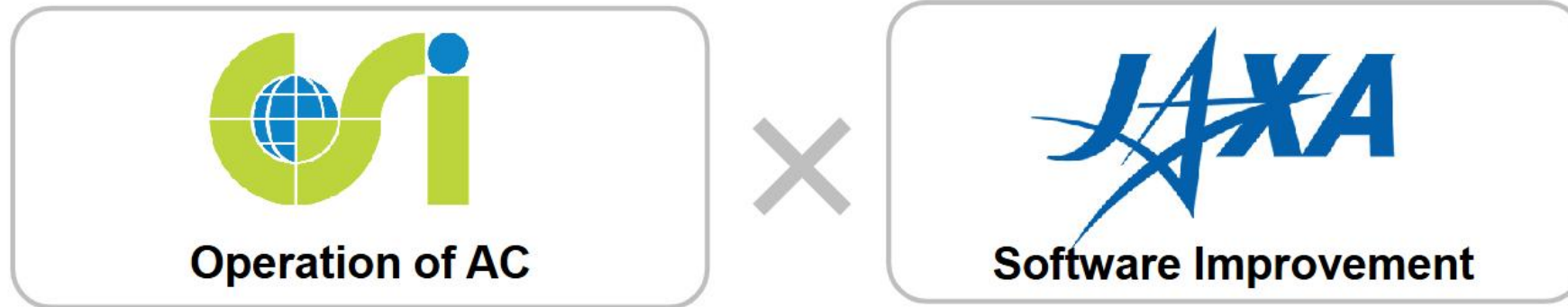


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# Why Geodesy Matters ?

HOW?

- IGS Analysis Center JGX (Japan, GSI, JAXA) has started its operation since Dec 2023
- They analyze daily precise ephemeris and contribute to IGS operational products



Institution	Abbreviation	Country/Region
Natural Resources Canada	EMR	Canada
Wuhan University	WHU	China
Geodetic Observatory Pecny	GOP-RIGTC	Czech Republic
Space geodesy team of the CNES	GRG	France
European Space Agency/ESOC	ESA/ESOC	Germany
GeoForschungsZentrum	GFZ	Germany
<b>Geospacial Information Authority of Japan and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency</b>	<b>JGX</b>	<b>Japan</b>
Center for Orbit Determination in Europe	CODE	Switzerland
Jet Propulsion Laboratory	JPL	USA
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	MIT	USA
NOAA/National Geodetic Survey	NGS	USA
Scripps Institution of Oceanography	SIO	USA
U.S. Naval Observatory	USNO	USA



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# What's Next / Call to Action

WHAT?

## Problems:

- Limited user awareness of GGSC vulnerabilities
- Insufficient operational sustainability of GGSC
  - \* GNSS CORS has been developed with supplementary budget after big earthquakes
  - Update of CORS stations is largely covered with special budgets for national resilience

## Needs:

- Raise awareness among users and decision-makers
- Develop a sustainable business model



“... promote maintenance and update of the national basic geospatial information infrastructure such as **GNSS CORS** and 3D Digital Japan Basic Map.”

The word “GNSS CORS” has been mentioned for the first time in “Basic Policy on Economic and Fiscal Management and Reform” by the Cabinet Decision in 2025

システムの開発を進める。  
「デジタルライフライン全国総合整備計画」<sup>6)</sup>及び企業・業種横断のデータ基盤・システム連携のプラットフォーム構築（ウラノス・エコシステム）を推進し、DXを通じた社会課題の解決とイノベーションを後押しする。  
幅広い分野の生産性向上や新たな経済成長を生み出すために、各分野の新技术を支える共通基盤である地理空間情報（G空間情報）の充実や利活用を進めるとともに、正確なG空間情報をもたらす礎となる電子基準点や電子国土基本図の3次元化などの国土情報基盤の整備・更新を強力に進める。これらの共通基盤の上でDXを面的に進める観点から、広域・横断的・総合的に、G空間情報や国土情報基盤を活用した新技术の社会実装を強力に推進する。

<sup>6)</sup> 温室効果ガス（Greenhouse Gas）

<sup>7)</sup> アジアや欧米の民間金融機関により2021年9月に立ち上げられたアジア・トランジション・ファイナンス・スタディ・グループ。アジアの金融当局や金融機関の参加を得て2024年10月に設立されたアジアGXコンソーシアムに関する詳細を参照。



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# *Thank you*

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**Sri Lanka**

# Geodesy in Sri Lanka

WHERE?

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## Key Components:

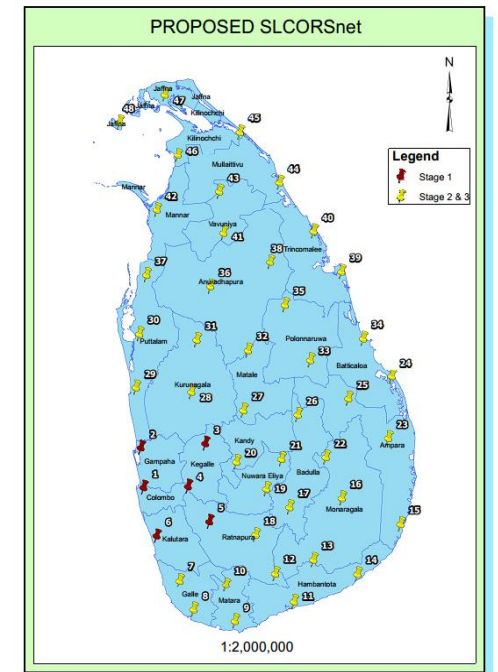
- **Survey Department of Sri Lanka (SDSL):** Central authority for geodetic infrastructure.
- **Sri Lanka Geodetic Datum (SLD99):** Adopted as the national horizontal reference frame.
- **CORS Network (SLCORSnet):** Enables precise GNSS positioning across the country. Currently covering the western part of the country

## Applications:

- Urban planning & land administration
- Disaster management & sea-level monitoring
- Infrastructure development (roads, dams, etc.)
- GPS/GNSS navigation & surveying

## International Collaboration:

- **UN-GGIM** initiatives
- Cooperation with IGS & other regional geodetic networks



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# Why Geodesy Matters ?

WHY?

## Strategic Importance:

- **Island Nation** exposed to **tsunamis, coastal erosion, and sea-level rise**
- Dense infrastructure & transport require **precise positioning systems**

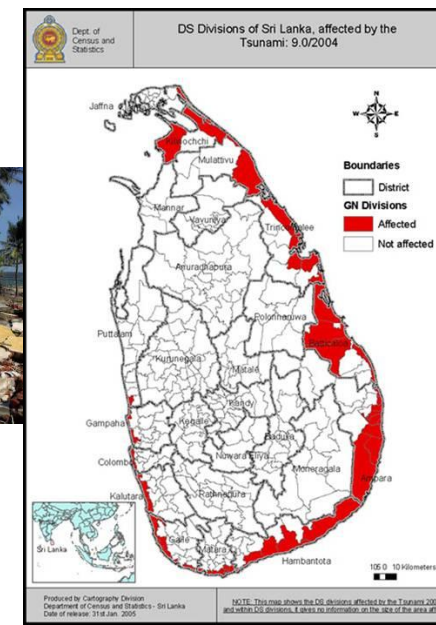
## Critical Applications:

- **Infrastructure Development:** Accurate GNSS surveying for roads, rail, and smart cities
- **Disaster Risk Reduction:** Tsunami early warning systems rely on geodetic GPS & tide gauge data
- **Sea-Level Monitoring:** Detects coastal changes impacting fisheries, tourism, and low-lying communities
- **Navigation & Mapping:** Supports aviation, marine routes, and logistics with high-precision GNSS

## Real-World Example:

### 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami

- Lack of real-time geodetic monitoring delayed early warning
- Led to over **30,000 Sri Lankan lives lost**
- Post-2004: Sri Lanka invested in **CORS stations, tide gauges, GNSS networks** to prevent future disasters



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# State of Geodesy in Sri Lanka

## **Key Achievement:**

### **Establishment of the SL-CORS Network to the entire country**

- Provides **centimeter-level positioning accuracy**
- Supports surveying, agriculture, construction & navigation across the country

## **Major Challenge:**

### **Lack of a Modern National Vertical Datum/ Geoid Model**

- Limits precision in **elevation data**, affecting flood modeling, infrastructure design, and coastal planning
- Strengthening geodetic systems is vital for resilience, development, and smart decision-making in Sri Lanka.

# What's Next / Call to Action

WHAT?

## Priority Areas:

### Capacity-Building

- Train professionals in GNSS, geodetic data analysis, and geospatial technologies
- Invest in university programs and continuous professional development

### Policy & Institutional Support

- Update legal frameworks to integrate modern geodetic standards
- Establish national guidelines for data sharing and GNSS infrastructure use

### Regional & Global Coordination

- Collaborate with **UN-GGIM, IGS, and SAARC geospatial initiatives**
- Join **regional GNSS and sea-level monitoring networks** for disaster preparedness

### Future Goal:

Develop a **fully integrated geodetic infrastructure** aligned with international standards to support **climate resilience, smart development, and digital governance**

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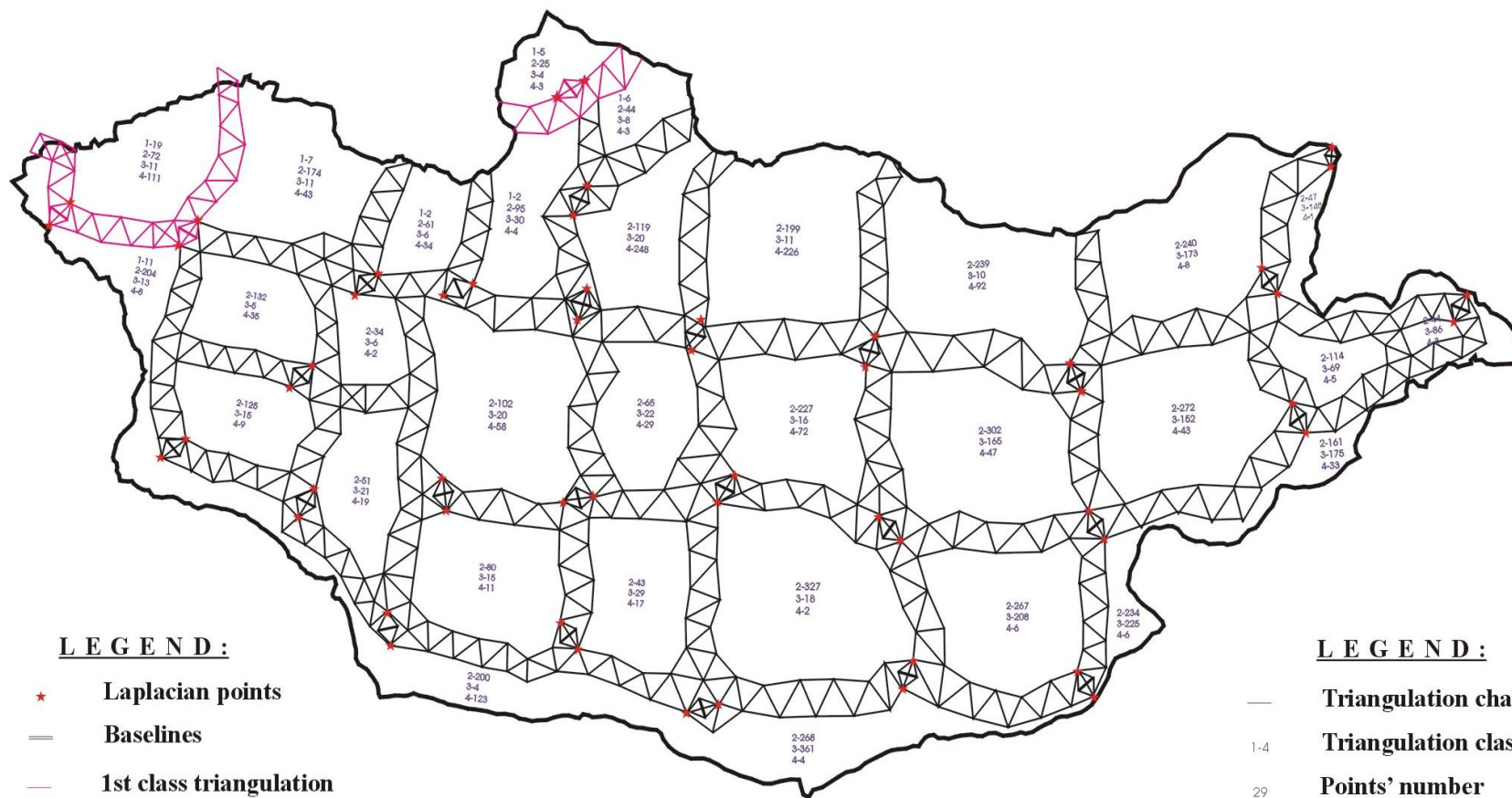
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# MONGOLIAN GEODETIC NETWORK



**TRIANGULATION  
 NETWORK  
 1936-1965**

ABOUT **15000** POINTS

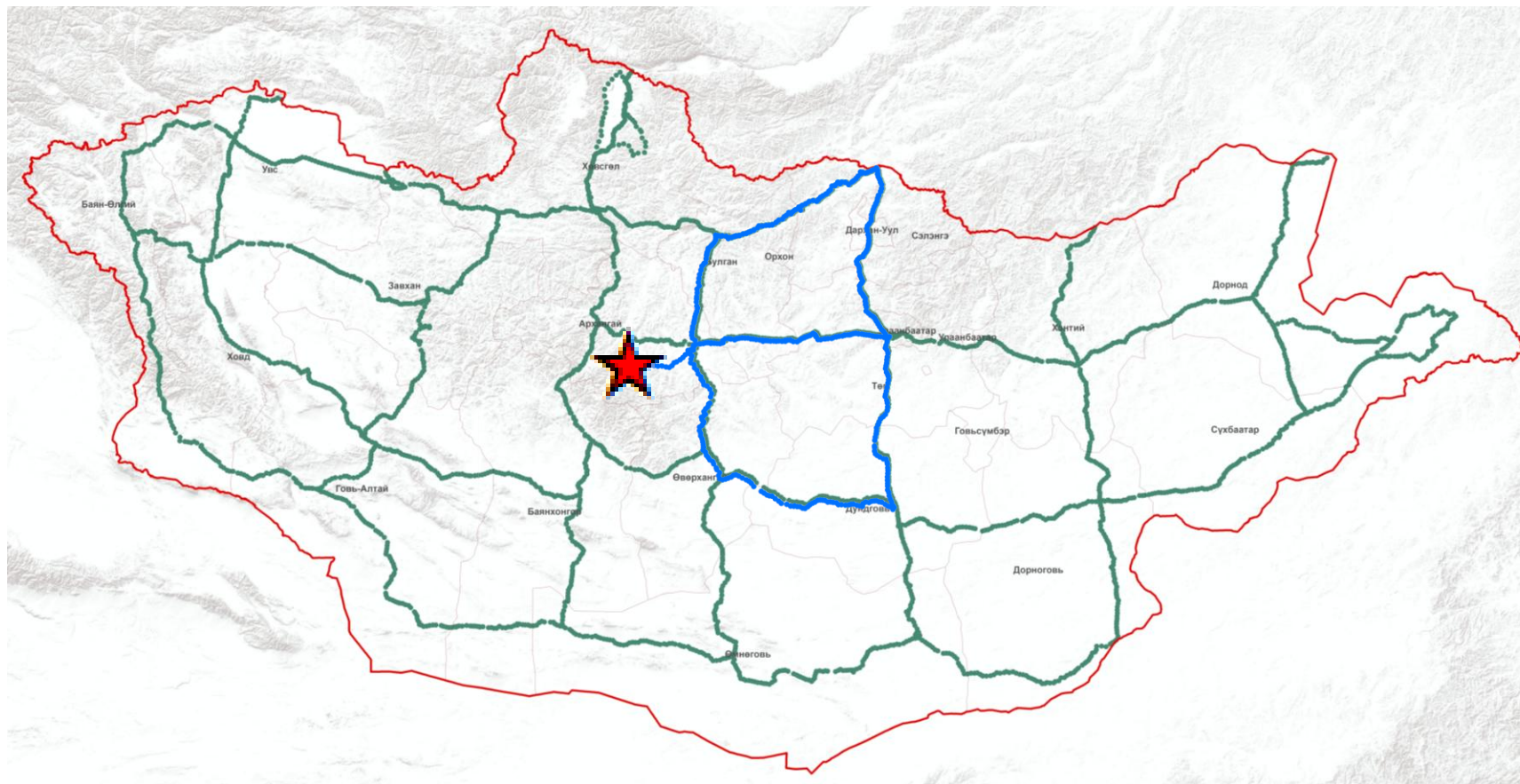
**LEGEND :**

- ★ Laplacian points
- Baselines
- 1st class triangulation

**LEGEND :**

- Triangulation chain
- 1-4 Triangulation classes
- 29 Points' number

# MONGOLIAN GEODETIC NETWORK

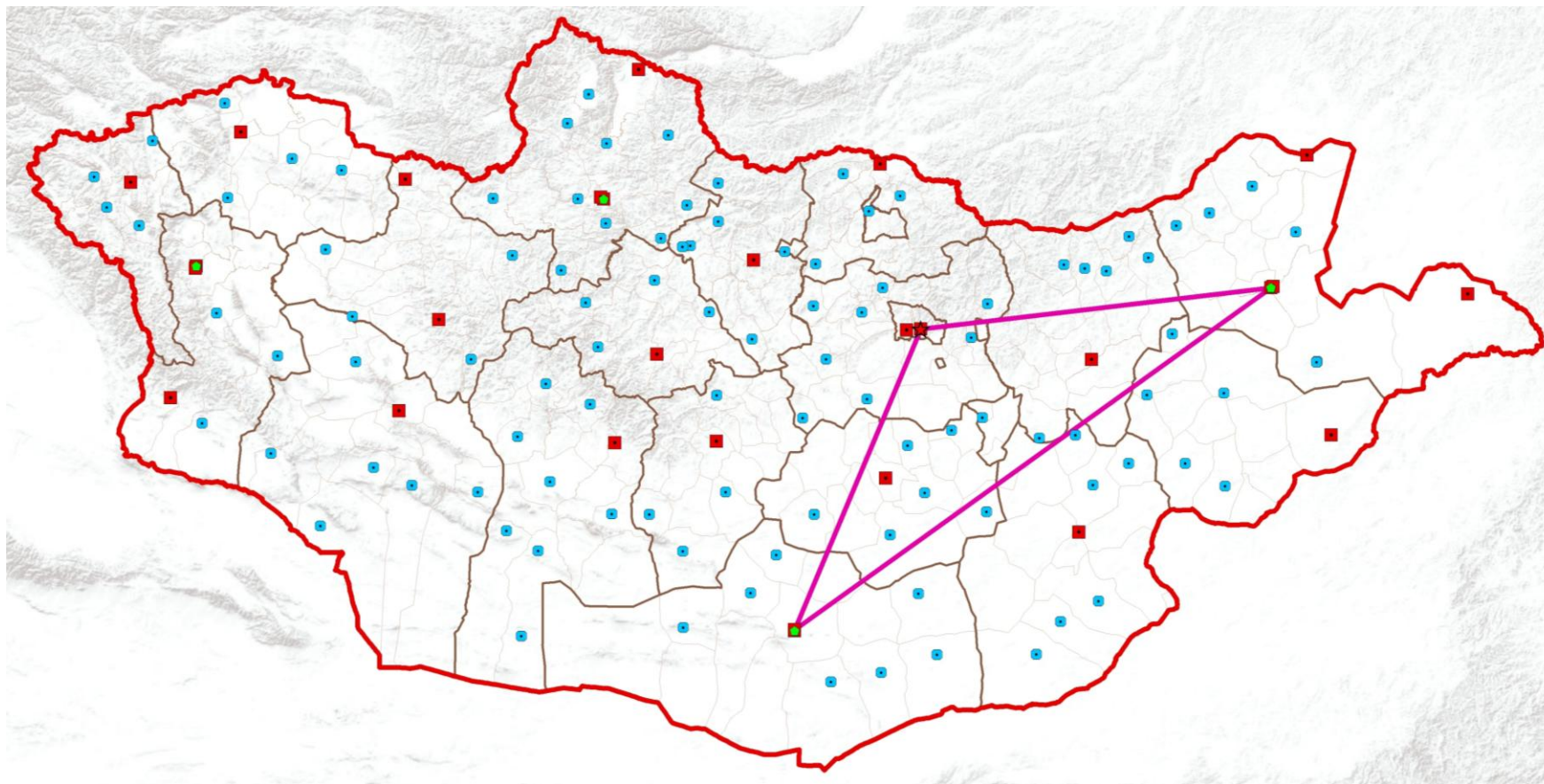


## LEVELING NETWORK 1936-1954 II CLASS 2014-2024 I CLASS

- Datum point of Mongolia was established in Tsetserleg city of Arkhangai aimag in 2019.
- Datum point was connected to 1st class leveling network in 2022-2023.



# MONGOLIAN GEODETIC NETWORK

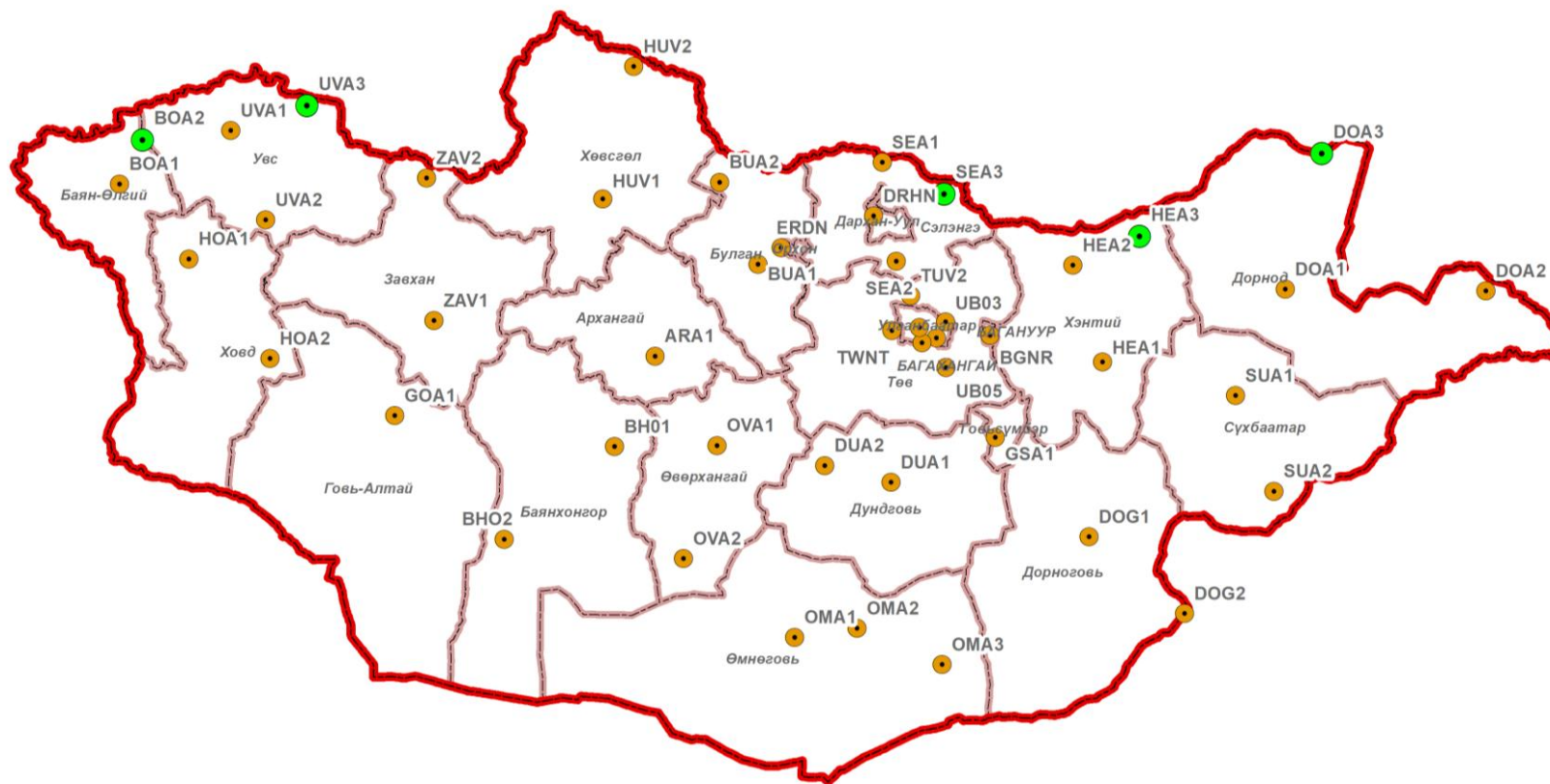


## GRAVITY NETWORK 1983-1989

- 1st class Gravity network established in 1983-1985: **31 points**
- 2nd class Gravity network established in 1985-1989: **103 points**



# MONGOLIAN GEODETIC NETWORK

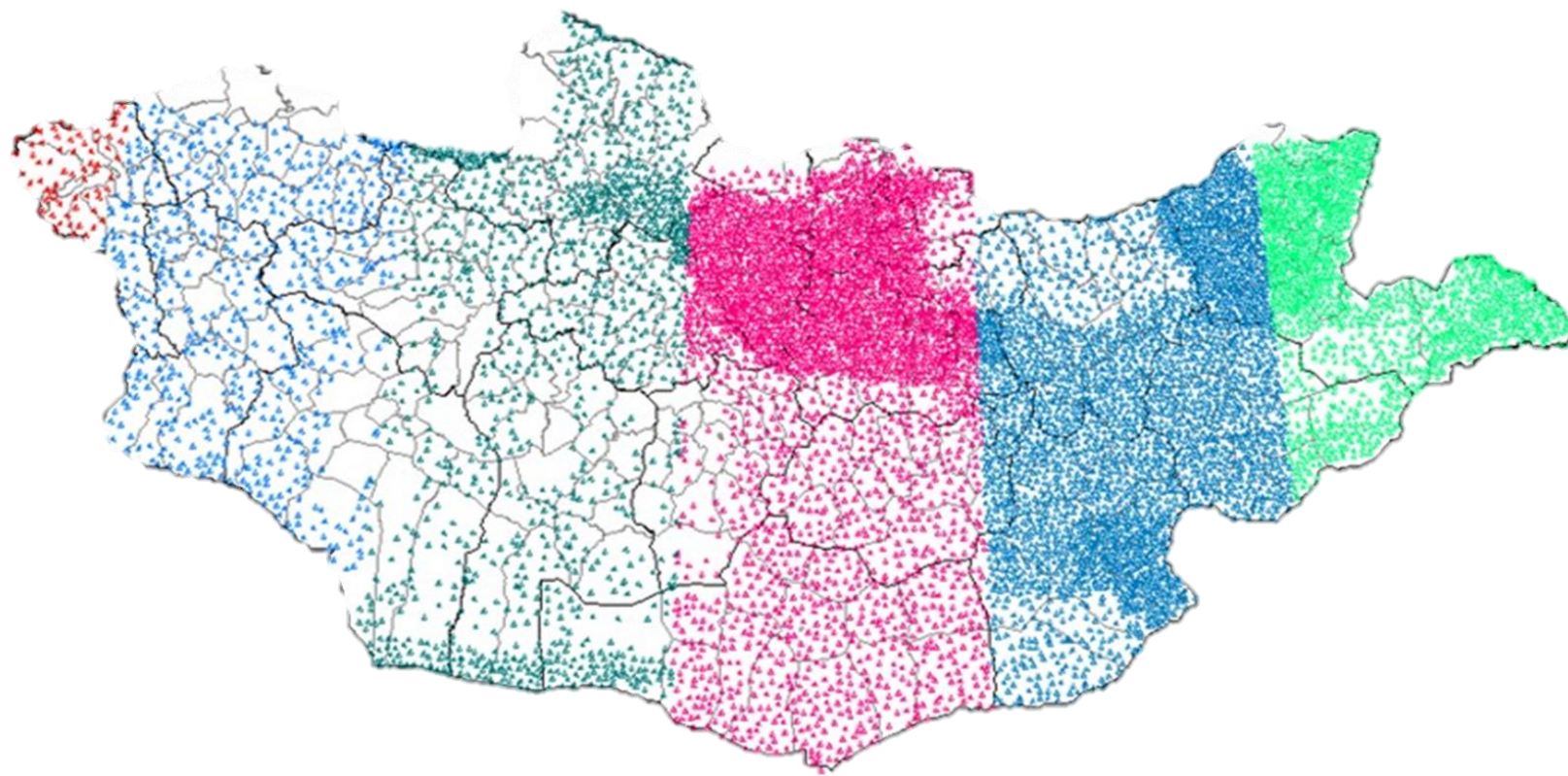


## GNSS-CORS NETWORK 2010-2024

First GNSS-CORS  
established in **2005**

**NOW- 48 CORS LOCATION:**  
ULAANBAATAR – 6  
PROVINCE CENTER– 21  
SOUM AND VILLAGE– 16

# MONGOLIAN GEODETIC NETWORK



**GEODETIC POINT  
1936-2024**

GEODETIC PERMANENT POINT  
– **22977**

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# MONGOLIAN GEODETIC NETWORK INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

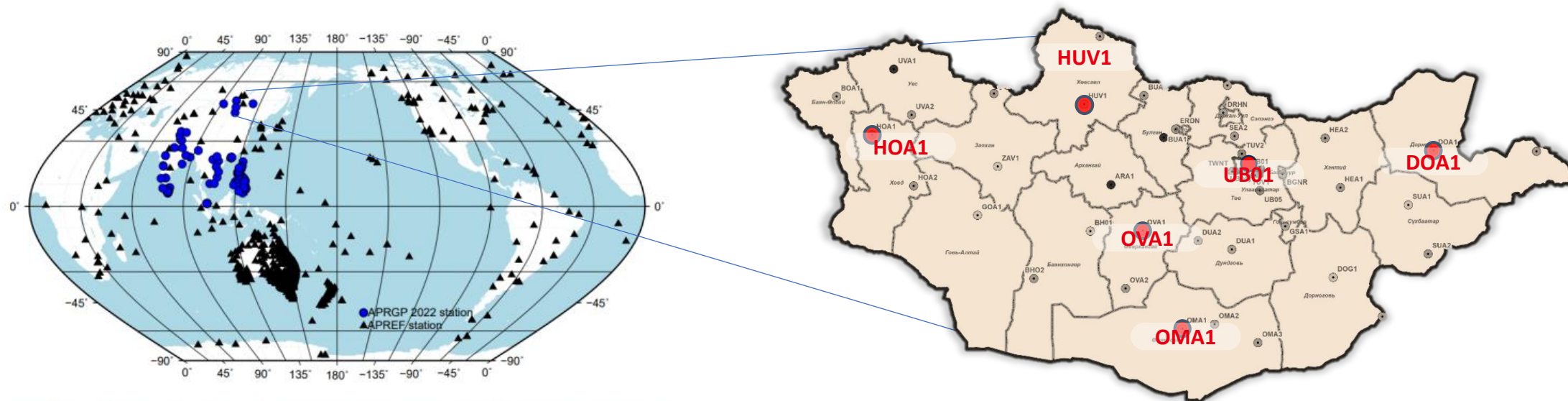


Figure 1 APRGP stations in the APRGP 2022 GPS campaign analysis along with the APREF stations and IGS stations, blue circles are APRGP campaign sites, and black triangles are APREF stations.

## APRGP – Asian Pacific Region Geodetic Project

Mongolia joined the campaign since  
 1999 - 2023

Station	LONGITUDE (DMS)			1 std (m)	LATITUDE (DMS)			1 std (m)	ELLIPSOID HEIGHT (m)	1 std (m)
DOA1	114	31	26.08757	0.0003	48	4	28.00265	0.0004	731.6646	0.0011
HOA1	91	40	5.64190	0.0003	48	0	31.57610	0.0003	1378.6624	0.0010
HUV1	100	9	57.06656	0.0003	49	38	9.81222	0.0004	1243.4418	0.0012
OMA1	104	22	14.62723	0.0003	43	36	19.29986	0.0004	1416.5275	0.0011
OVA1	102	46	39.02807	0.0003	46	15	59.73632	0.0003	1816.9366	0.0008

# DENSIFYING GNSS-CORS NETWORK

## 1. CURRENT SITUATION



**AGENCY GNSS-CORS 48**

## 2. DECISION

THE FEASIBILITY STUDY REVISED AND APPROVED IN 2023

**Planned  
 GNSS-CORS  
 20**



**REQUIRED  
 BUDGET  
 750'000 USD**

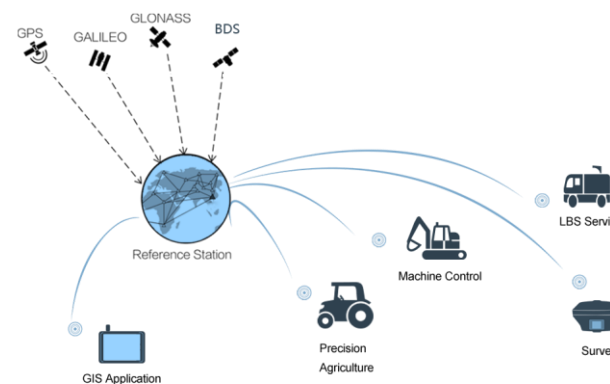
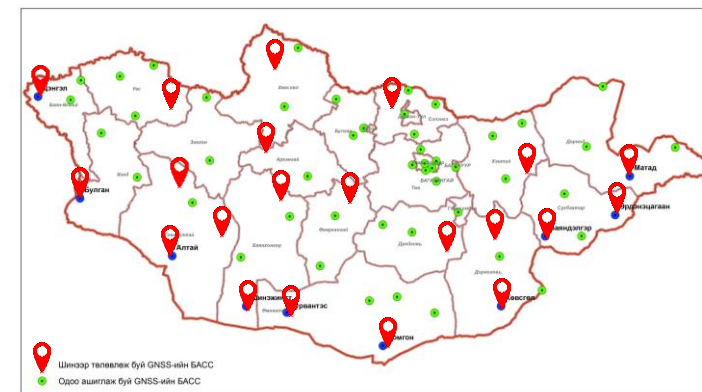
**JOIN THE NEW CORS  
 to IGS**



## 3. RESULT AND SIGNIFICANCE

**GOVERNMENT  
 RESOLUTION  
 (No 267) in 2022**

- ITRF2020 coordinate system
- UTM mapping projection
- Baltic Sea level height system

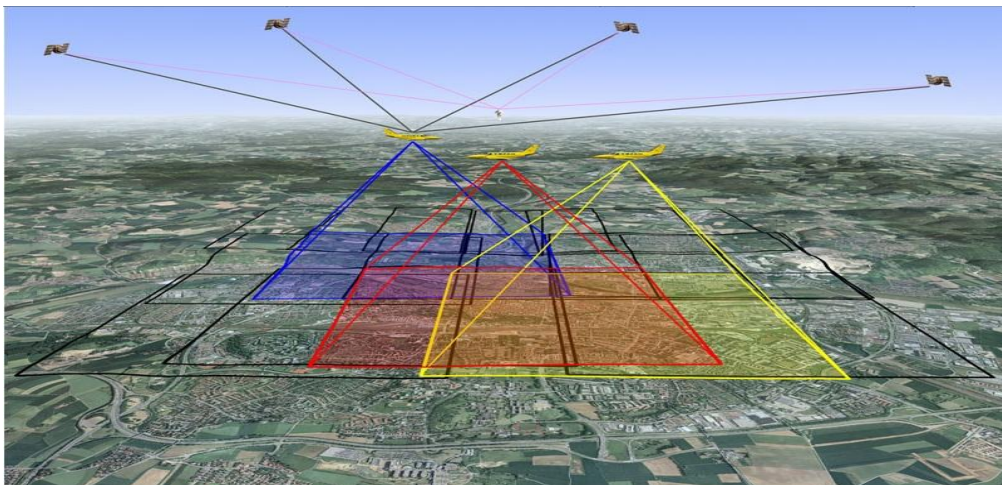


The adoption of advanced technology will enhance the productivity of around **300** individuals and organizations in the surveying and mapping sector, while lowering labor costs and boosting economic returns.

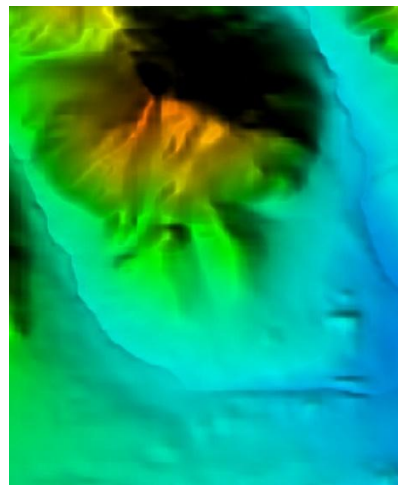
Expanding ground stations receiving navigation satellite data will enhance the positional accuracy of the national geodetic network to within **2 cm**, supporting precise geodetic surveys and mapping operations.

# MONGOLIAN TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING (1:25000)

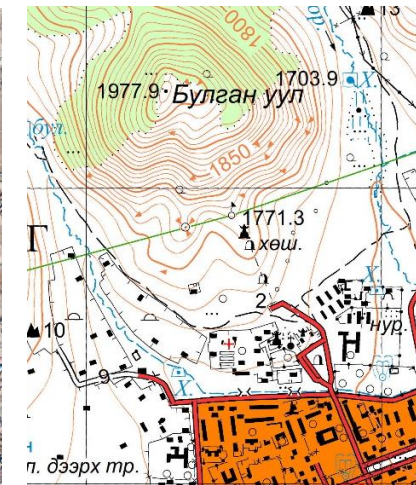
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Model (DEM)



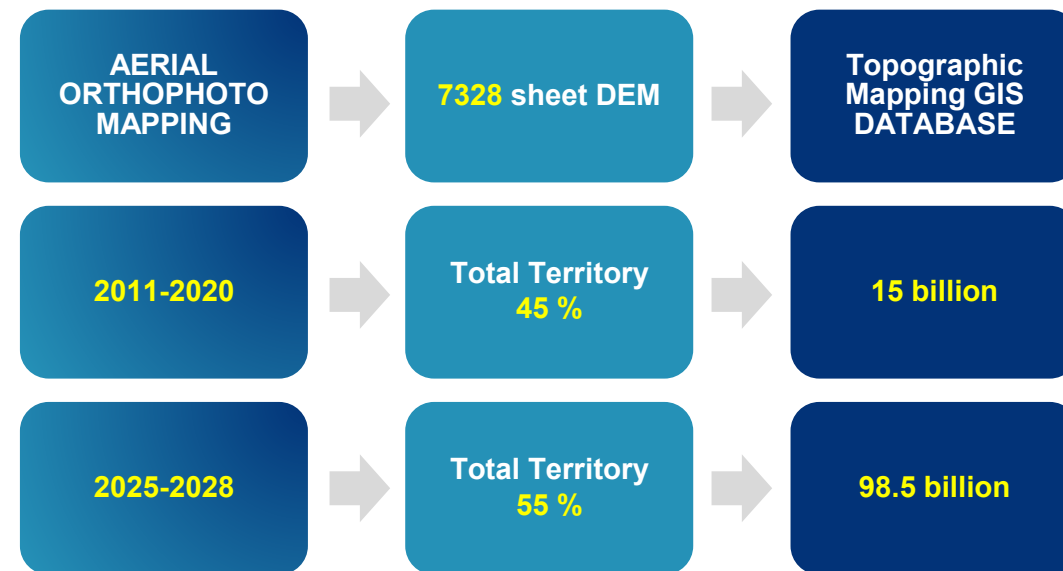
2. Aerial orthophoto  
mapping



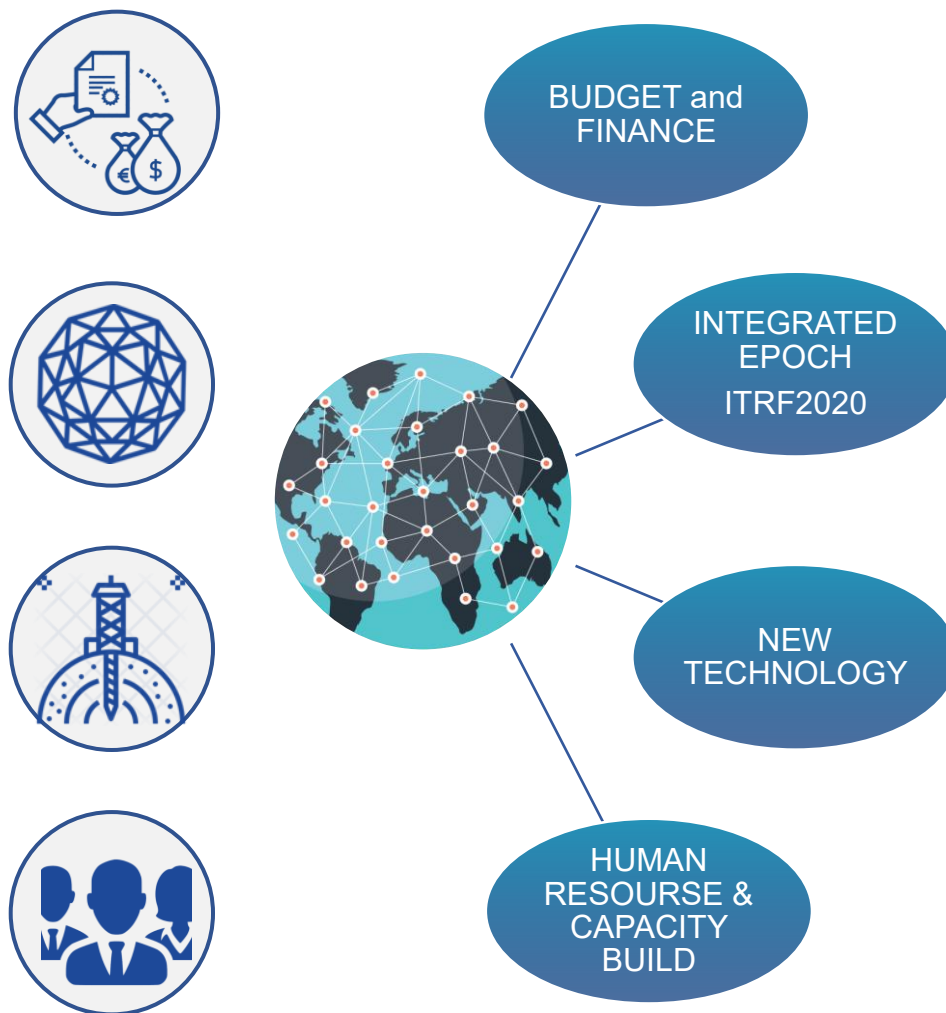
3. Digital Topographic  
Mapping



# MONGOLIAN TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING (1:25000)



# CHALLENGES in MONGOLIA



- GNSS-CORS **2.5 billion**
- GRAVITY NETWORK – **13.6 billion**
- LEVELING NETWORK – **18.2 billion**
- TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING - **97.5 billion**

- MONREF97- local
- ITRF2008 – private
- ITRF2014 – research
- ITRF2020 – public

- MAINTENANCE – 48 GNSS-CORS
- ADD CONSTELLATION SYSTEM SERVICE – (GALILEO, BEIDOU, QZSS) in ALL CORS
- GNSS NAVIGATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICE

- UNIVERSITIES' GEODESY TEACHING STAFF'S TRAINING
- TO INCREASE CREDIT IN GEODESY STUDY PROGRAM IN THE UNIVERSITIES
- SHORT AND LONG-TERM TRAINING FOR GOVERNMENT SPECIALISTS



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CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

June ..th, 2025

**ZOLZAYA LKHAMSUREN**  
General Authority for Land Administration,  
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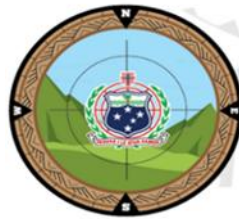
Geodesy country reports - SAMOA

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# Geodesy in SAMOA



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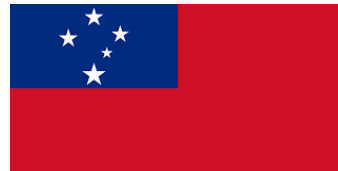
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National Mapping(MNRE)

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# Why Geodesy Matters for Samoa

- 1. Samoa Geodetic Reference System** – upgrade of Horizontal and Vertical Geodetic Control Network
- 2. Land Administration and Cadastral Survey** - accurate boundary survey and land registration
- 3. National Mapping** - topographic maps of Samoa
- 4. Infrastructure Development** - construction of road, seawall, bridges
- 5. Disaster Management** - disaster risk reduction and emergency responses
- 6. Climate Change Resilience** - sea level rise monitoring

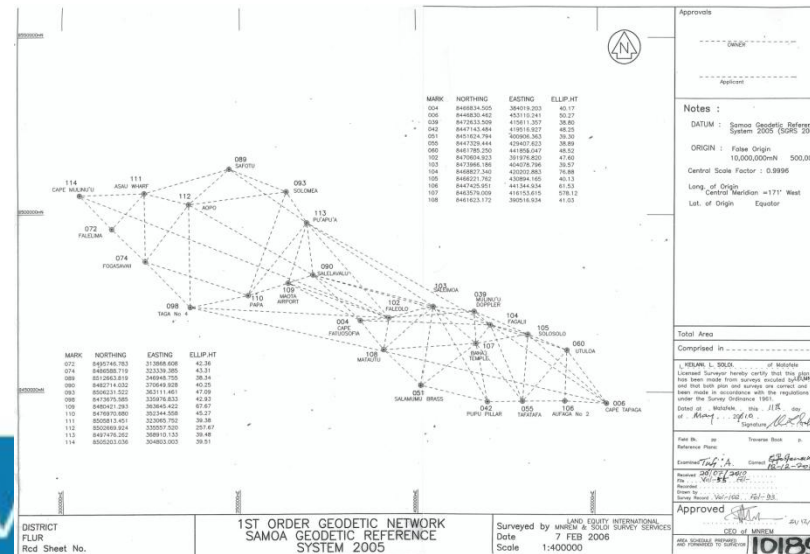


# The State of Geodesy in Samoa

1. One CORS Station - Geoscience Australia
2. International Terrestrial Reference Frame 2000
3. Outdated Horizontal and Vertical Control – need upgrade
4. Outdate topographic map – need upgrade
5. No geoid model – precise elevation
6. Funding constrain – equipment's and infrastructure



The Samoan Geodetic Reference System	
<b>Horizontal Datum</b>	Samoa Geodetic Reference System 2005 (SGRS2005)
<b>Reference Frame</b>	International Terrestrial Reference Frame 2000 (ITRF2000)
<b>Epoch</b>	2016.0
<b>Ellipsoid</b>	GRS80
<b>Semi-major axis (a)</b>	6,378,137.0 metres
<b>Inverse flattening (1/f)</b>	298.257222101
Reference Frame - The Samoa Geodetic Reference System 2005 is realised by the coordinates of the following high precision fundamental geodetic stations referred to the GRS80 ellipsoid determined within the International Terrestrial Reference Frame 2000 (ITRF2000) at the epoch of 2016.0.	
<b>102 – Falcolo CGPS</b>	Latitude S 13° 49' 55.95916" Longitude W 171° 59' 58.32189" Ellipsoidal Ht 47.600m
<b>104 – Fagalii CGPS</b>	Latitude S 13° 50' 57.14900" Longitude W 171° 44' 18.34120" Ellipsoidal Ht 76.875m



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1ST ORDER GEODETIC NETWORK  
SAMOA GEODETIC REFERENCE  
SYSTEM 2005

Surveyed by UN-GEI & SOCS SURVEY SERVICES  
Date 7 FEB 2008  
Scale 1:400000

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# What's Next / Call to Action

1. Government support
2. Establish new CORS stations around Samoa islands
3. Control Centre for geodetic data
4. Capacity Building – technical training
5. Policy Support – develop a national geodetic data policy
6. Funding support – CORS station (equipment's, site conditions and operational requirements)
7. Regional coordination



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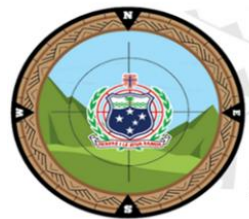
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# A Part of Geodesy in Thailand

## Presenters:



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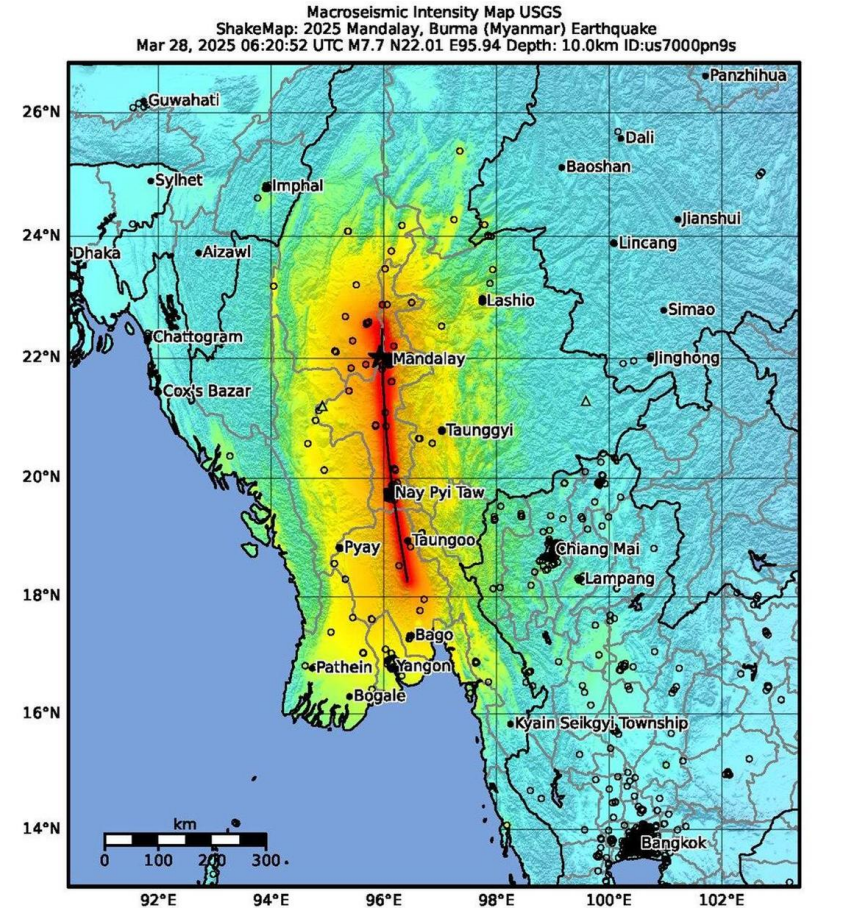


# Why Geodesy Matters

The Royal Thai Survey Department (RTSD) is central to,



- Enabling Accurate Mapping and Land Management
- Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation
- Infrastructure Development and Engineering
- Scientific Research and Environmental Monitoring
- Enhanced Data Sharing and Integration



SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
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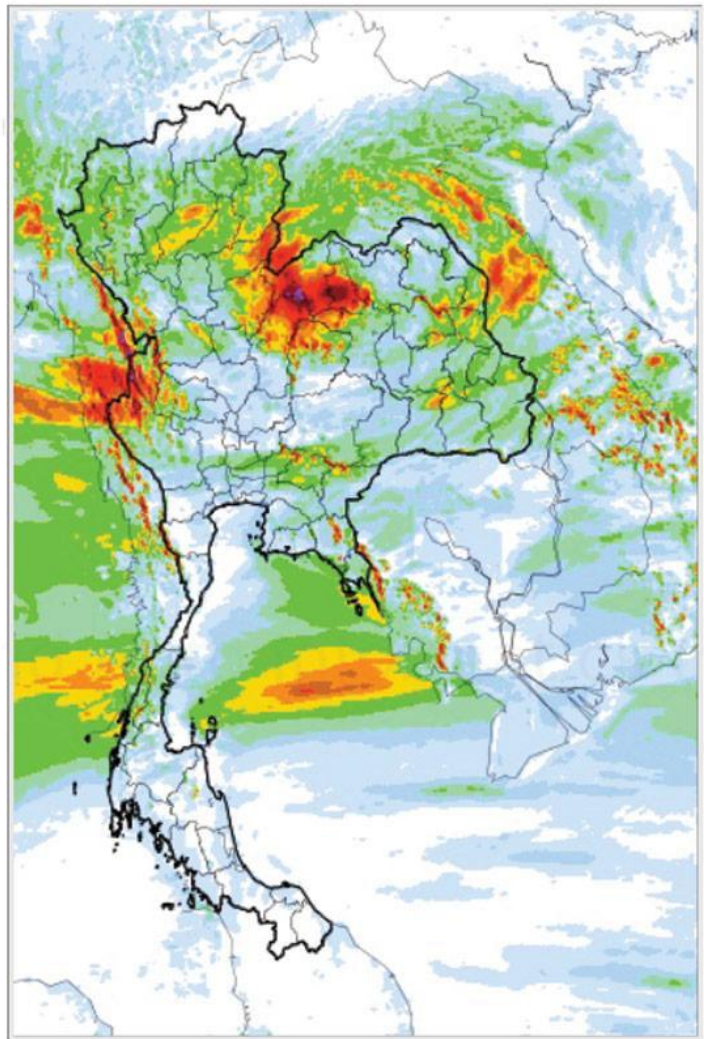
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# The State of Geodesy

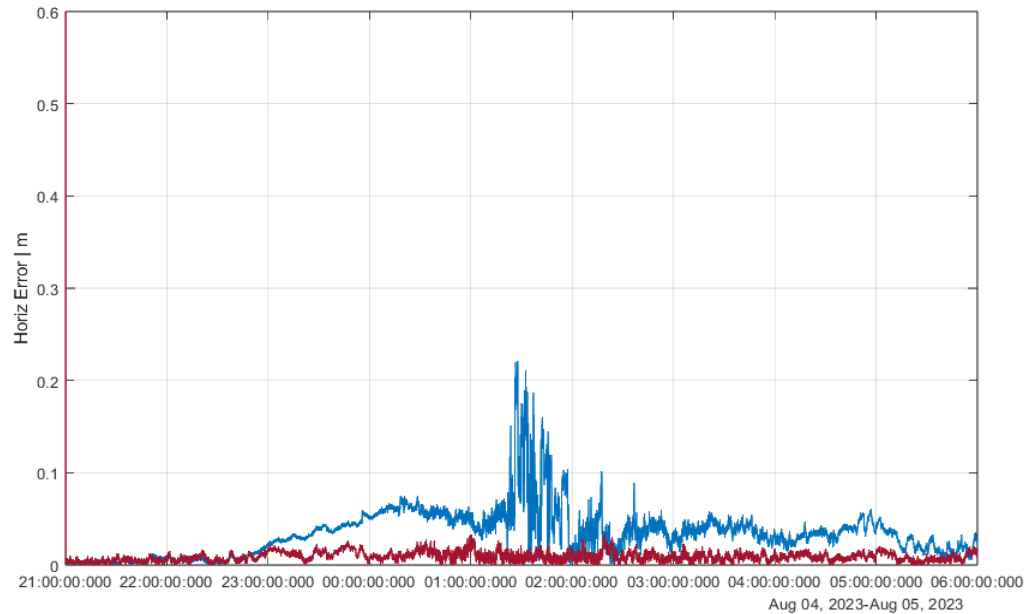


- Established CORS (Continuously Operating Reference Stations of various government agencies across the country)
  - Network of permanent, ground-based stations equipped with GNSS
- National CORS Data Center
  - Provide services by integrating data from CORS,
    1. Network Real Time Kinematics surveying
    2. Satellite data service for continuous navigation of the coordinate reference station
    3. Post processing service
- By-product: Applied for water volume and humidity calculations, supporting the weather and flood forecasting models

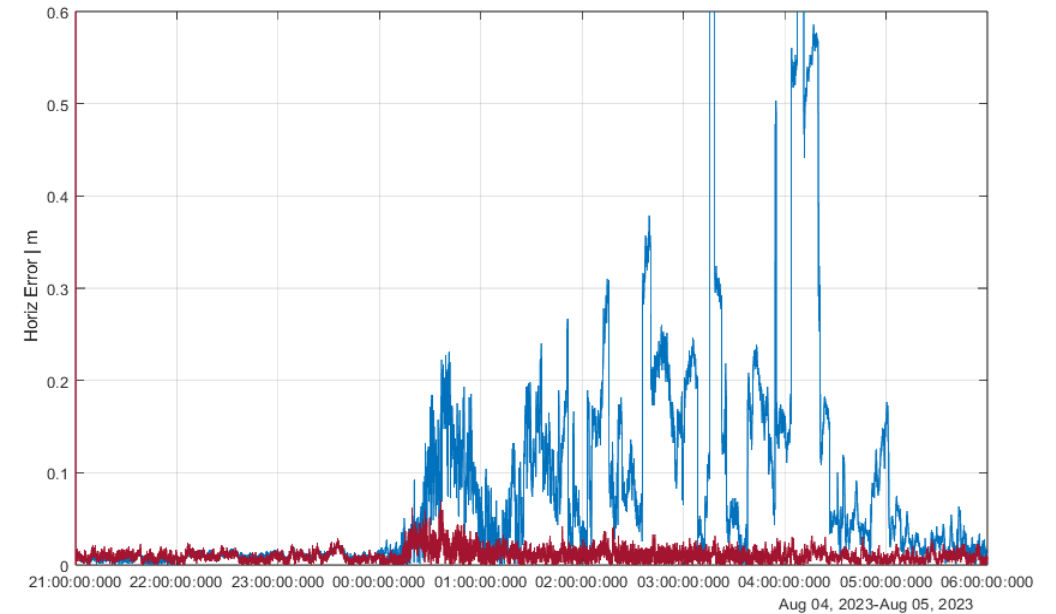
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Examples (single-base)

Brazil



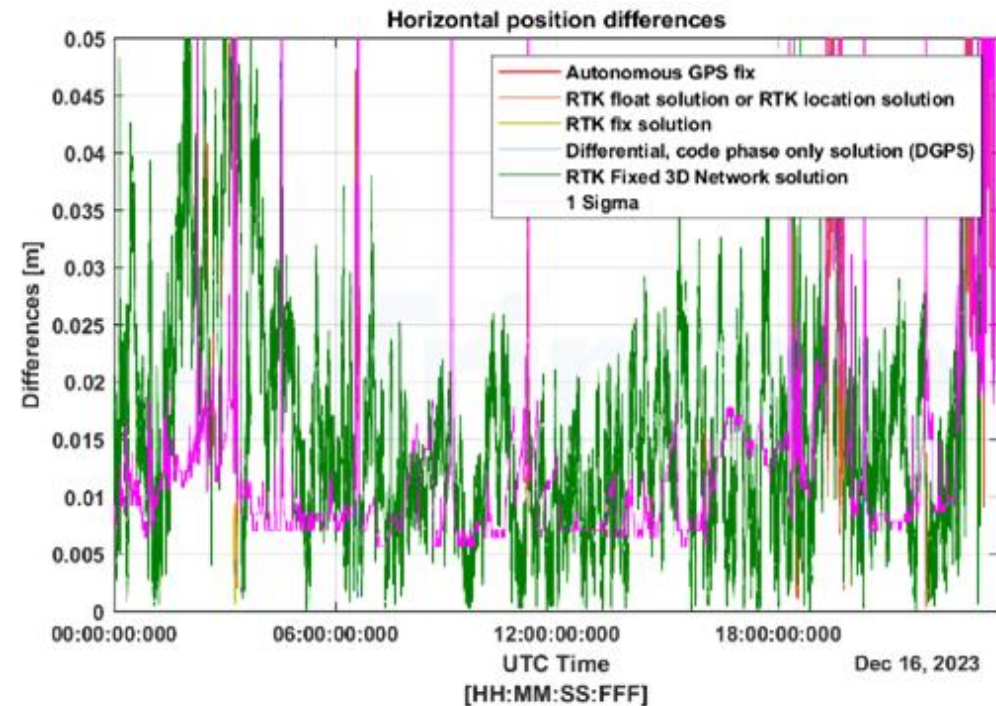
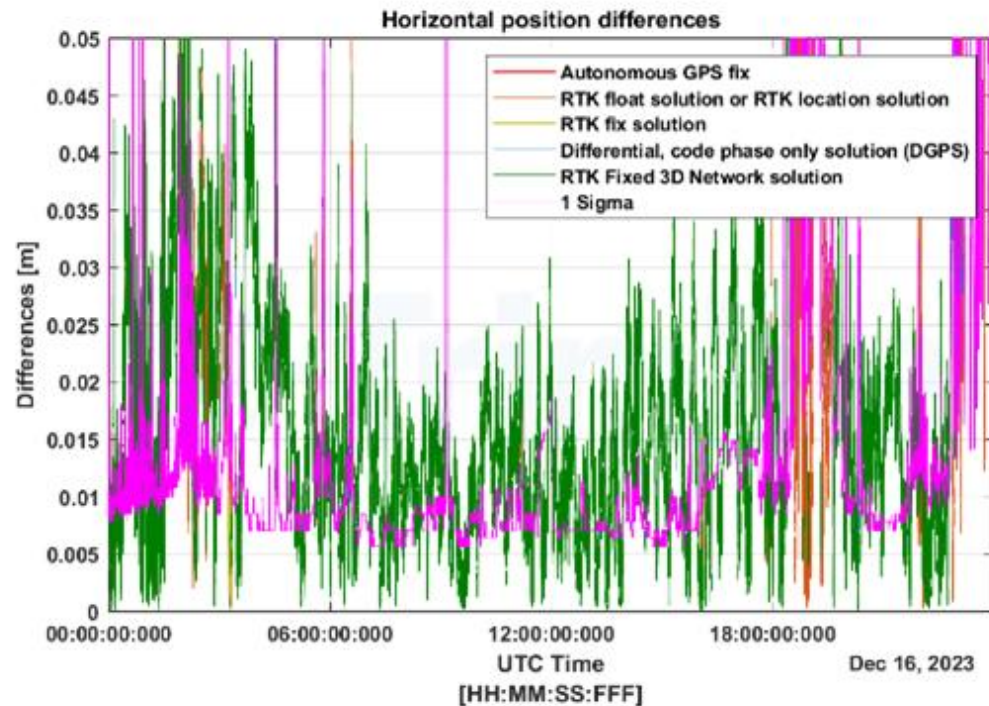
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# Trimble IonoGuard™ in Pivot

Test results during high iono activity (in Brazil) - Dec. 16, 2023

- 95% horizontal: 0.102m (IonoGuard **disabled**) / 0.047m (IonoGuard **enabled**)





# Thai National Radio Astronomy Observatory



- 40 km away toward NE from NARIT head quarters
- Site is a part of Huai Hong Khrai Royal Development Study Center
- Radio Quiet Zone: less RFI, & Relatively lower water vapor area



# The 40 m Thai National Radio Telescope (TNRT) since 2022~



**L-band**  
(1.0-1.8 GHz)

**K-band**  
(18-26.5 GHz)



“Upgraded” version of IGN’s Yebes 40-m Radio Telescope

With Prime-Focus Tetrapod Head Unit (THU)



**0.3 – 115 GHz** : **P/L/C/X/Ku/K/Q/W**-bands

150  $\mu\text{m}$  (rms) total surface accuracy

Beam size: 13.4 arcsec – 1.43 degree

Pointing: 2" (no wind), 6" (5 m/s wind)

Slew: AZ 3 deg/s, EL 1 deg/s



# Grand Opening of VLBI Global Observing System (VGOS) telescope in Chiang Mai, on **16 May 2025!!**



Apichat Leckngam



In collaboration with **Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China**



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# แผนดำเนินการติดตั้งกล้องโทรทรรศน์วิทยุแบบวิกอสในประเทศไทย

## Thai VLBI Network (TVN), Phase 1



### กล้องโทรทรรศน์วิทยุแห่งชาติ

Thai National Radio Telescope (TNRT)

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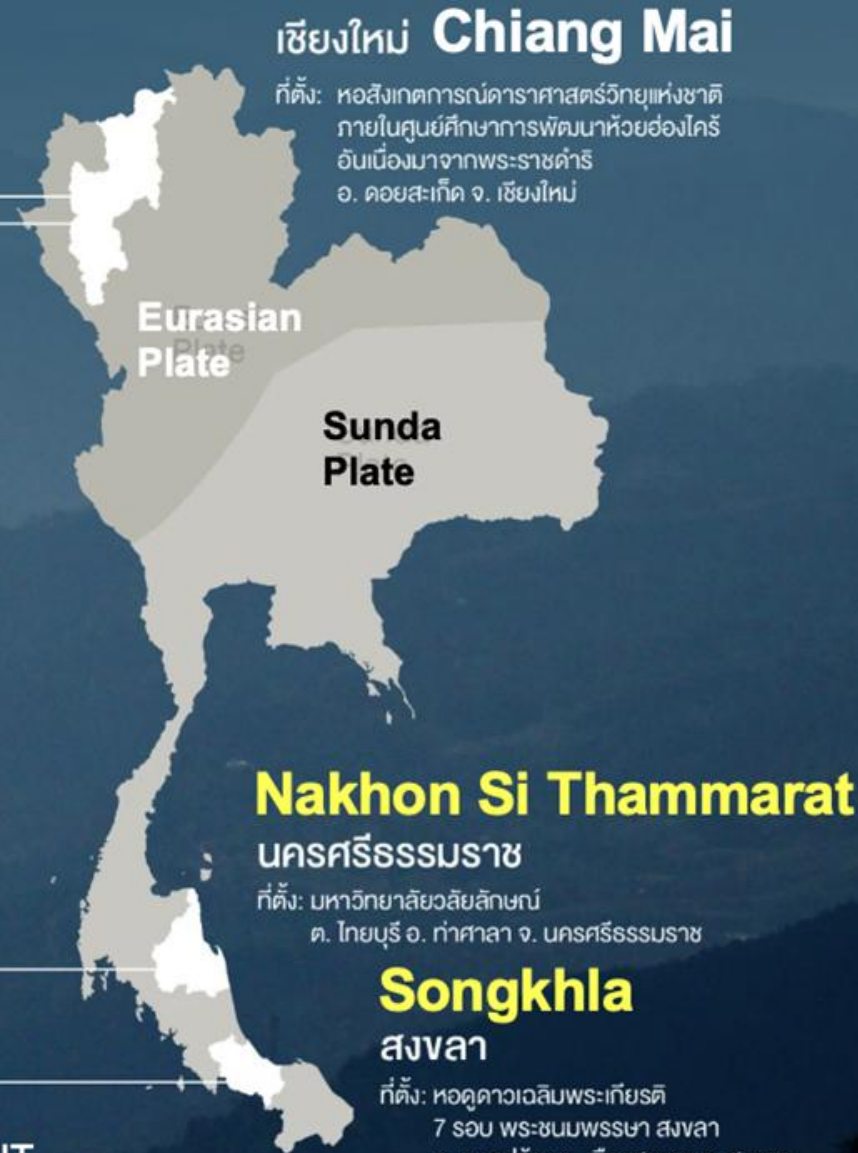
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VGOS  
telescopes



MoU Signing Walailak Univ. - NARIT, 2 Sep 2024  
Constructing the Nakhon Si Thammarat station.



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Eurasian  
Plate

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### Nakhon Si Thammarat

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# GEODESY IN INDIA

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# Why **Geodesy** Matters

- Vast expanse with varying topography
- Navigation
- Disaster risk reduction
- Infrastructure projects
- Sea-level monitoring
- Climate change



# The State of Geodesy

- Infrastructure:
  - Horizontal Reference Frame: CORS Network, GCPs
  - Vertical Reference Frame: (Levelling >225,000 km)
  - Gravity: Geoid models developed regionally by SoI
  - Tidal: 36 Tidal observatories



- 1 Magnetic Observatory

# The State of Geodesy

## Key Achievement in the past few years:

- Establishment of network: 1045 CORS.
- Modernization of 6 Tidal Observatories.
- Levelling more than 0.25M KM
- Geoid: 10 States of India

## Challenge/Gap:

- Reliability of CORS Network: Urban & Hilly Region
- Gravity stations at high altitudes and islands
- Uniform National Geoid



## Way Ahead

- Strengthening of National Geodetic Infrastructure under the National Geospatial Mission, incl VLBI, DORIS & SLR.
- Densification of CORS Network.
- Upgradation of 6 CORS into IGS for contribution to ITRF.
- Integration of CORS installed by different agencies into a single National Network.
- National Gravity Campaign.
- Modernization of all conventional tidal observatories.
- Capacity building.





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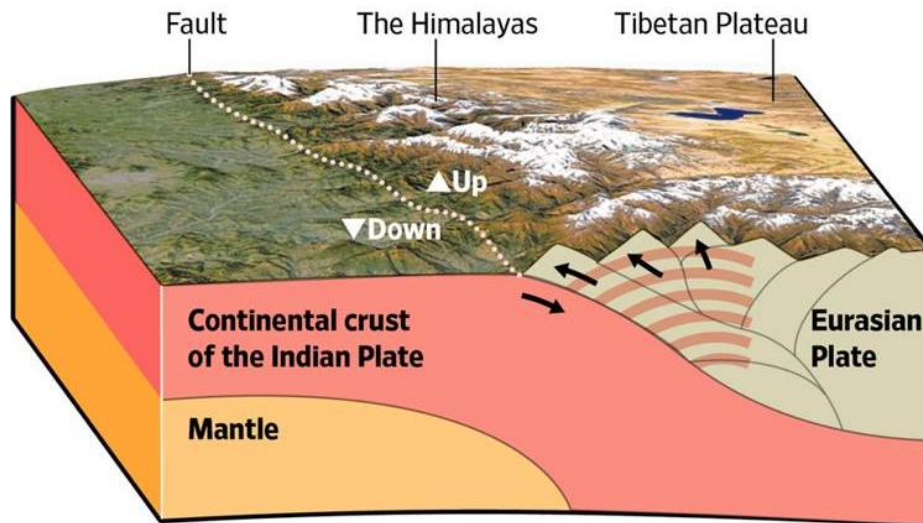
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## Geodesy in NEPAL

# Nepal – A country of converging tectonic plates

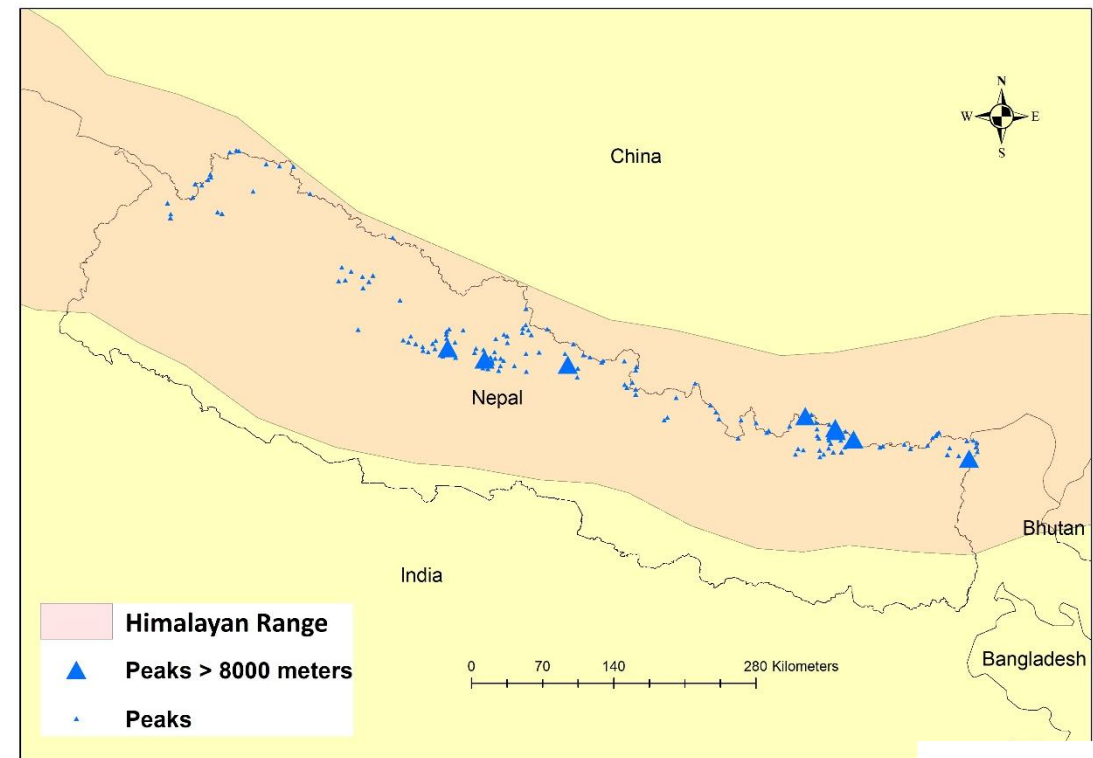
### Continental Collision

As the Indian subcontinent pushes against Eurasia, pressure is released in the form of earthquakes. The constant crashing of the two plates forms the Himalayan mountain range.



Source: USGS; Google Earth

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.



# Why Geodesy Matters ?

WHY?

HOW?

- All kind of Surveying and Mapping are based on Geodetic Control Network
- Nepal's classical National Datum is based on local ellipsoid which is not interoperable with modern state of art surveying technique like LiDAR and UAVs etc.
- Modern Surveying techniques like GNSS is not directly compatible with our classical datum which has led to ineffectiveness in control survey of Land Commission works



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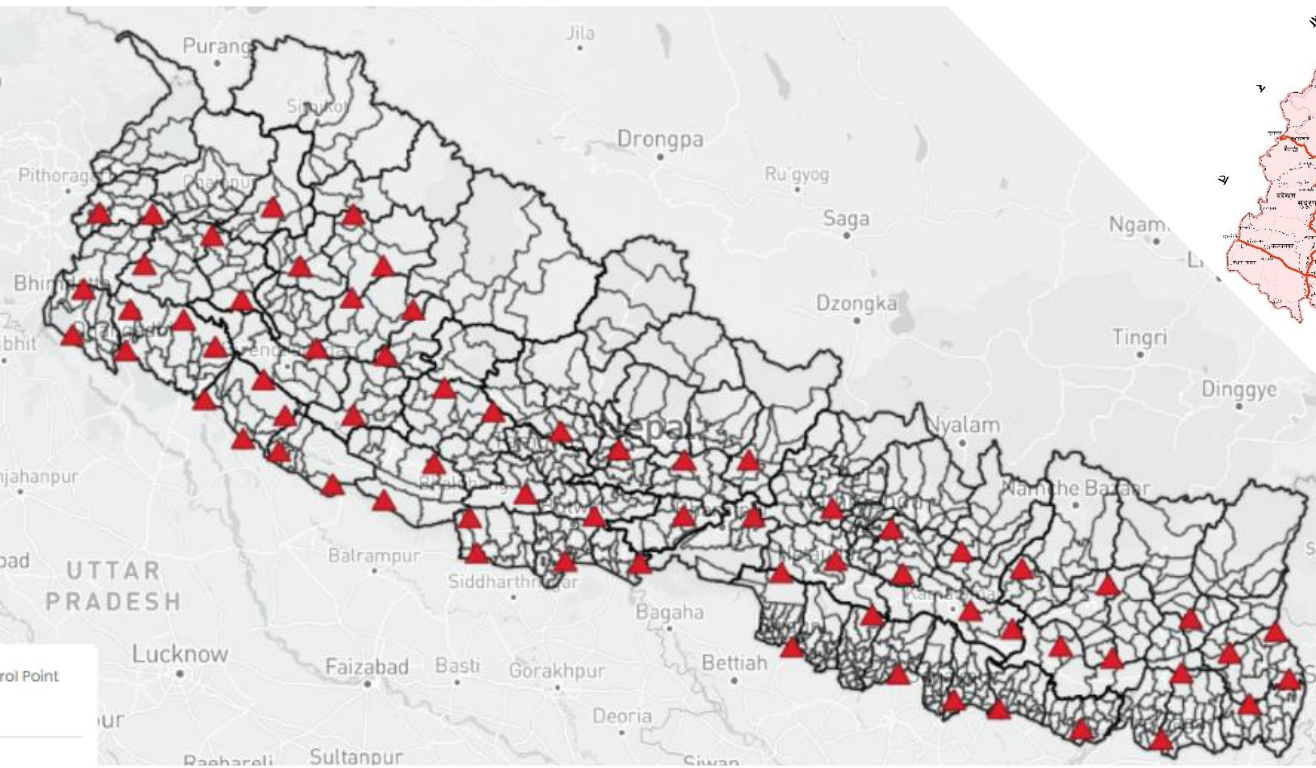
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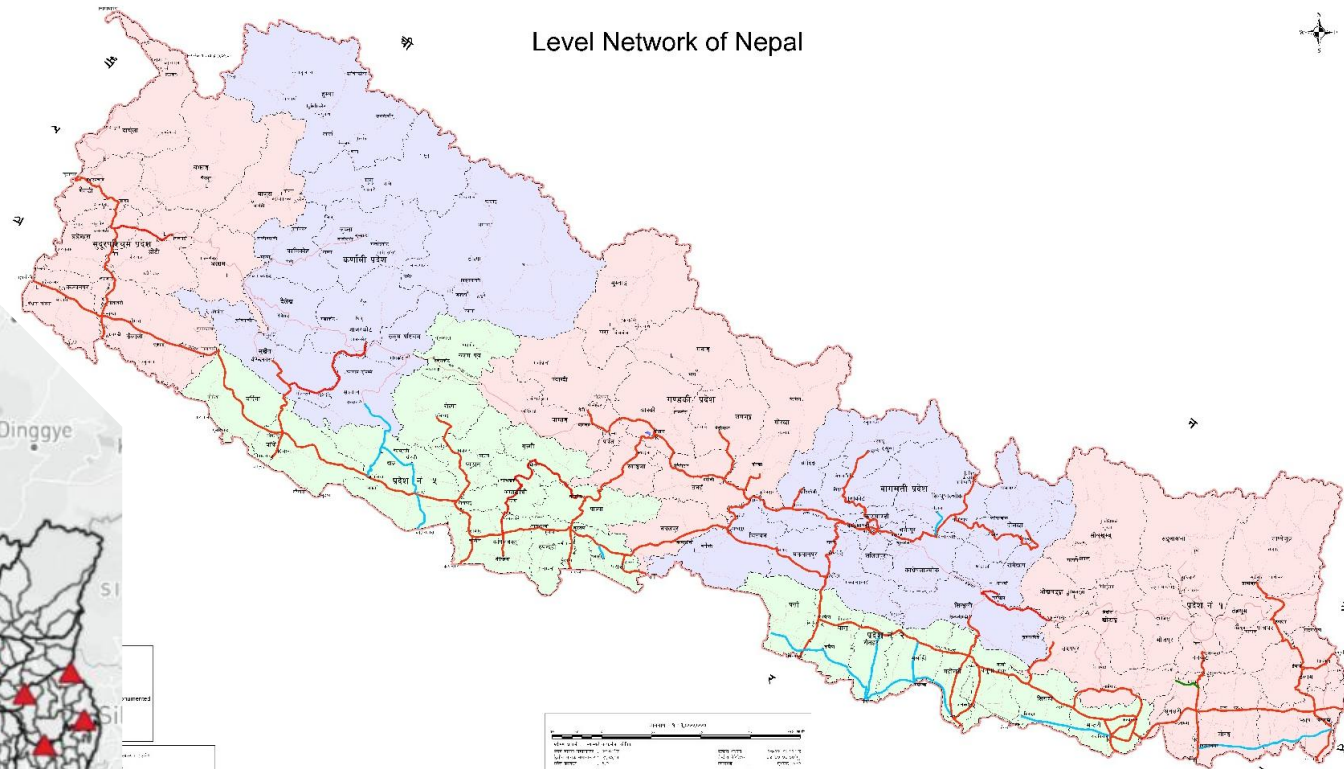
# State of Geodesy in Nepal

HOW?

## Horizontal Reference Frame



## Vertical Reference Frame



- 68 First Order Control Stations were established across Nepal, spanning its east-west extension.
- This rigorous framework served as the foundation for national-scale surveying and mapping activities.

- Nepal is not connected to the sea, so in collaboration with Government of India height were transferred to 8 stations along-side Nepal- India border.
- Approximately 8000 km of levelling network is established till date.

# State of Geodesy in Nepal

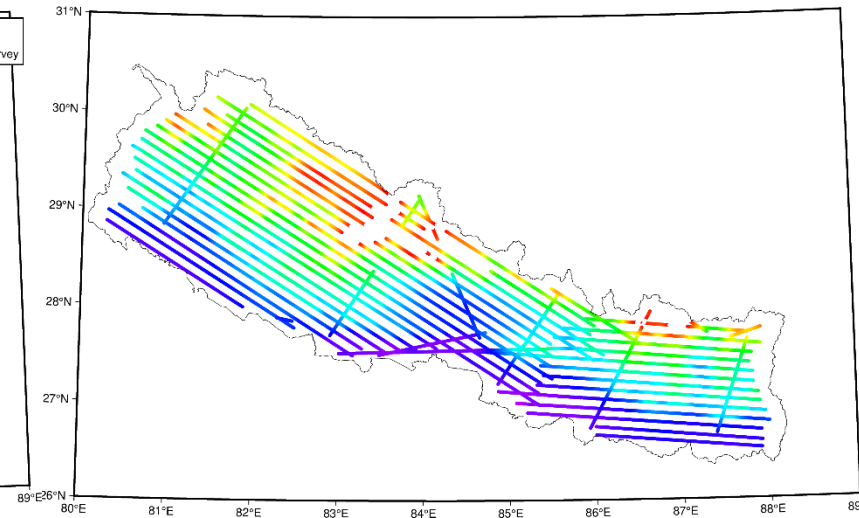
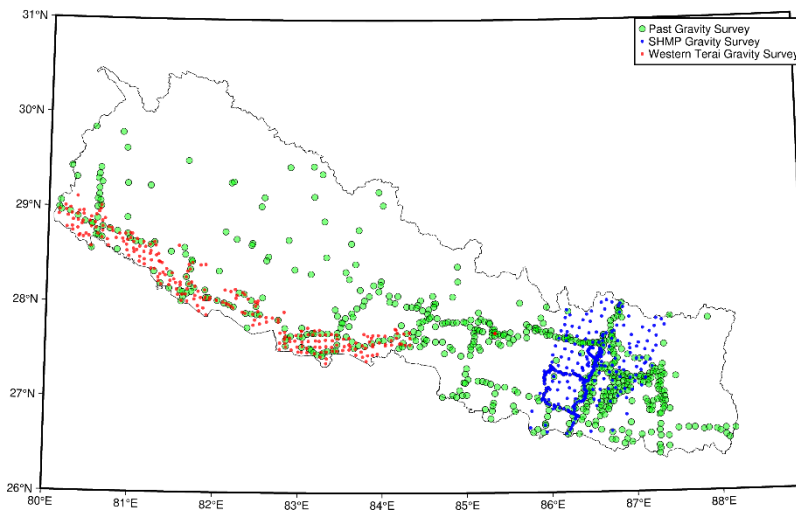
HOW?

## Gravity Network and Geoid Model

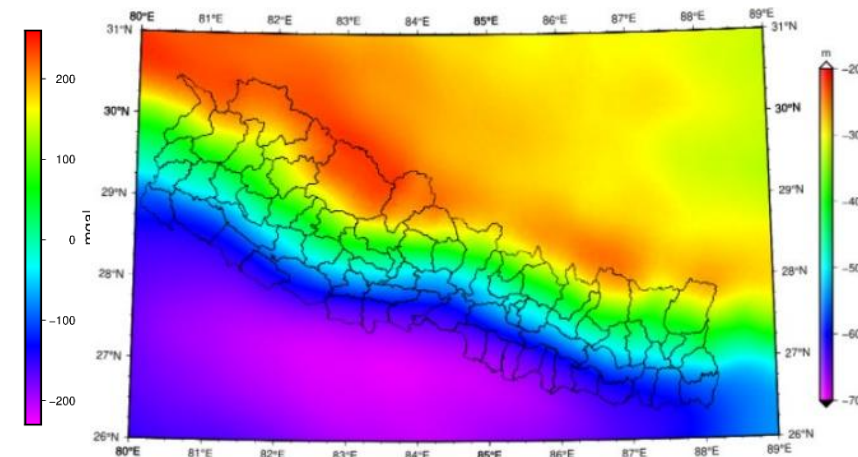
- Surface Gravity Points, around 750 till date
- Airborne gravity, 2010

Partner Agency	Work	Product	Accuracy	Purpose
SD, DTU, NGA, USA	Airborne gravity survey	NPG2011	10-20cm RMSE 3.3mgal	Gravity data for global gravity models (EGM2020)

Gravity Survey Coverage



Geoid Model 2020



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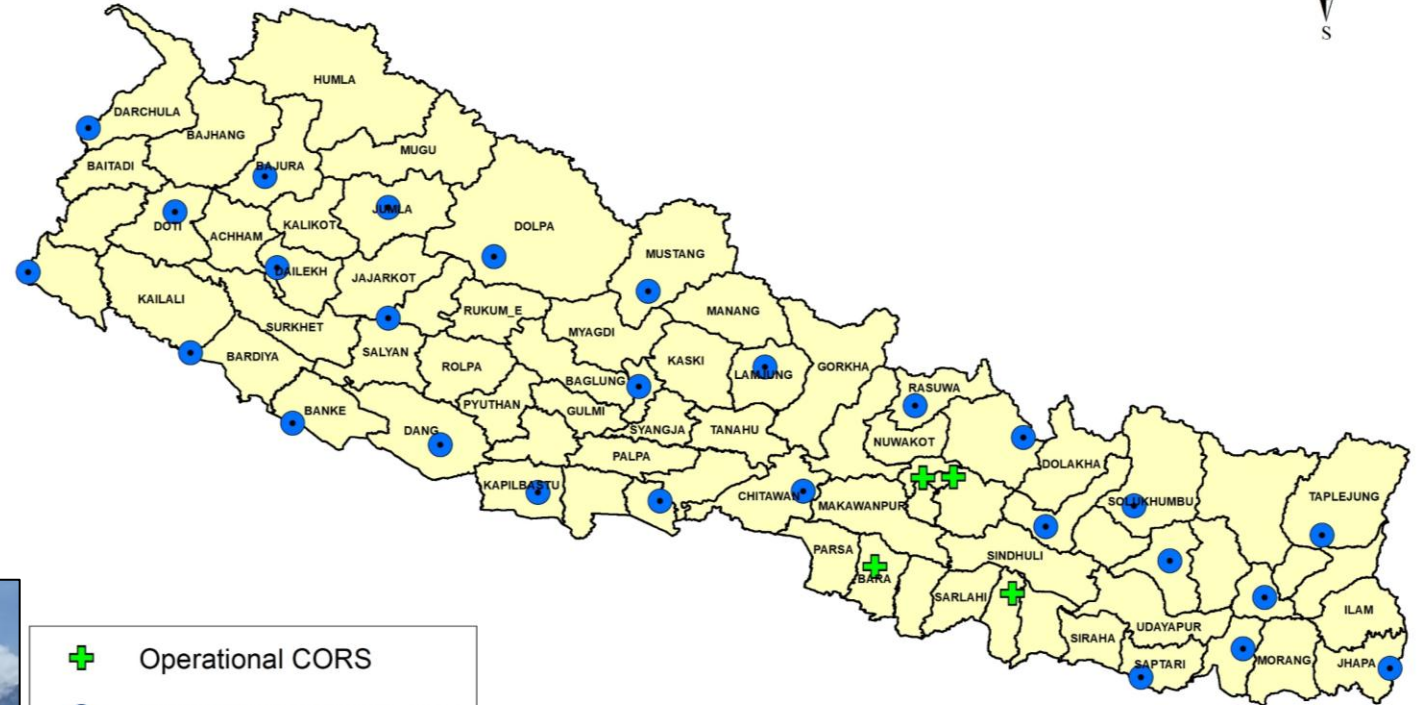
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# What's Next / Call to Action

WHAT?



- Nepal Datum Modernization
- Network of CORS with 31 stations covering whole Nepal
- 4 CORS running, 27 in pipeline



+ Operational CORS  
● CORS Under Construction



# What's Next / Call to Action

WHAT?

- **Capacity development** is required for implementing new national datum based on Global TRF.
- **Regional Coordination and Guided Expertise** is required for effective implementation
- **International Aid/Technical Support**



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# Thank You



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