Title	Wollongong seabed landforms derived from multibeam echosounder data 2022

Abstract	Multibeam echosounder (MBES) bathymetry data were collected offshore of Wollongong, NSW in 2016-17. Bathymetry data coverage extends from Bellambi Point to Port Kembla, and ranges from 4 to 62 m depth. This dataset represents a classification of seabed landforms derived from this MBES, which delineates the prominent seabed features observed. This classification defines areas of reefs, peaks, plains, scarps, depressions and channels. 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/).

A preliminary classification of this Wollongong survey was presented in Linklater et al. (2019), and this classification represents the final interpreted product for this survey. This dataset contributes toward an understanding of the distribution of submerged reefs along the NSW coast, which provides fundamental baseline information for managers, users and custodians of the marine environment.

The source MBES dataset for this classification is available on the Australian Ocean Data Network portal: https://portal.aodn.org.au/

Linklater, M., Morris, B.D. and Hanslow, D.J. (2023), Classification of seabed landforms on continental and island shelves. Frontiers in Marine Science, 10, https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fmars.2023.1258556/full.

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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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	Description:
	Data quality statement for NSW seabed landforms derived from marine lidar data 2021
	Function: download
Download Package	Name: Download Package
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	Description:
	Data (Shapefile)
	Function: download
REST Service	Name: REST Service
	Protocol: WWW:DOWNLOAD-1.0-http--download
	Description:
	Wollongong seabed landforms derived from multibeam echosounder data 2022 - REST
	Function: download

Unique resource identifier

Code	9d6bdbfe-9069-4073-a0f5-1d90f05b4058

Presentation form	Map digital
Edition	1
Dataset language	English

Metadata standard

Name	ISO 19115
Edition	2016

Dataset URI	https://datasets.seed.nsw.gov.au/dataset/9d6bdbfe-9069-4073-a0f5-1d90f05b4058
Purpose	To support coastal and marine research, planning and management
Status	Completed

Spatial representation

Type	vector

Spatial reference system

Code identifying the spatial reference system	4283

Spatial resolution	5 m

Topic category

Keyword set

keyword value	MARINE-Coasts
	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

West bounding longitude	150.9
East bounding longitude	151

North bounding latitude	-34.5
South bounding latitude	-34.4
NSW Place Name	Wollongong
Vertical extent information	
Minimum value	-100
Maximum value	2228
Coordinate reference system	
Authority code	urn:ogc:def:cs:EPSG::
Code identifying the coordinate reference system	5711
Temporal extent	
Begin position	2016-08-01
End position	N/A
Dataset reference date	
Resource maintenance	
Maintenance and update frequency	Not planned
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Lineage

Multibeam echosounder data was collected offshore of Wollongong, NSW in 2016-17, covering an area of 102 km2 in 4 to 62 m water depth. This dataset represents a classification of seabed landforms derived from this MBES 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 dataset is provided as an ArcGIS shapefile. 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 MBES 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 focussed on identifying the presence, extent and character of submerged reef outcrops within the MBES 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.

Wollongong multibeam echosounder data available for download on AODN: https://portal.aodn.org.au

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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 eliminated. Due to the variability in sediment movement, precise feature boundaries can be variable over time.

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