

The Economic Benefits of Hydrography

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SUMMARY

This paper sets out to summarise and examine the current status of hydrography in a number of regions of the world in relation to a variety of disciplines, key user groups and potential Stakeholders. It then sets out to relate the use and benefit from Hydrographic data and products, for key stakeholders, to direct and tangible outcomes. For the increasingly competitive market place of the global economy, coupled with a consumer group of increasing knowledge and awareness of environmental issues, the baseline and framework for many activities relies upon good quality, reliable and objective spatial data sets. Is this recognised or could it be better promoted? The paper offers some thoughts on how modern Hydrographic data and products as well as the Hydrographic community, including education and training, could influence and aid in the strategic development of areas and regions by working with the various stakeholders.

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