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Grand Canal Project

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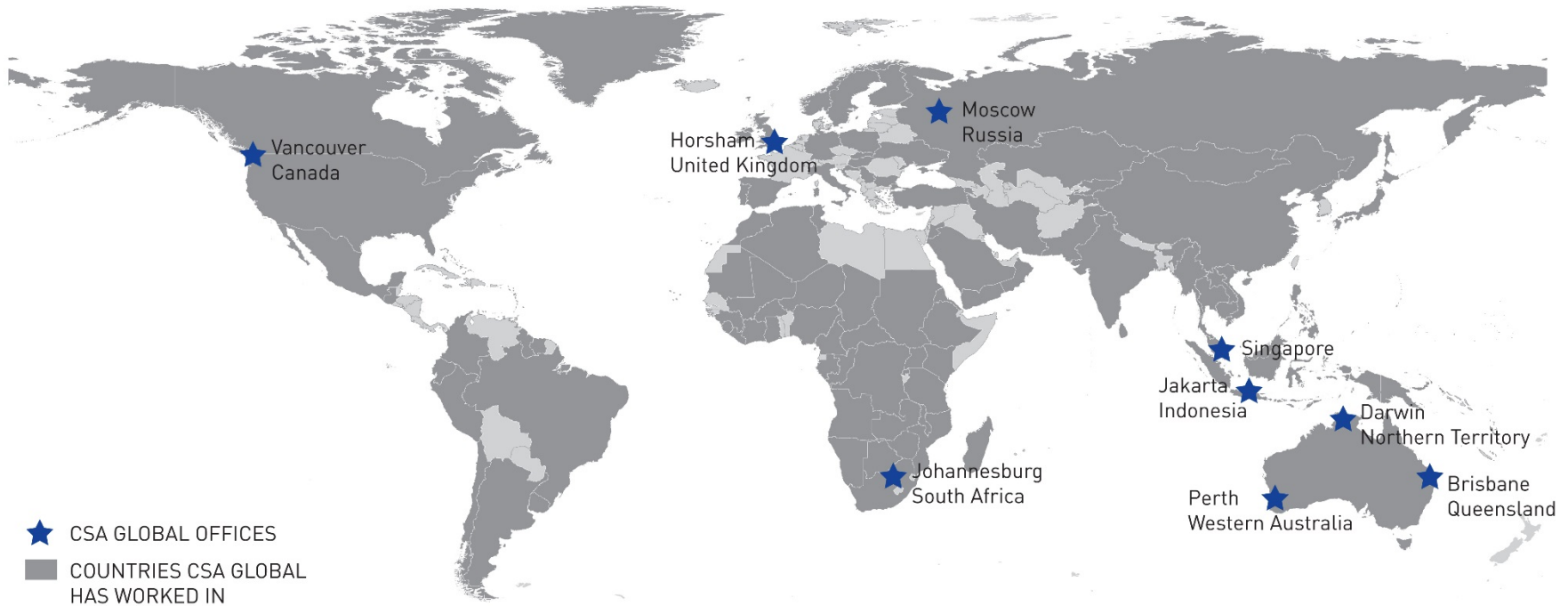
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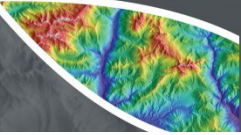
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Aerial Survey

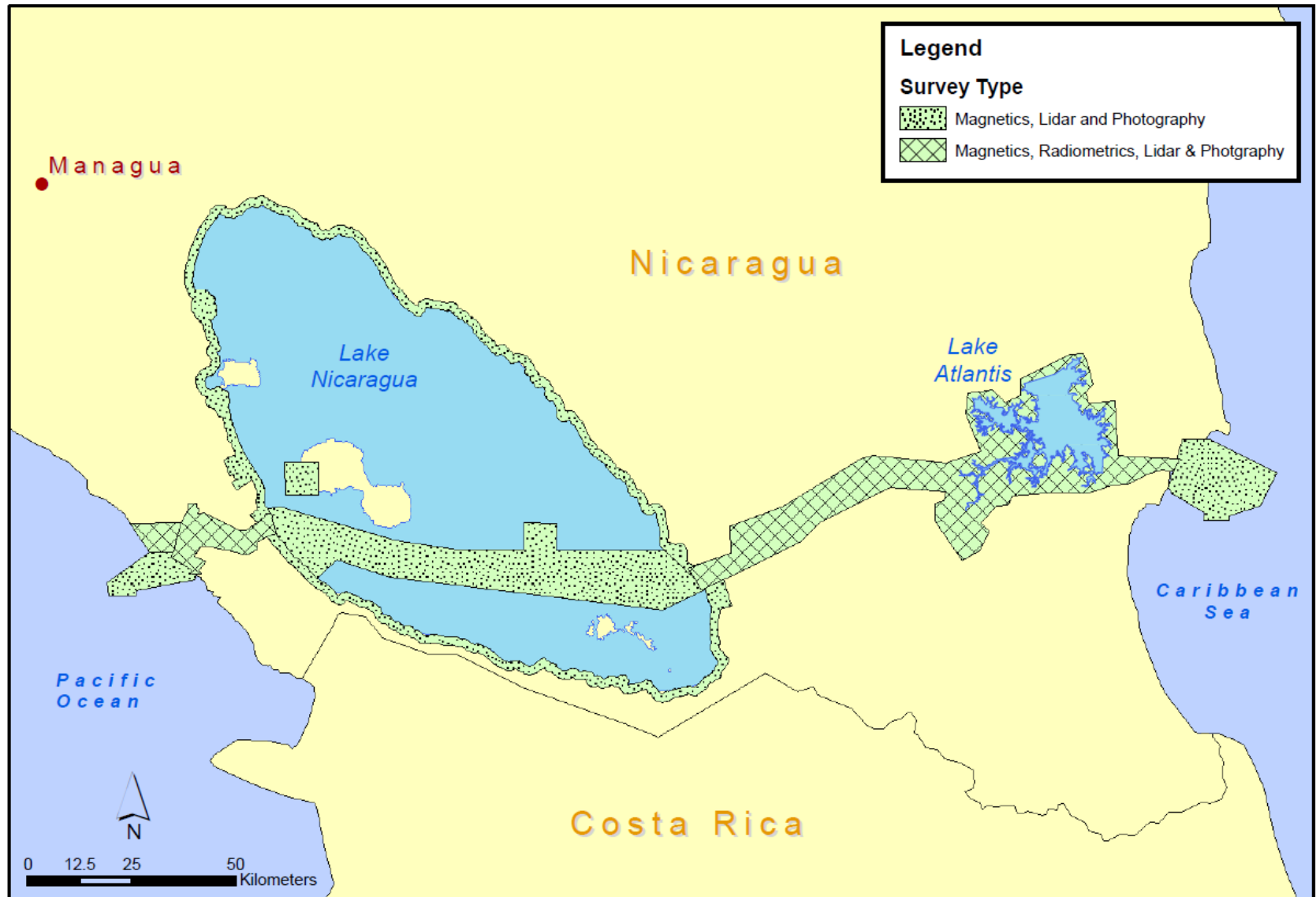


Summary of Project



- Detailed **topography, photography & geophysical survey** of canal route corridor, lake edges & oceanic approaches
- Objective is to collect high-resolution survey data, aerial photography & airborne geophysics **to map topography, surface infrastructure & vegetation, & interpret surface and sub-surface geology** throughout the canal corridor alignment
- The output will provide & form **baseline information** to enable construction works to be accurately engineered, estimated, sequenced and executed, along with potential fine tuning of the canal route & **capture a historical (pre-works) record of the project area**
- Survey works will be reported in UTM coordinates Zone 16N with reference to the WGS84 geographic system, & suitable for use at 1:2000 scale

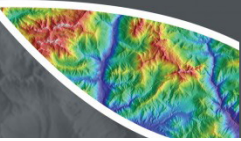
Project Map



Sub-Projects Areas

- **Pacific** - 2km dredge path in the Pacific Ocean approaches
- **West Canal** - Brito Port, Brito Lock, the Pan American Highway Bridge, Pacific Resort and Pacific FTZ
- **Lake Nicaragua** - canal path, dredge disposal area & proposed artificial islands
- **Lake Perimeter** - includes the Lake Resort on Isla de Ometepe & the lake perimeter surveys (topography & photography)
- **East Canal** - canal path across the Caribbean watershed & the proposed Lake Atlanta
- **Caribbean** – 15km dredge path in the Caribbean Sea approaches & the proposed Aguila Port development

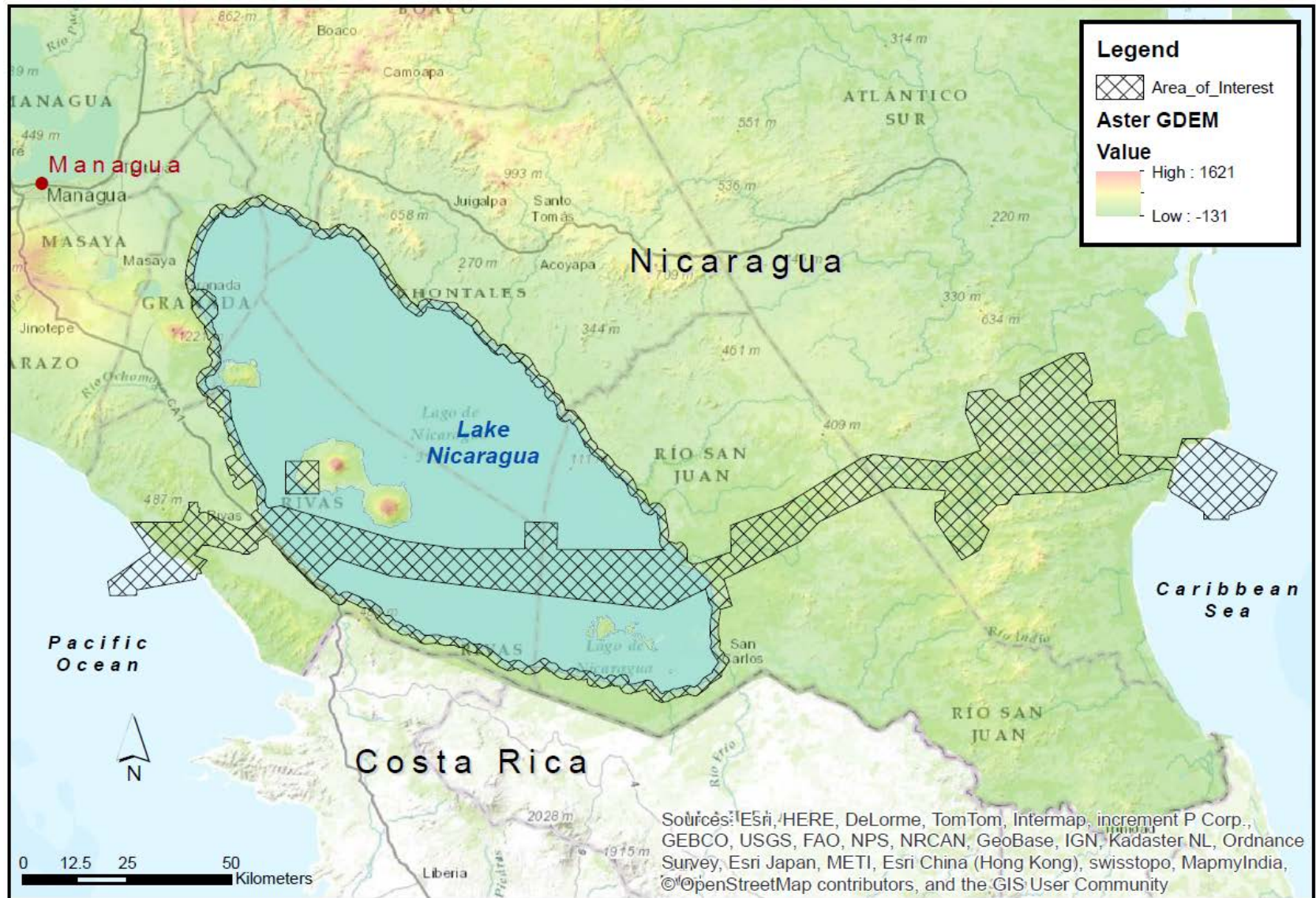
Scope – Topography



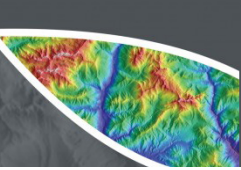
- **Topography, elevation contours & imagery** of approaches, land, canopy and lake ($\sim 4500 \text{ km}^2$, $\sim 18000 \text{ line km}$)
- **High-resolution, airborne LiDAR** (Laser Imaging Detection & Ranging) survey & mapping
- Accuracy to $<0.2\text{m}$ nominal & contour lines @ 1m or better via RTK GPS ground points and PPP GPS processing
- **Digital aerial photography & digital video** as pre-works catalogue of canal alignment
- **Digital terrain (DTM) & digital elevation models (DEM)** for comparison & verification of existing survey mapping data
- Also for analysis of vegetation types & surface mapping e.g. infrastructure, dwellings or archaeology



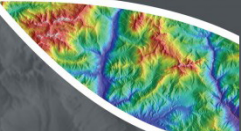
Regional Topography



Scope – Geology

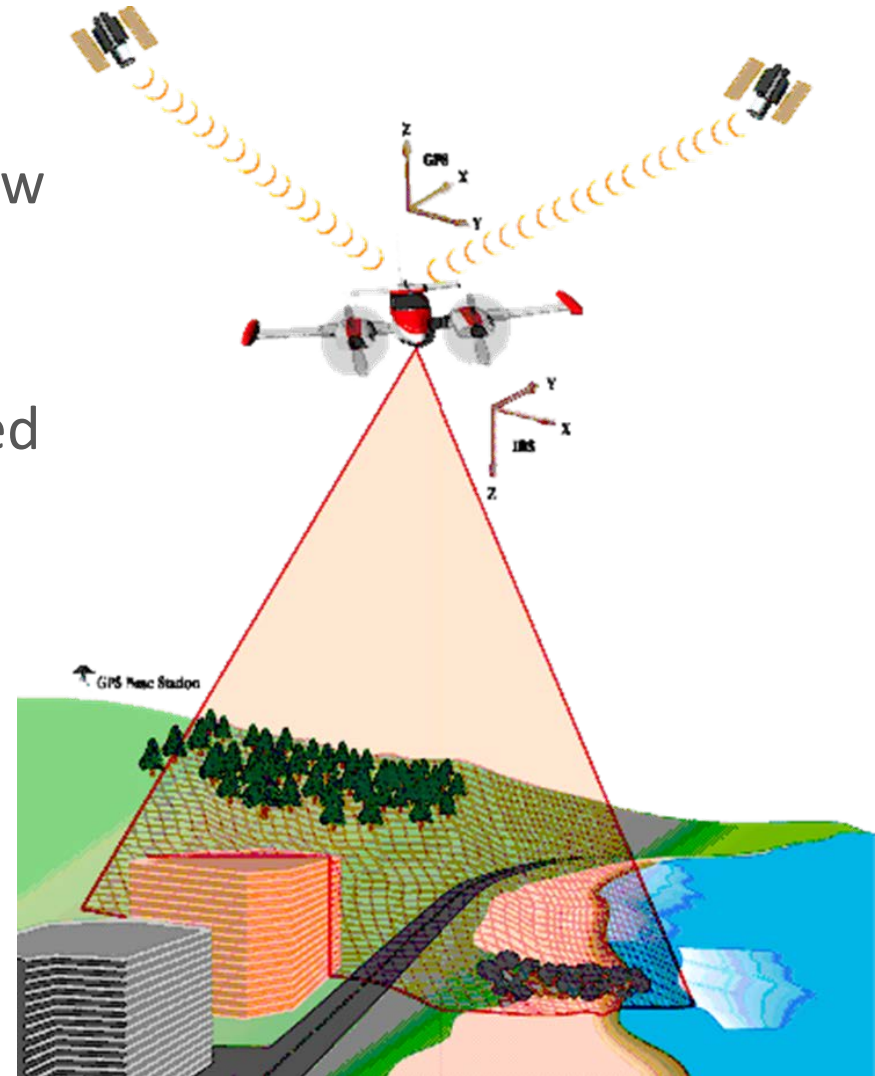


- Undertake an **initial desk-top review** of publicly available geological data to allow refinement of survey if required
- Collect **airborne magnetic & radiometric** geophysical data (4000 km², ~34000 line km)
- Collate desk-top, geophysical & topo info into GIS database & generate **geological interpretation** of the canal route:
 - Map & interpret cover **lithology**, regolith & basement geology based on new geophysical data, LiDAR & aerial photography
 - Identify & discuss **structures** (faults, fractures, etc.) & **geohazards**
 - Assess material type & density (in terms of **excavation properties**)
 - Identify areas of interest for **construction materials** e.g. suitable for armour material, aggregate or cement manufacture
 - Comment on surface water & likely underground aquifers



LiDAR - Process

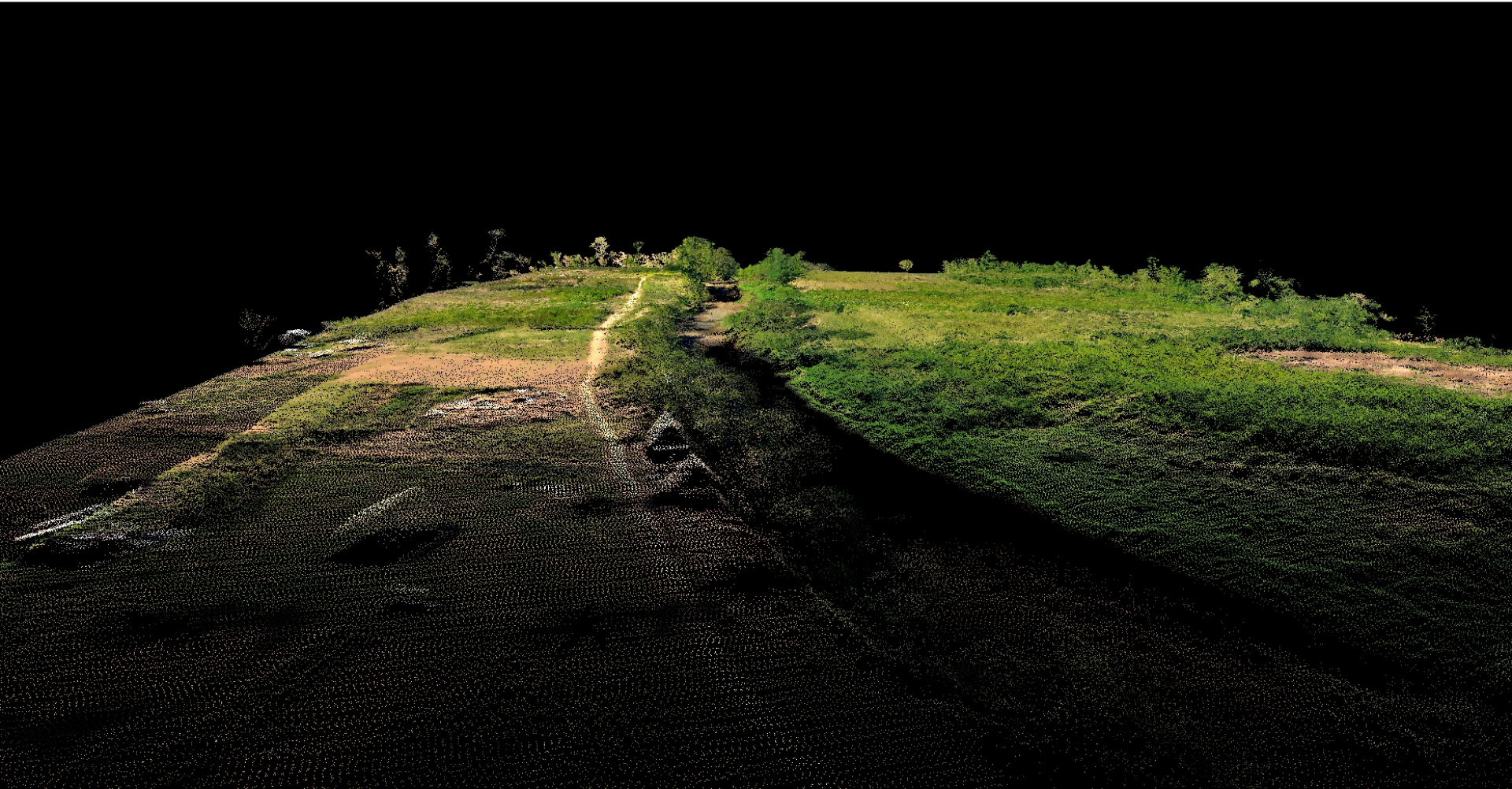
- Pulses of light sent out, time until echo comes back is measured to accuracy of a few trillionth's of a second
- Distance to target can be calculated based on the speed of light
- Laser – distance to ground
- GPS - aircraft position
- IMU - roll, pitch & heading
- Scanner – pointing direction beneath aircraft



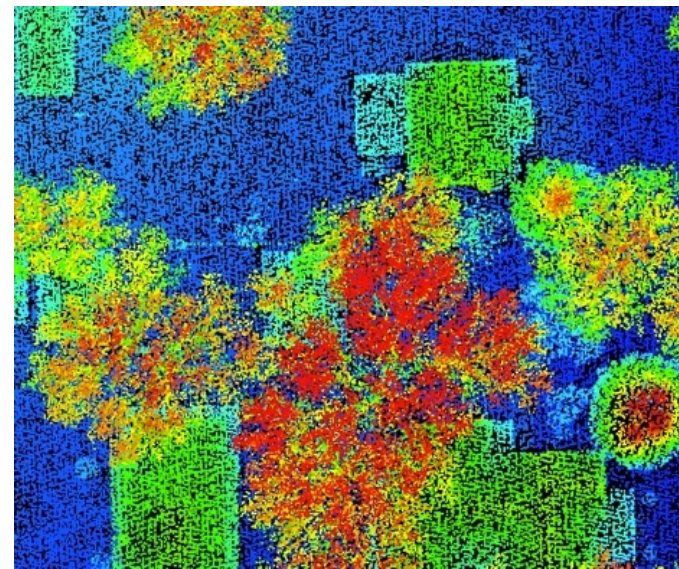
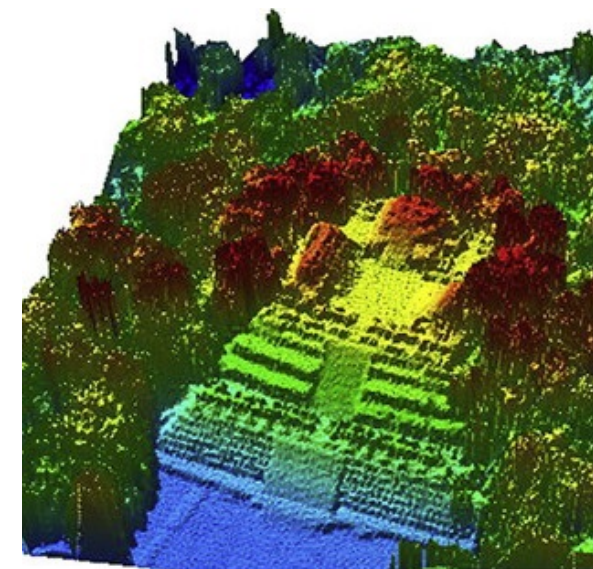
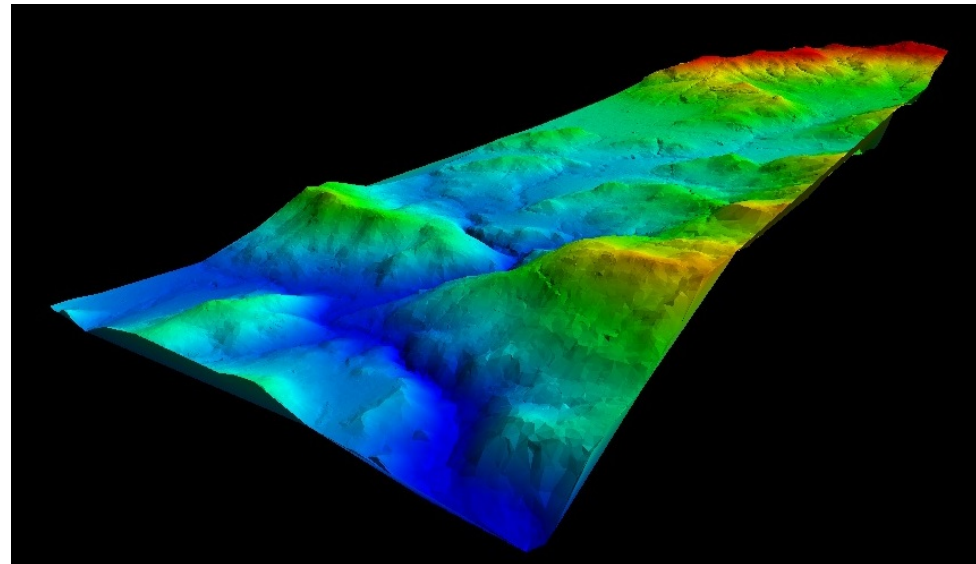
LiDAR - Equipment

- Fixed-wing, Cessna 206, turbo-prop
- **Dual Optech LiDAR systems employed;**
Topo: Gemini (infrared) & Bathymetric: Aquarius (green)
- Multi-haz echo sounder collects **300,000 points per second**
- Opening lens of +/- 50°, **200-400m survey width per line**
- Average density of 4-12 points/m²
- Number of points depends on vegetation & reflectivity of surfaces
- Due to huge amount of data the digital products are presented as 1 km x 1 km tiles

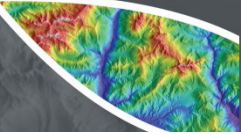




LiDAR examples

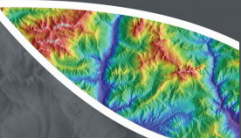


Aerial Photography



- Acquisition of digital **colour photography is planned for end of wet season** (October / November) when lighting is best to improve colour balance & minimise cloud shading
- A Nikon D810 industrial aerial digital camera (36MP) will be used for photogrammetry with Resolution of 10 - 20 cm pixels
- Velocity of the camera is 30 seconds per take
- **Photographs will be ortho-rectified by integrating with the LiDAR survey & control points**
- The mosaiced photography will be draped on the DTM to create a **3D image** of the route
- The geo-referenced (GeoTIF) imagery will be used to provide a **digital video flythrough** of the project area with input from HKND





- Fixed-wing, Piper Navajo PA-31-310 twin-engine aircraft with fixed stinger
- Caesium vapour magnetometer, 20 Hz (0.05 sec) sampling rate, 0.001 nT res.
- RS-500 gamma ray spectrometer, 2Hz (0.5 sec) sampling rate in 256 channels
- KRA405B radar altimeter, 0.3m resolution, $\pm 5\%$ accuracy at 500' to 2500' elevation
- Novatel 14 channel DGPS system, Thomson survey navigation and guidance system
- A base station magnetometer will be setup to monitor diurnal variations to correct the aeromagnetic data





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