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SECOND CALL

GeoHab 2007

Marine Benthic Habitats of the Pacific and Other Oceans: Status, Use, and Management

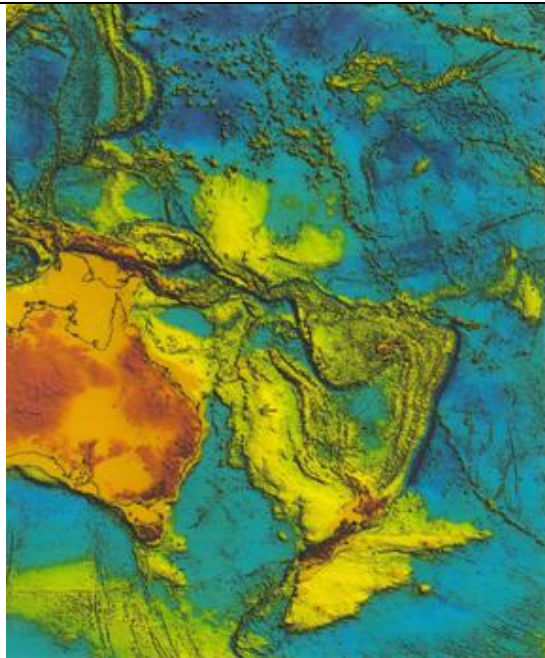
**Hosted by the Government of New Caledonia, the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission
And the Circum Pacific Council
2-6 May 2007, Institute for Research & Development (IRD), Noumea, New Caledonia**

A major international conference addressing advancement in the knowledge, mapping, and resource management of the World's oceans. In the past ten years tremendous advancements have been made in seafloor mapping technologies, methodologies, and information presentation to support a wide range of management applications. This conference will bring together scientific experts, managers, economists, and policy makers involved in living and non-living resources appraisal and management to share the latest scientific and technical information about the seafloor and associated communities, with a particular emphasis on the Pacific Ocean region; and to review progress in the areas of mapping/modeling and management since the 1st Marine Benthic Habitat Mapping conference Noumea in 1997



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Conference Themes

- * **Technology and Data Processing** - includes both acoustical and optical, deep-water and shallow-water, and geophysical and biological instrumentation.
- * **Mapping Techniques and Classification Schemes** - methodologies in characterizing marine benthic habitats, auto-classification techniques, (supervised and unsupervised), and case histories, that identify surrogates or proxies for assessing the condition of habitats and biological communities.
- * **Management / Policy** - the "science-use-management" link
- * **Coral Reef and Seagrass Habitats** - current and emerging problems and latest techniques in habitat mapping and characterizations and status assessment.
- * **The Time Dimension** - pressures driving habitat change, including physical, chemical and biological processes, and monitoring.

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While the focus of GeoHab 2007 will be on marine benthic habitat characterization and mapping, the thematic areas will also address topics on natural resource economics and marine geohazards characterization.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is US\$250 which covers the delegate rate for the 3 days of the conference. A reduced registration fee of US\$100 is available for students.

Please note that there is a maximum of 250 delegate places at the GeoHab 2007 conference, so please register early to avoid disappointment.

Registration Form and Abstracts

Deadline for registration is 28th February 2007, to be sent to Saleshni@sopac.org
Registration Form available at www.sopac.org

Deadline for submission of abstracts is January 31st 2007, to be sent to Vaughn Berrie (GEOHAB@nrca.gc.ca)

Please direct any enquiries to Yves LaFoy (yves.lafoy@gouv.nc) or Mary Power (Mary@sopac.org) including 'GeoHab' in the subject field

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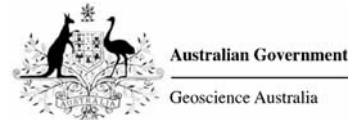
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The following hotels are recommended Indicative 2006 Rates

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3 Star Hotel

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Qantas

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