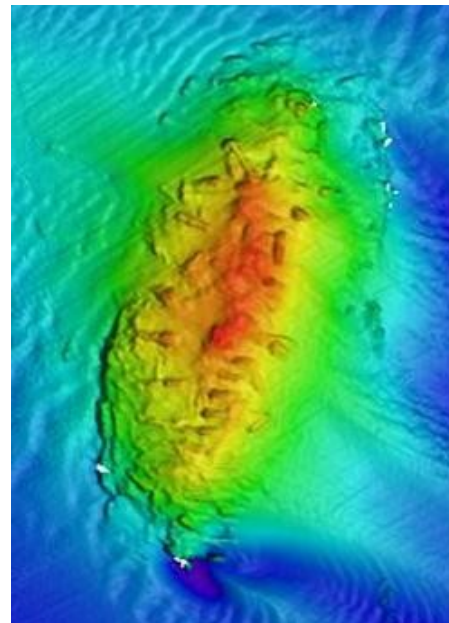


Benthic Habitats



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SOI Ltd take a holistic approach and can manage projects from initial design, through fieldwork and data acquisition, to data processing and the final production of benthic reports and habitat maps. Our team have experience in carrying out ecological work in many aquatic environments ranging from freshwater (lentic & lotic systems) and estuarine, to intertidal and coastal marine environments. We also have the capacity to carry out off-shore habitat mapping using high resolution subsea scanning.



Services include :

- Bathymetry & amplitude mapping
- Biological sampling – infaunal, epifaunal and macroalgal
- Biological analysis - species ID, abundance and biomass
- Biostratigraphy
- Cultural heritage assessment
- Survey design
- EIA & AA
- High resolution surface & subsurface scanning
- Luminescence dating
- Particle size analysis
- Sediment transport monitoring
- Survey design
- Water Quality Assessments – TDI and nutrient analysis

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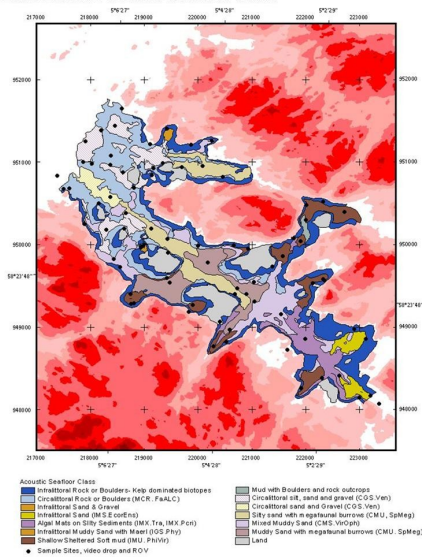


SOI Ltd has the capability to design and undertake geophysical benthic surveys using both single and multibeam technology. We also have extensive experience of biological sampling and survey techniques, which we combine with our geophysical work to produce comprehensive reports and maps.



SOI Ltd also carries out desk studies and analysis of existing data sets using statistical and analytical software packages. We have lab facilities to undertake R&D of new technologies (e.g. csm) and methodologies (e.g. contact core) and can conduct routine laboratory testing, such as particle size analysis, chlorophyll analysis and scanning electron microscopy when required.

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