

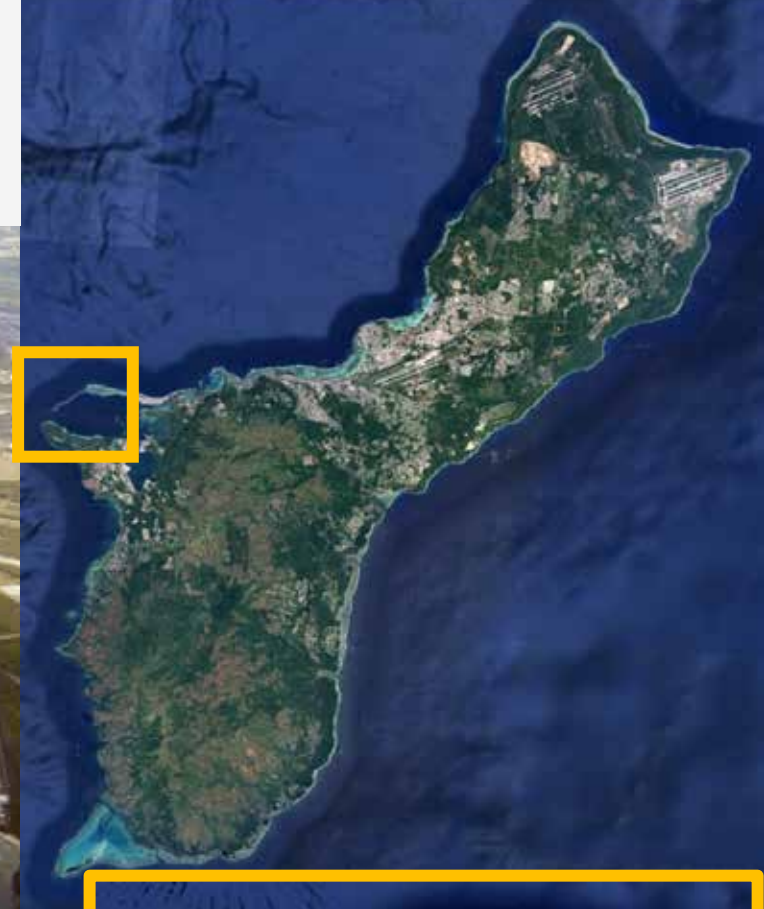


RELIC TO RESILIENCE THE GLASS BREAKWATER REPAIR PROJECT

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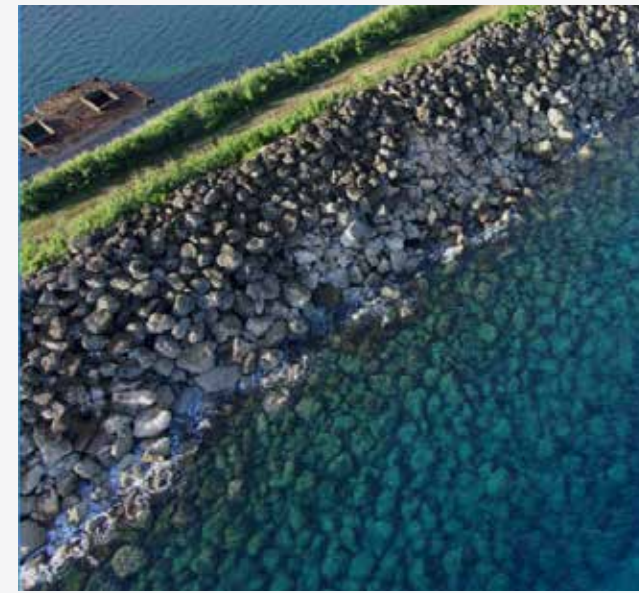
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The Glass Breakwater - Apra Harbor, Guam



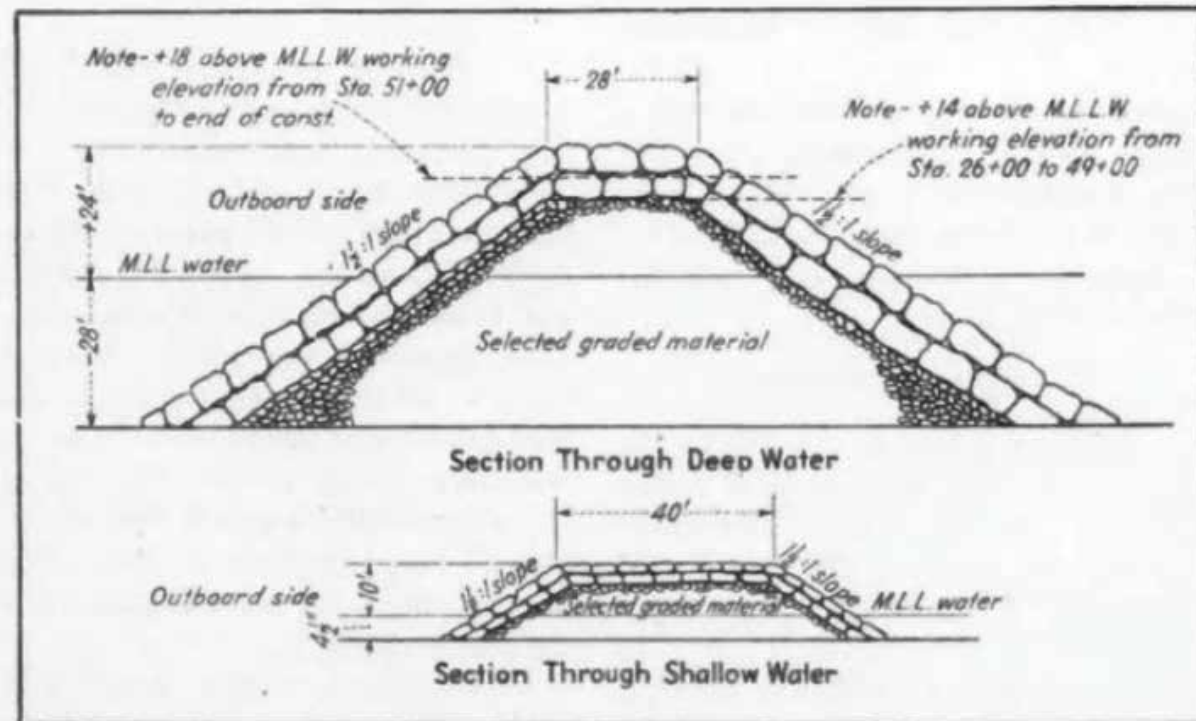
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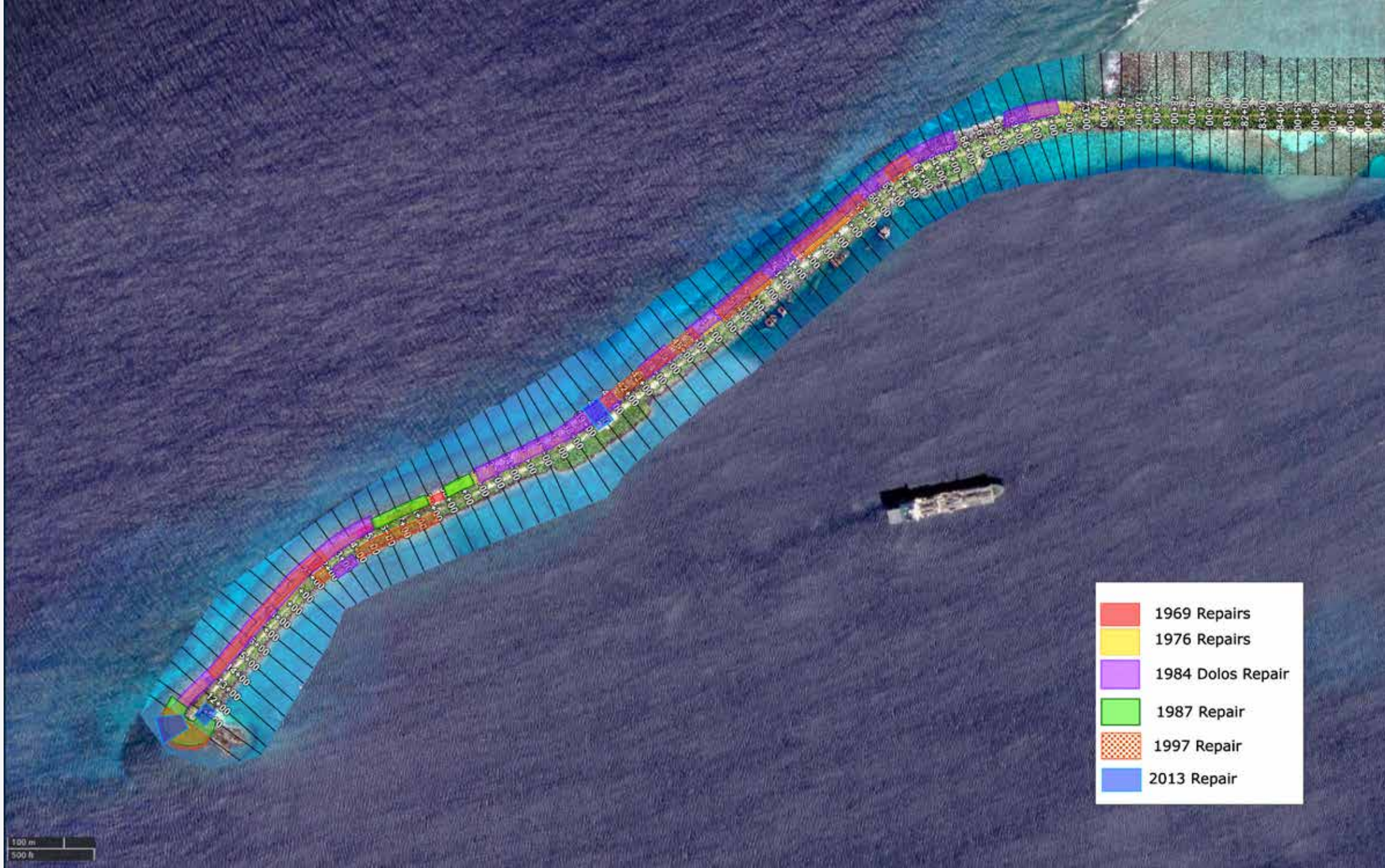
- Breakwater protects Port of Guam + Naval Base Guam
- Typhoon Mawar (May 2023) caused severe damage
 - à Apra Harbor Waterfront Repair Project
 - \$571M design-build project (NAVFAC)
 - Comprehensive repair of outer 5,800 ft of breakwater
 - Contractor - TPC-NAN JV (**Black Construction**)
 - Designer - **Baird** (+ AECOM, SEI, Woolpert, CLI, NRC)



Original Design + Construction

- Construction started in 1941, completed in 1944-46 (Seabees)
- Total length ~ 2.8 miles, depth up to 36 ft
- ~ 2M cy of rock fill from local quarry
- ~ 10-30 T armor stone
- Harbor played major role in late WWII



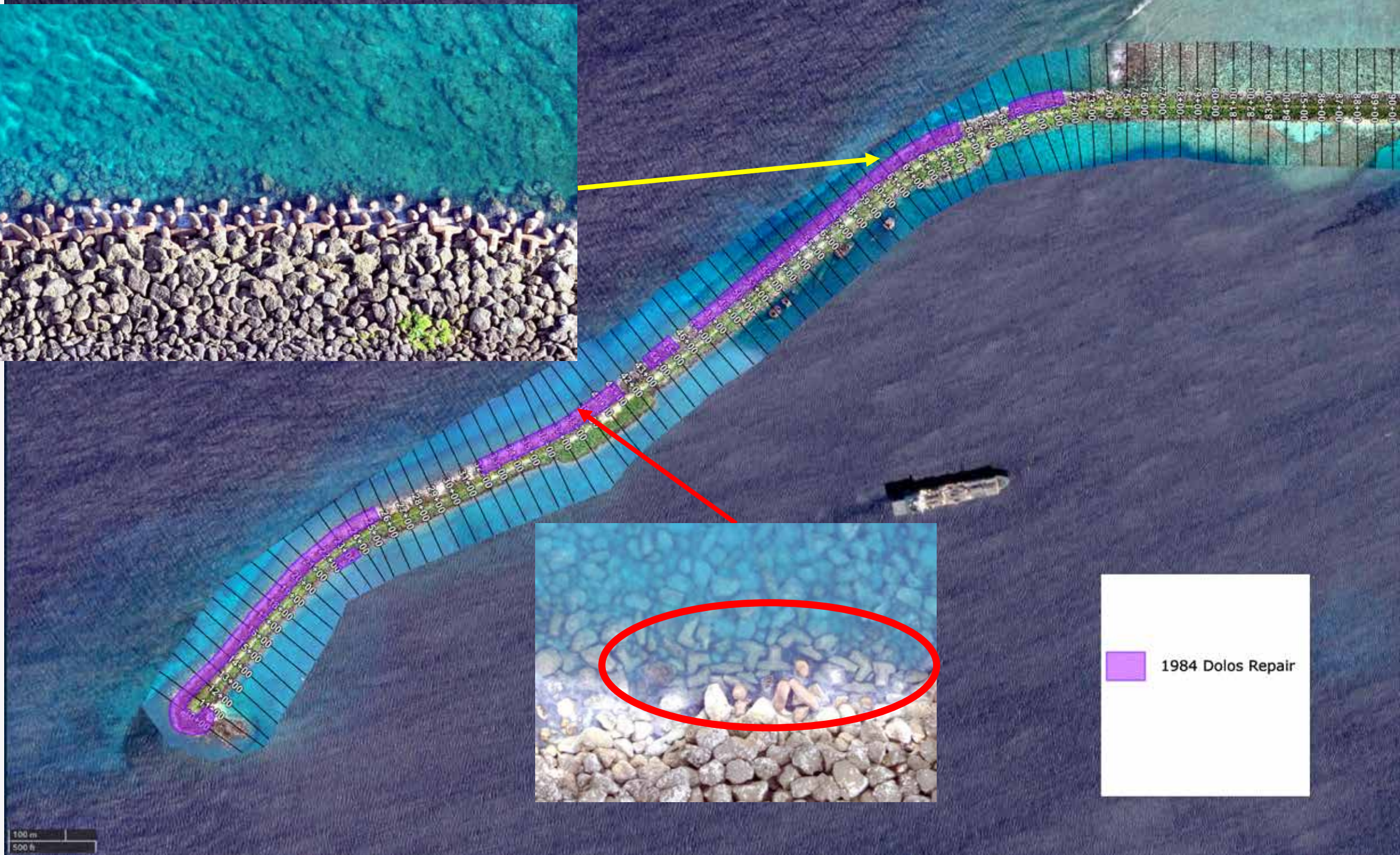


- 1969 Repairs
- 1976 Repairs
- 1984 Dolos Repair
- 1987 Repair
- 1997 Repair
- 2013 Repair

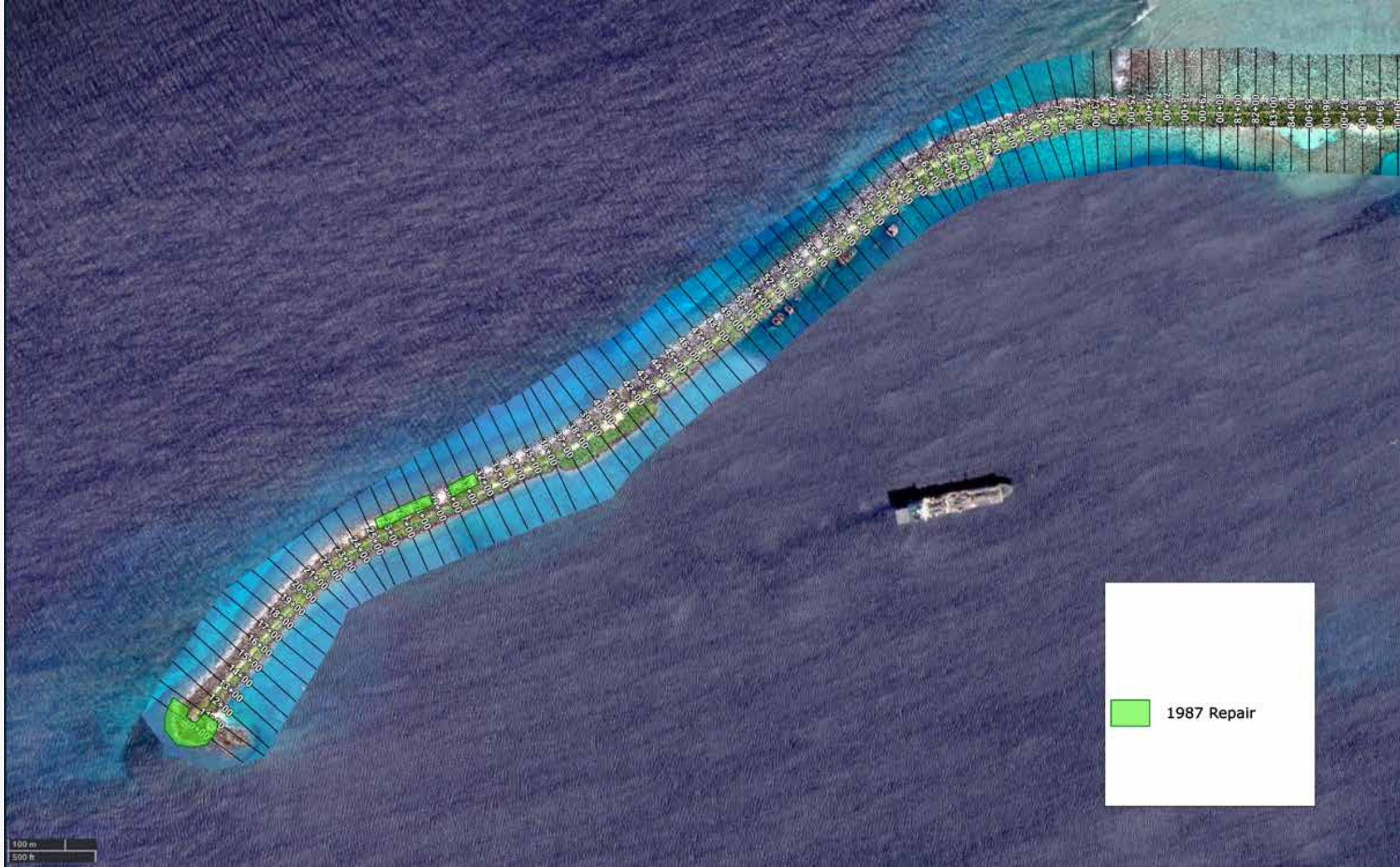




1976 Repairs



1981



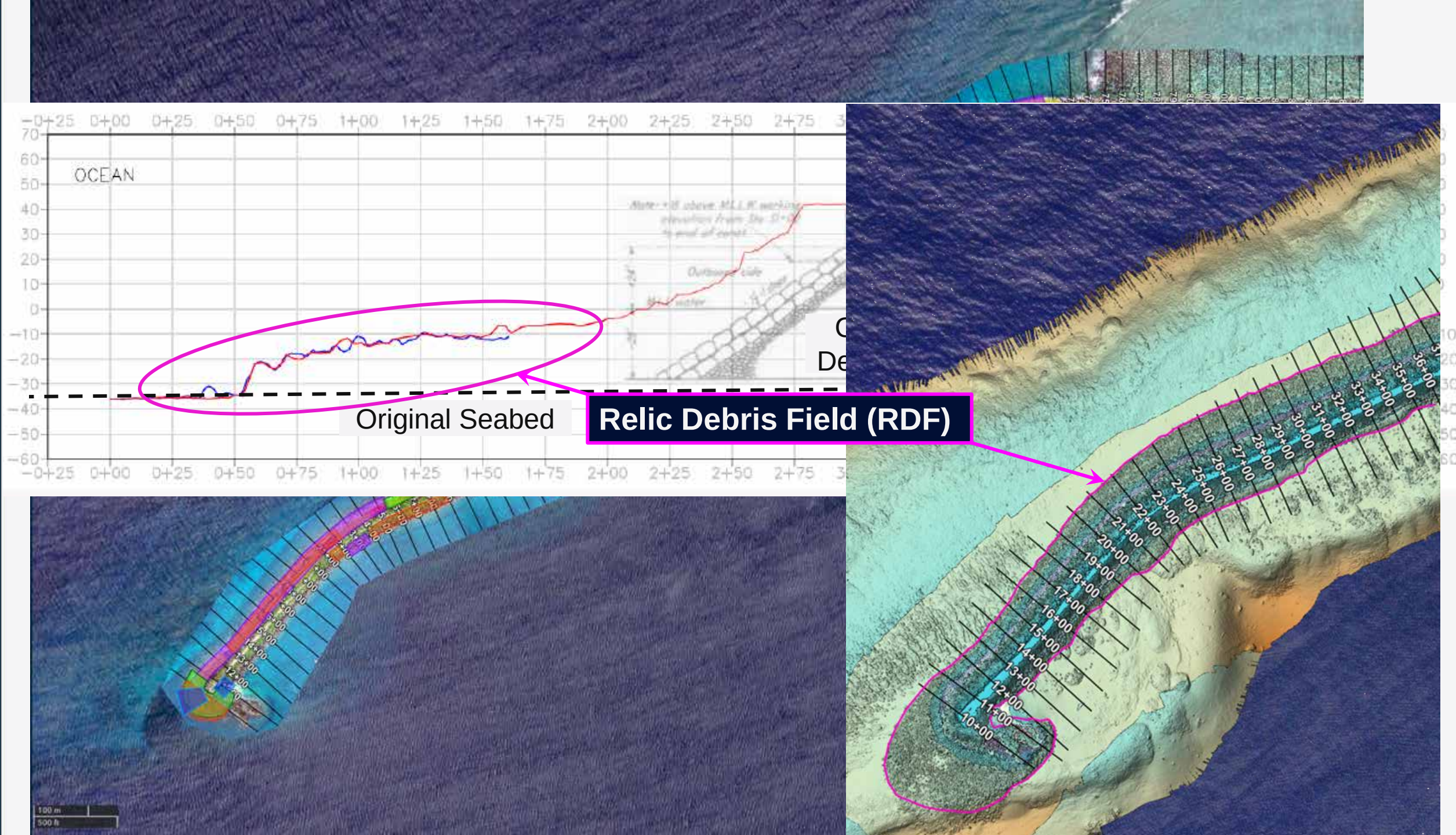


 1997 Repair

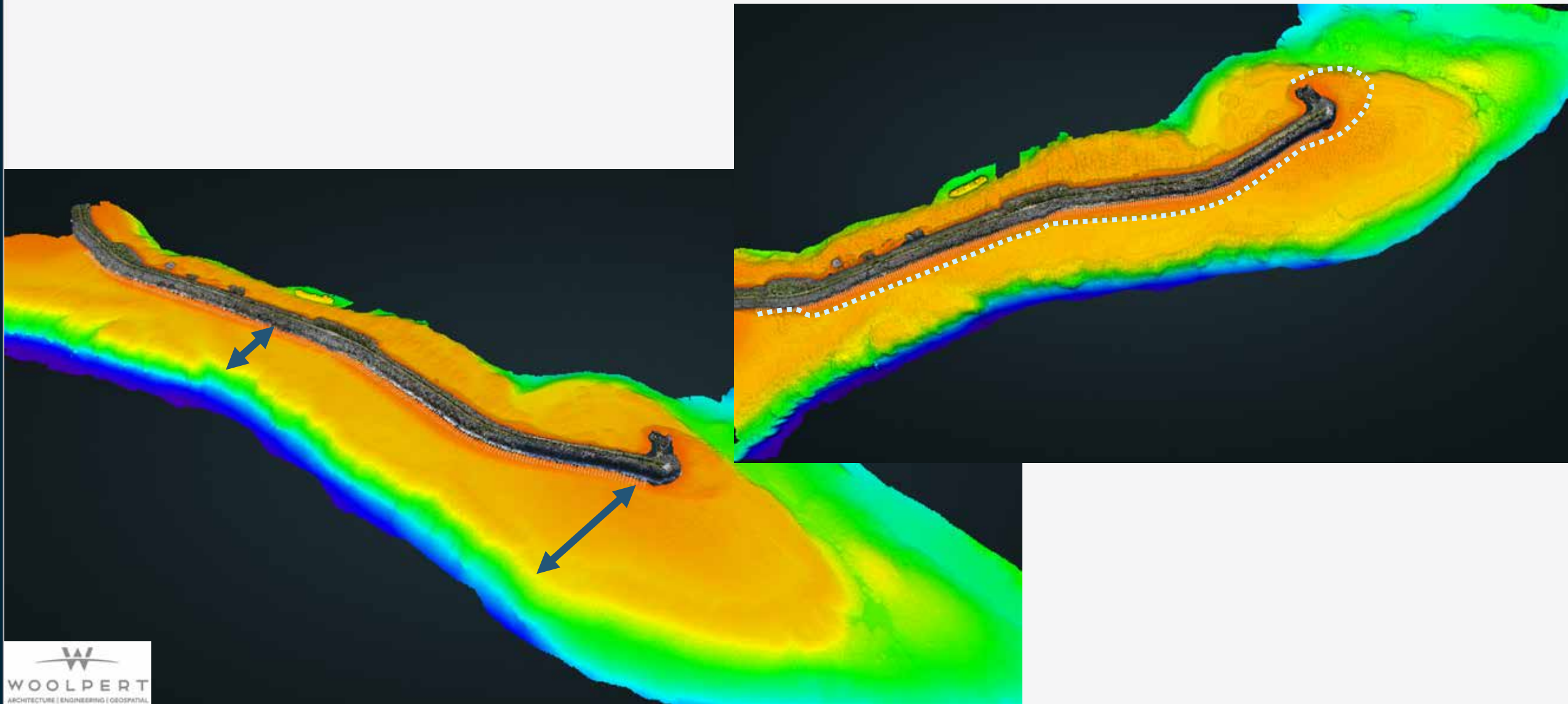


2013 Repair

100 m
500 ft

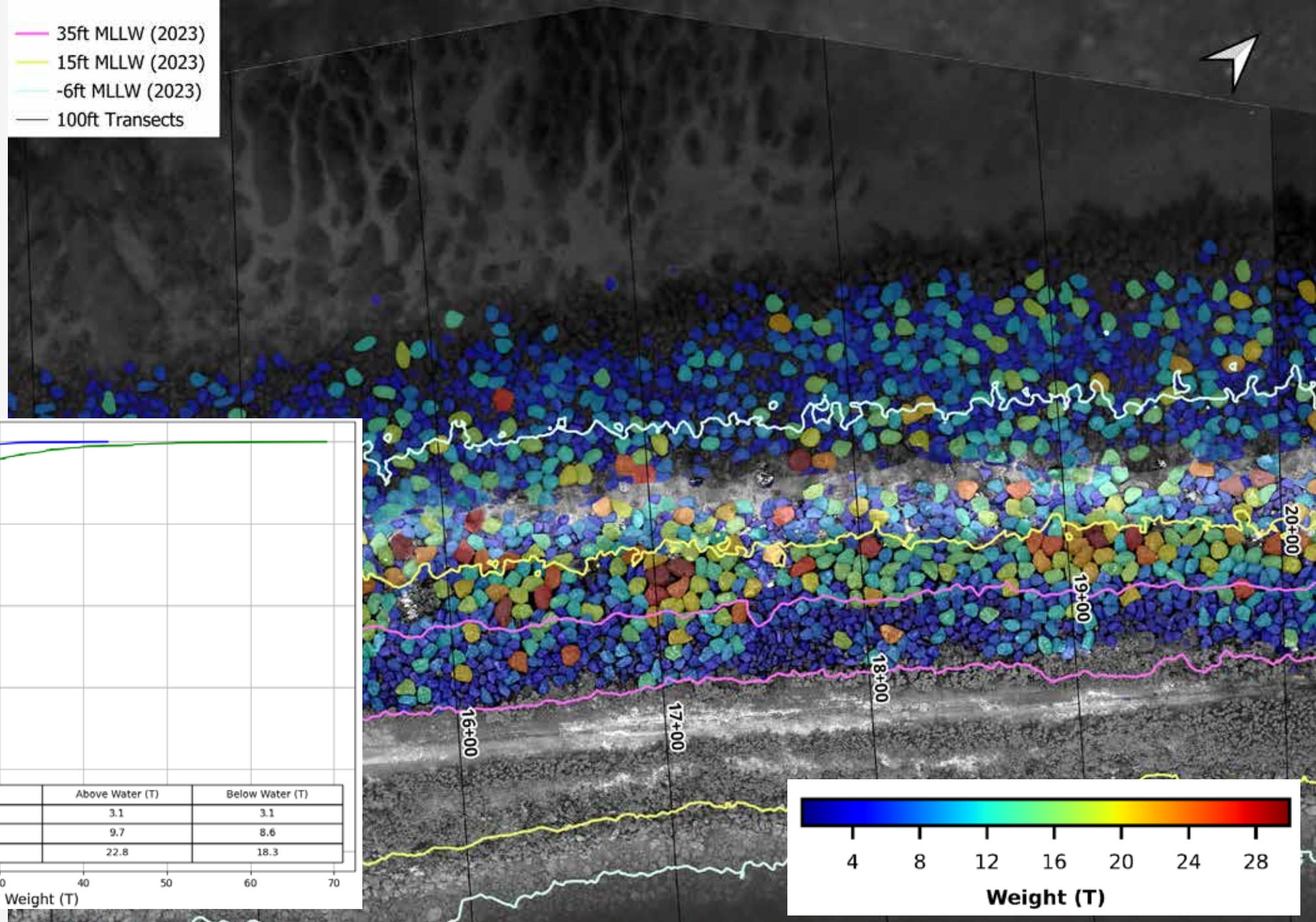
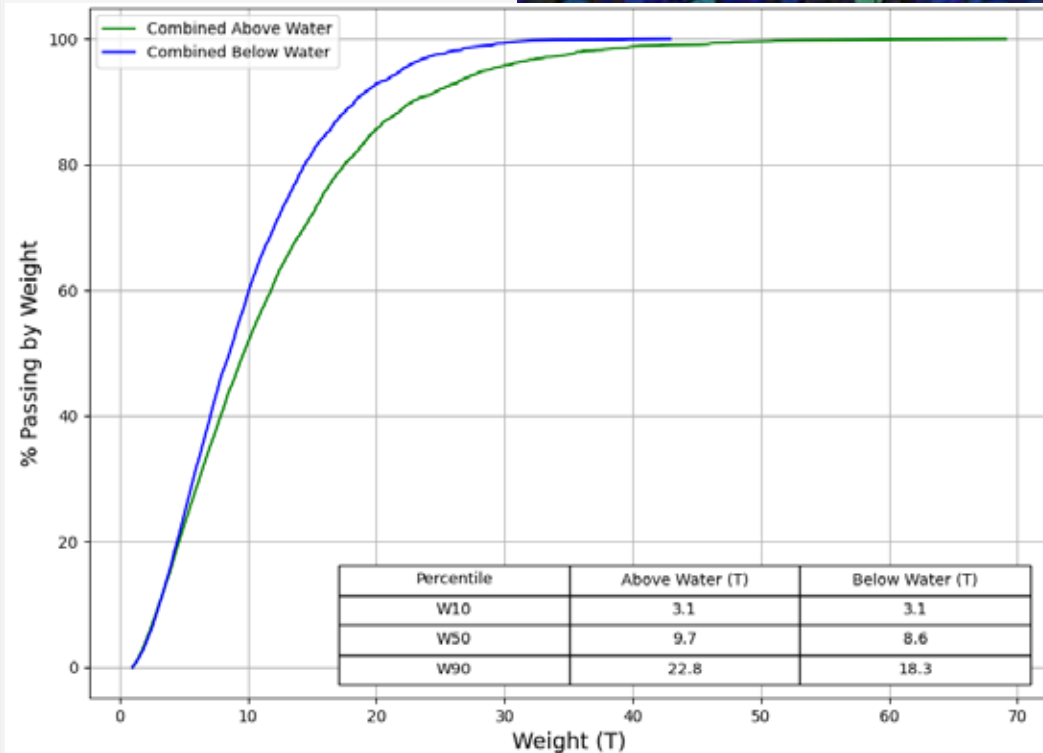


Site Characterization



StoneID

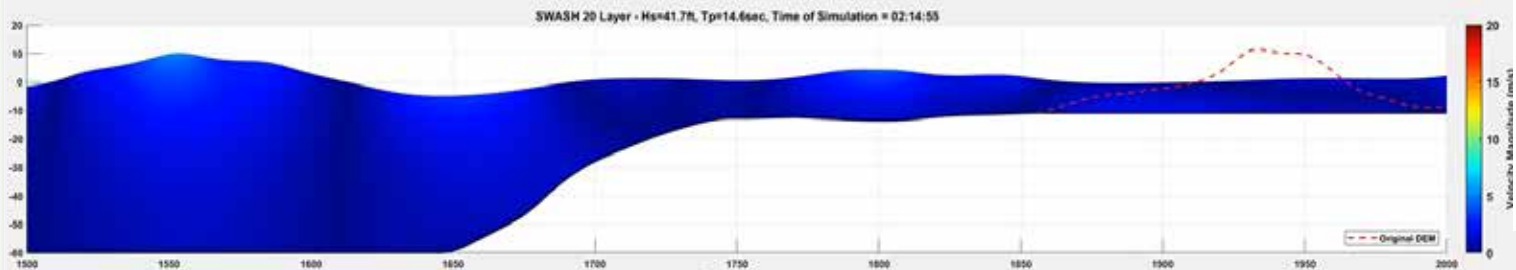
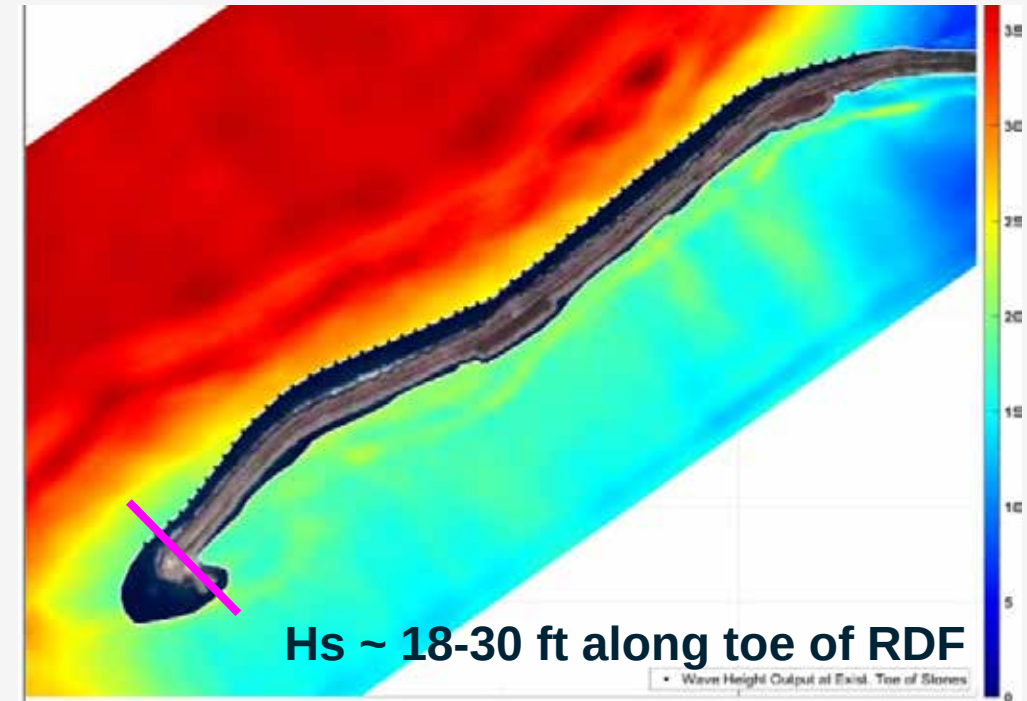
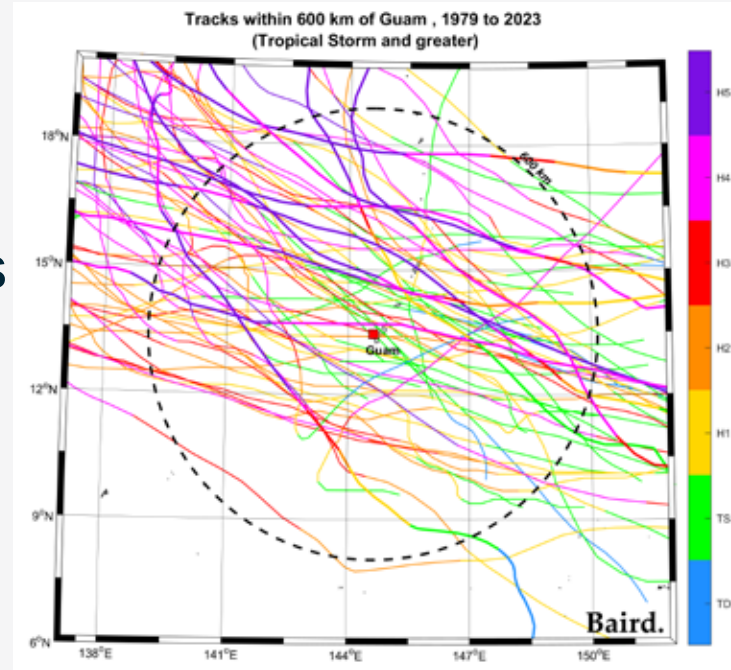
- 35ft MLLW (2023)
- 15ft MLLW (2023)
- 6ft MLLW (2023)
- 100ft Transects



Metocean Conditions & Wave Climate

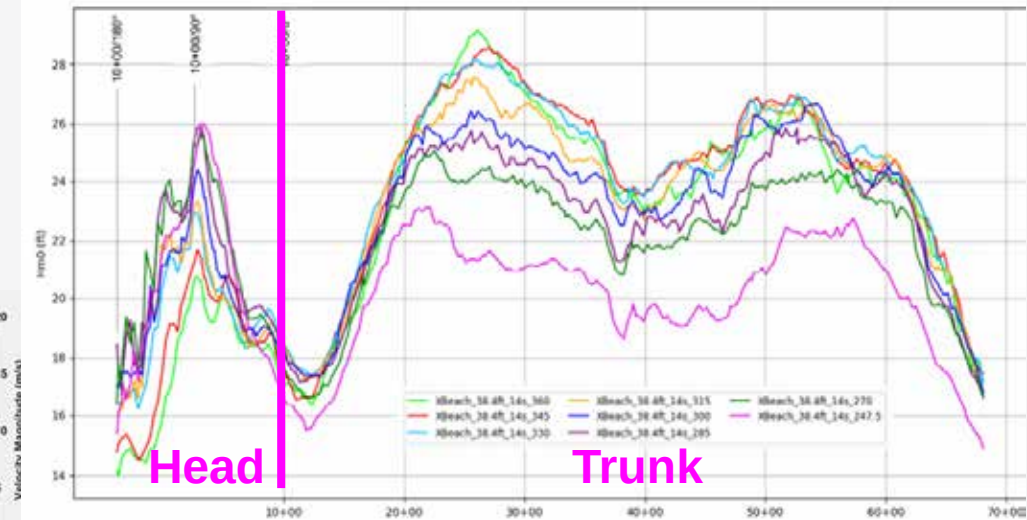
- RFP Design Conditions

- 25 yr offshore Wave Height = 38.4 ft/12-14s
- MWD = WSW-NNE
- 100 yr HWL = +5.1 ft MLLW



Offshore

Nearshore

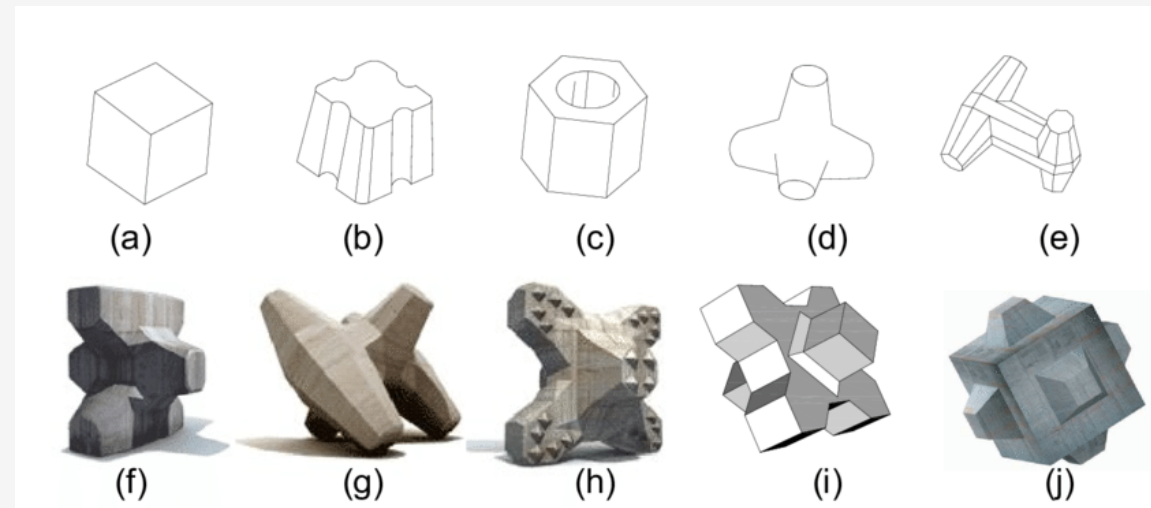


Alternative Design Concepts- DB Team Collaboration!

1) Quarried Stone

2) Concrete armor units (CAUs)

- **Slender** (Dolos, Tetrapods) - prone to rocking/breakage/failure
- **Massive** (Cubes) - inefficient
- **Bulky** (Accropodes™, Core-Loc®, X-bloc®) - best balance of hydraulic stability + structural durability

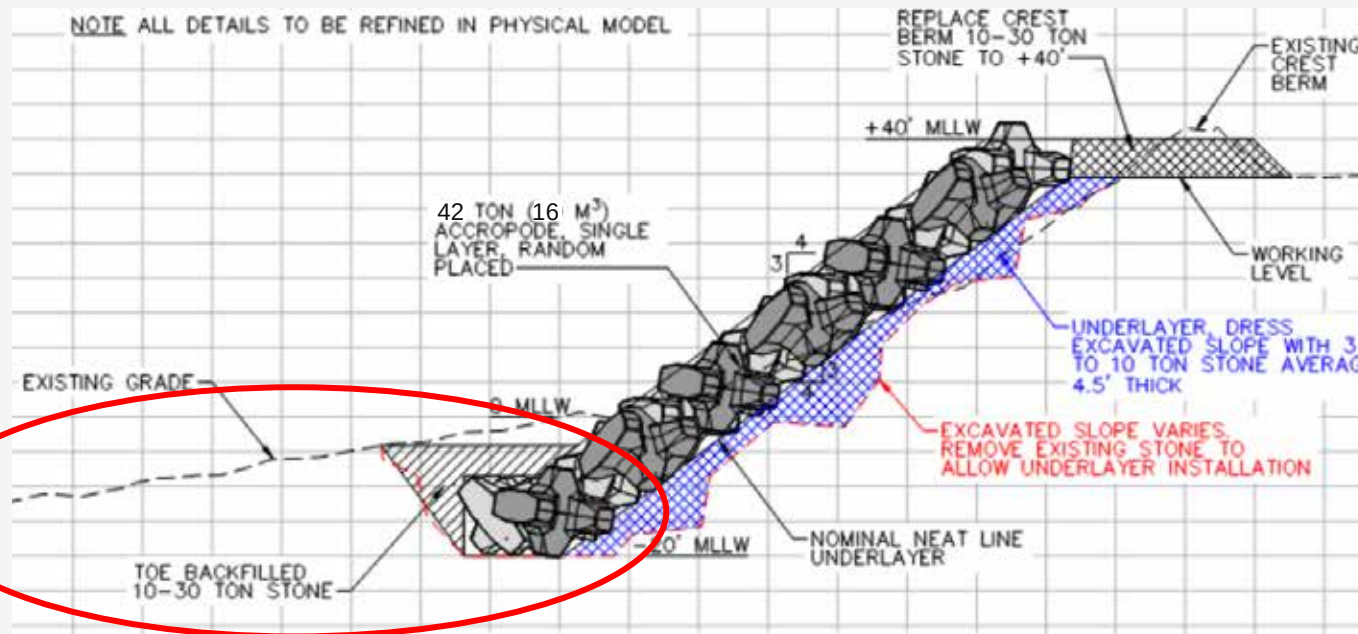


Overview of Selected Design Concept

- 16 m³ (42 T) Accropode™ units (single layer)
- Excavation/grading of existing armor stone
- Toe units embedded in trench excavated into Relic Debris Field (RDF)
- **Key Design Details:**
 - Depth of toe trench excavation into RDF
 - RDF response to extended storm exposure



} RDF is “foundation” for repair



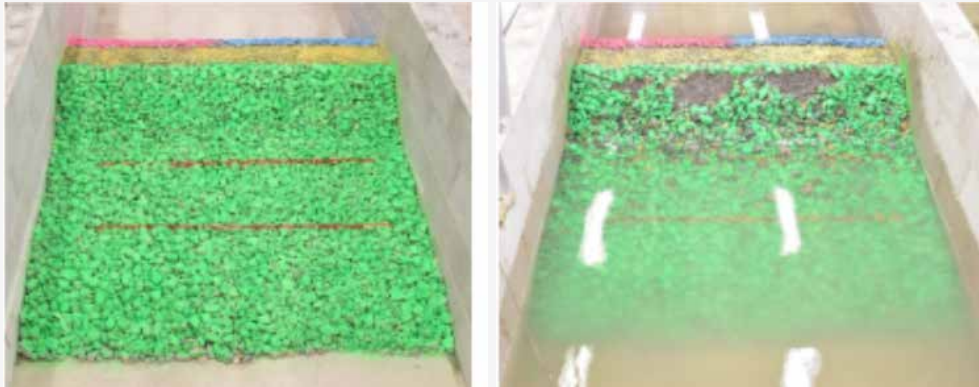
Physical Modeling - The Design Tool!

- Conducted at NRC-OCRE (Ottawa, Canada)
- Scale: 1:49.3
- Facilities:
 - 2D - 14 × 63 m Coastal Wave Basin
 - 3D - 20 × 30 m Multidirectional Wave Basin
- Key Objectives:
 - Accropode™ stability
 - Non-conventional (oversize) underlayer
 - RDF mobility
 - Toe trench depth
 - Risk of damage to partially completed work



2D Physical Model Study

- Simultaneous testing of 4 XSs
- Damage to existing structure accurately simulated



- Focus on key design parameters for repair cross-section



Two distinct 3D model studies completed to support design process:

3D-East - inner 3,500 ft
(beyond repair termination
at Luminao Reef)



3D Model Construction



a) Accropode™ placement training along trunk



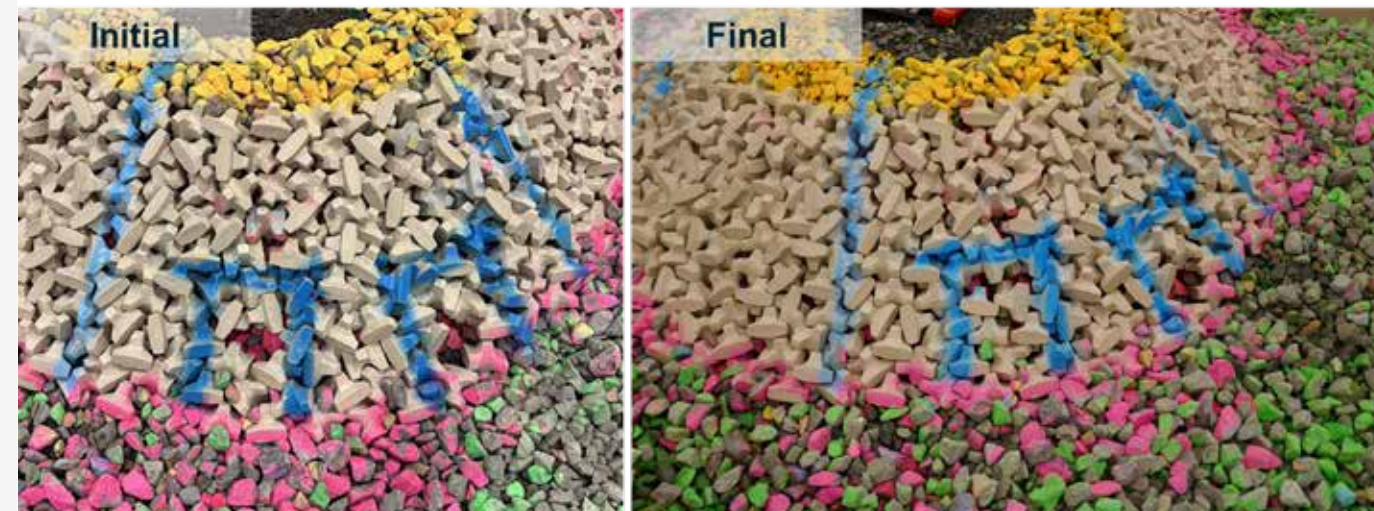
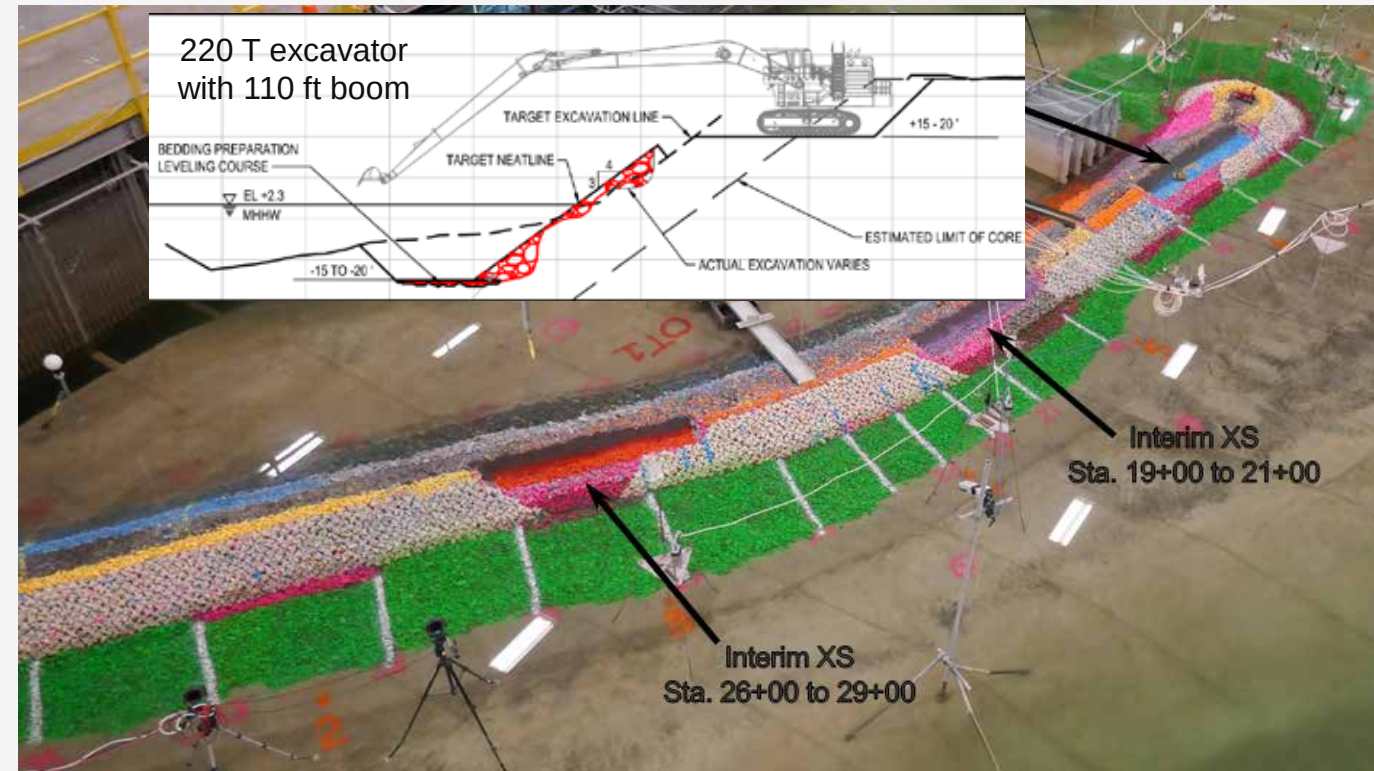
b) Accropode™ placement training along roundhead



c) Completed 3D-W model (TSA)

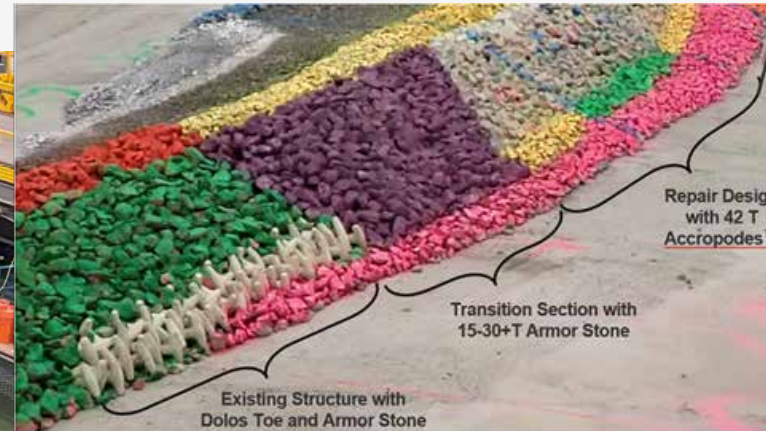
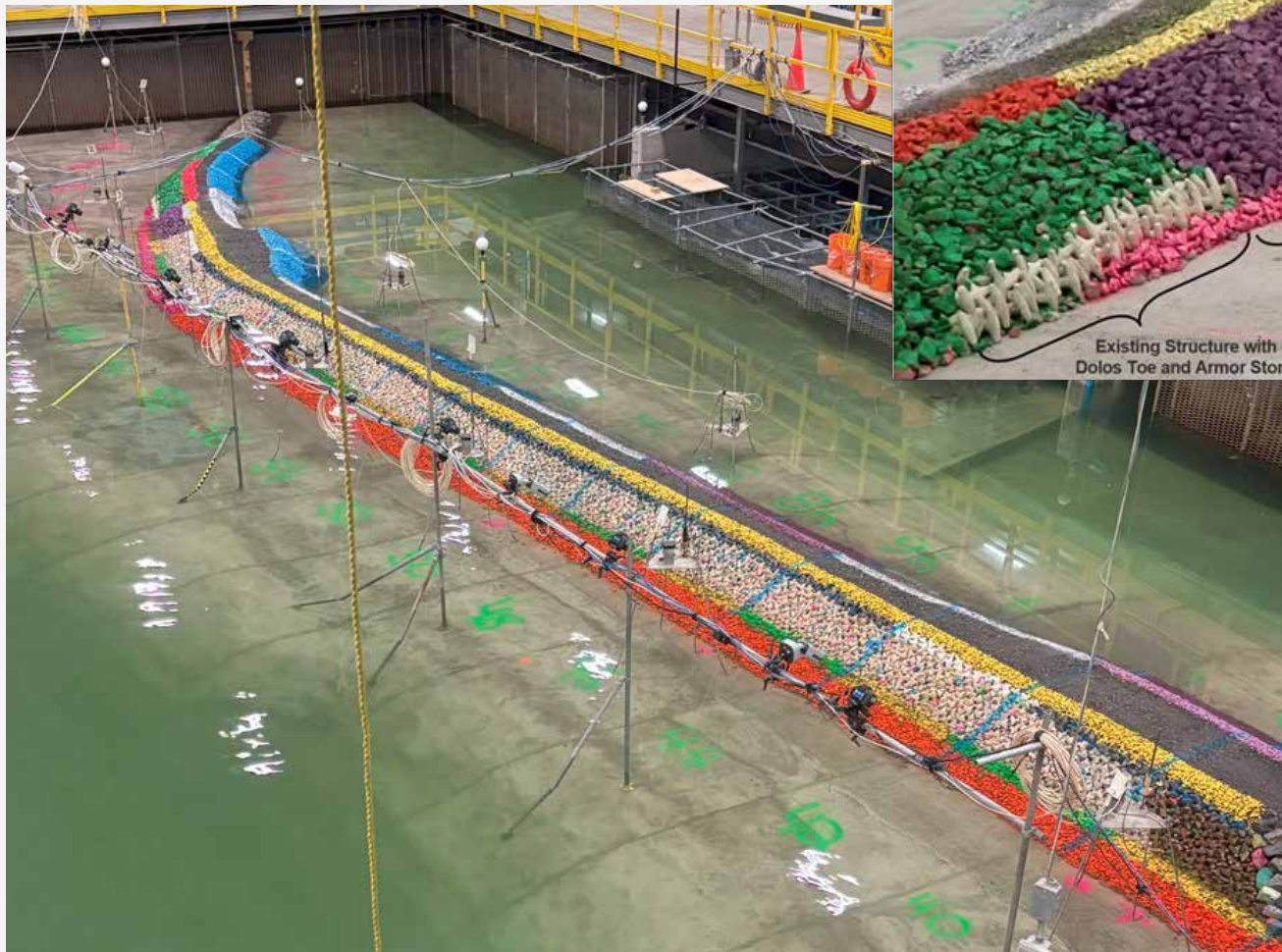
3D-West Model - Overview

- Outer 2,700 ft, incl. roundhead
- Repair design details
 - Accropode™ armor layer
 - Oversize underlayer
 - Toe trench depth + backfill
 - Overtopping + crest buttress
 - Roundhead + leeside transition
- Risk of damage to WIP
 - Excavated bench and toe
- Armor layer resilience
 - Removed Accropode™ units to simulate breakage/extraction



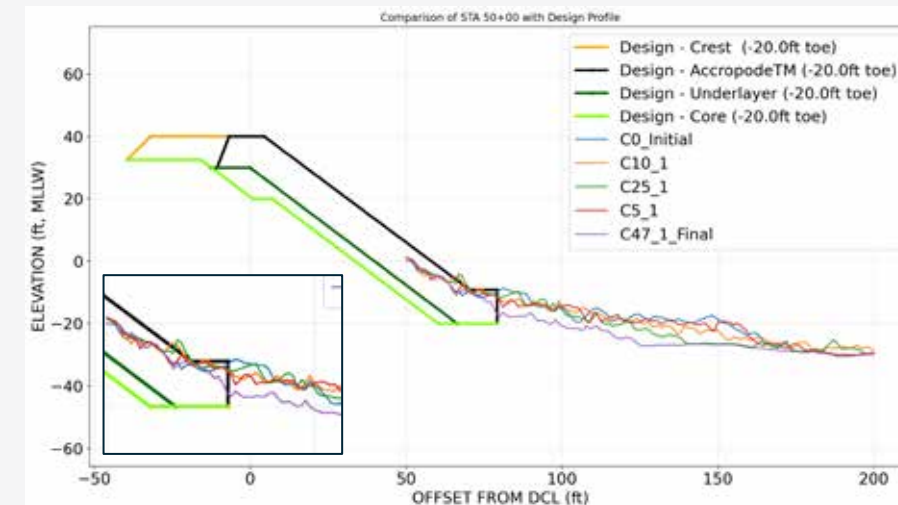
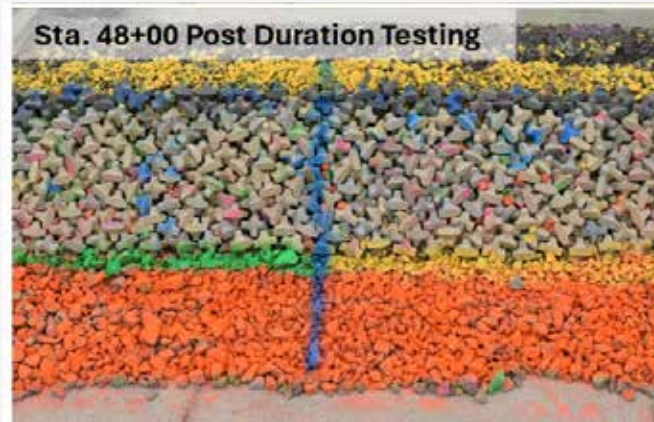
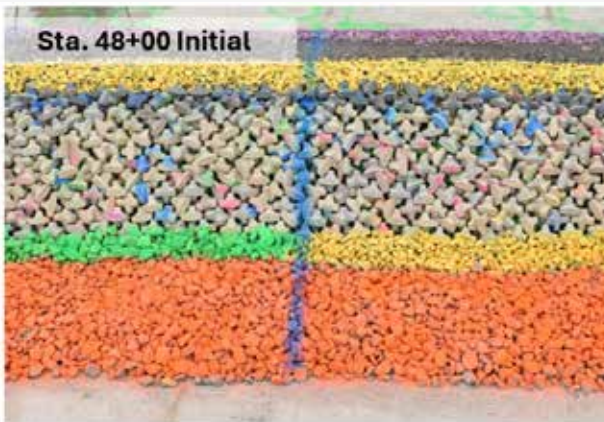
3D-East Model - Overview

- Inner 3,500 ft, incl. transition to existing structure at Luminao Reef

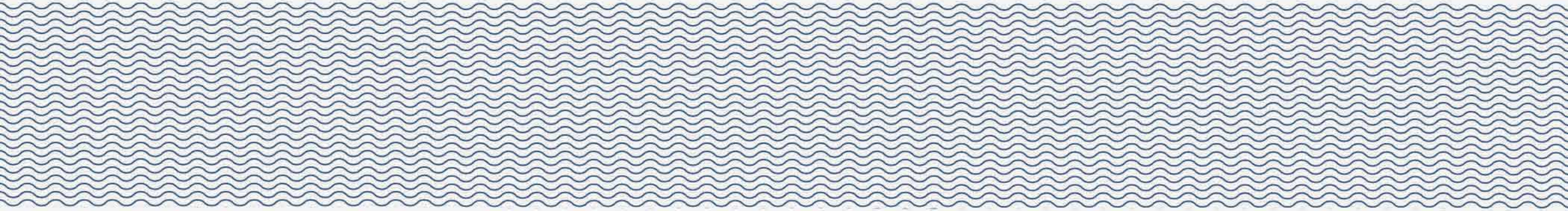


Key Model Results - Accropode™ Units

- 16 m³ (42 T) Accropodes™ showed no sign of instability under design + overload conditions
- Armor layer provides significant design resilience
 - No extractions under extended duration of severe waves (multiple design events + overload conditions)
 - No progressive damage around artificially created gaps
- Extraction of a few toe units in some tests (3D-E model) after very long test durations (100+ yrs of storm exposure simulated)



Construction Progress



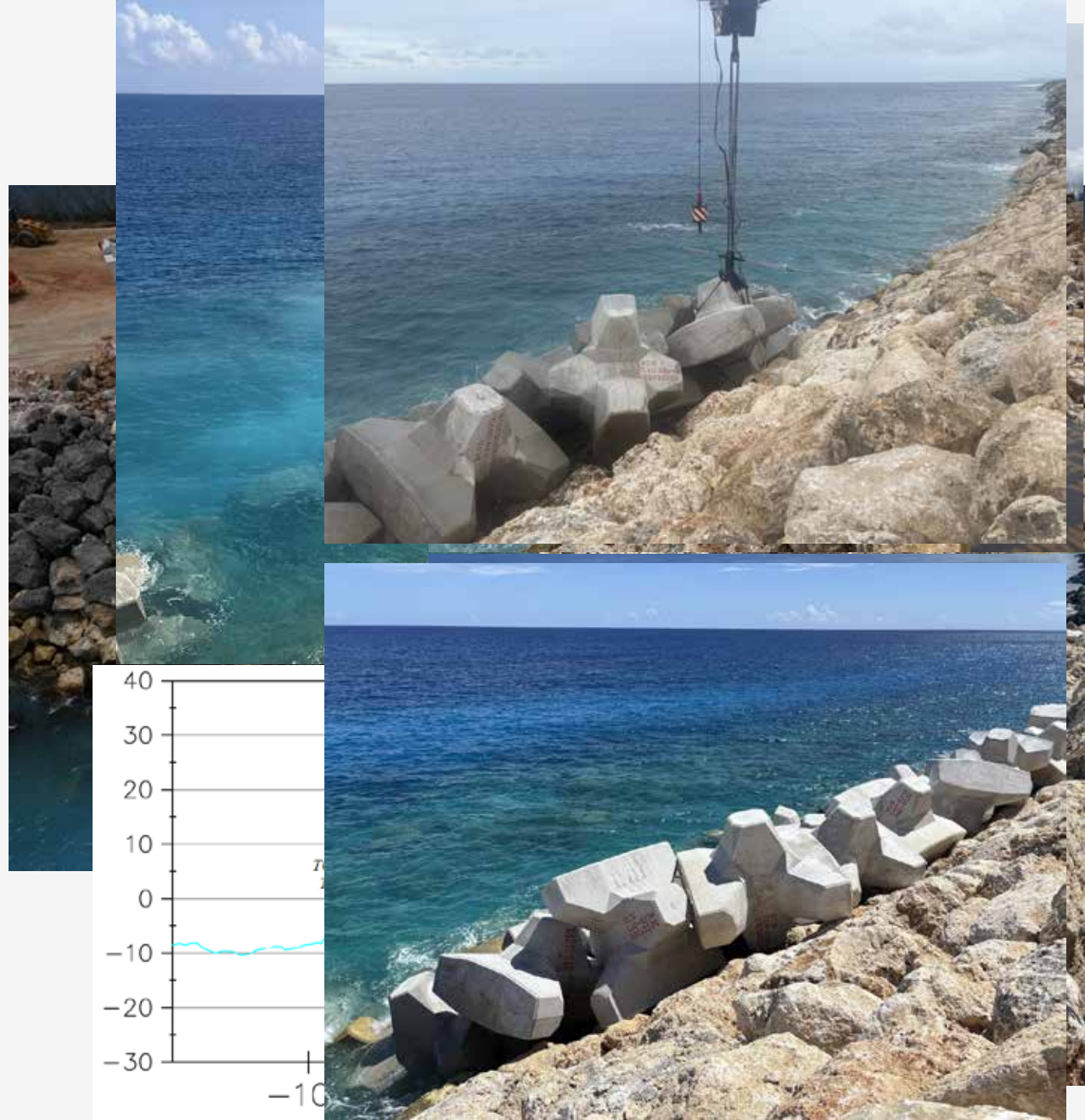
Construction Progress

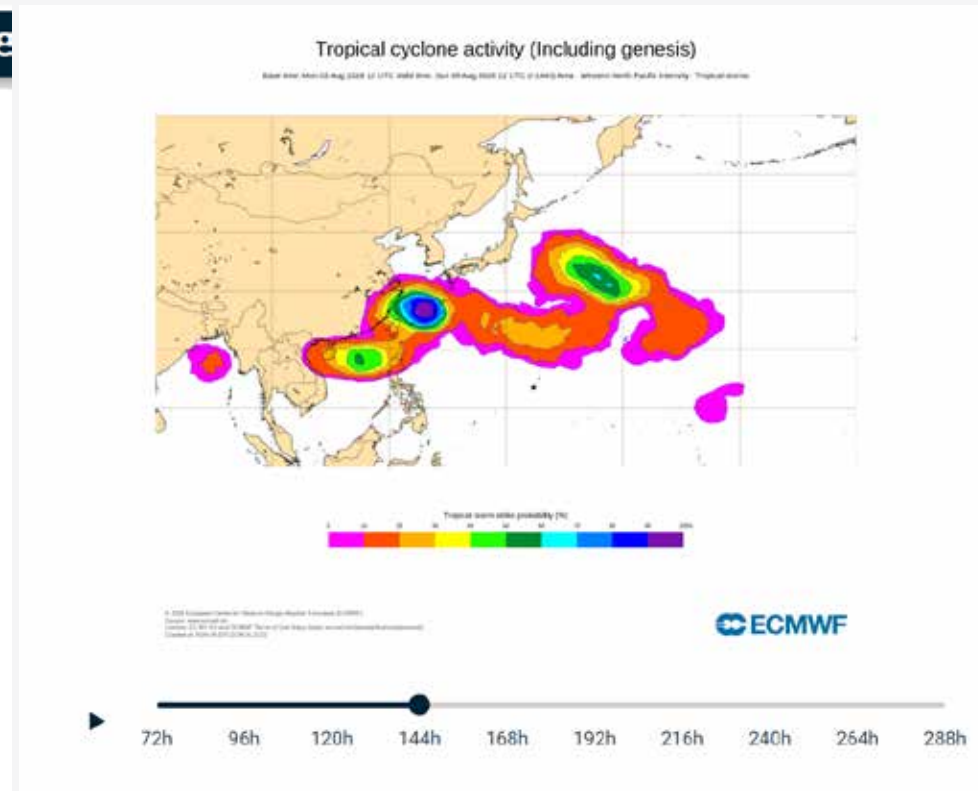
- Mob, early works + Accropode™ casting started in late 2025
- 300 ft test section advanced in early 2026
- Units Casted as of August 5th, 2026:
1,144



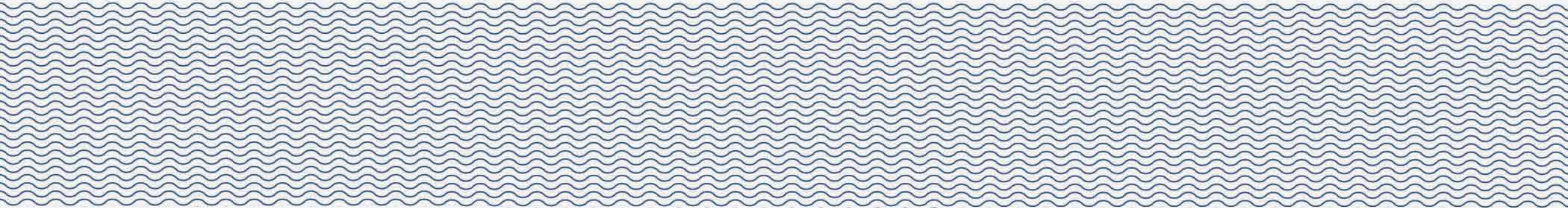
Construction Sequencing

1. Construct Working Platform
 - Salvage material with excavation
2. Excavate Toe Trench & Underlayer to Platform
3. Backfill Working Platform & Complete Underlayer
4. Place Accropode™ units

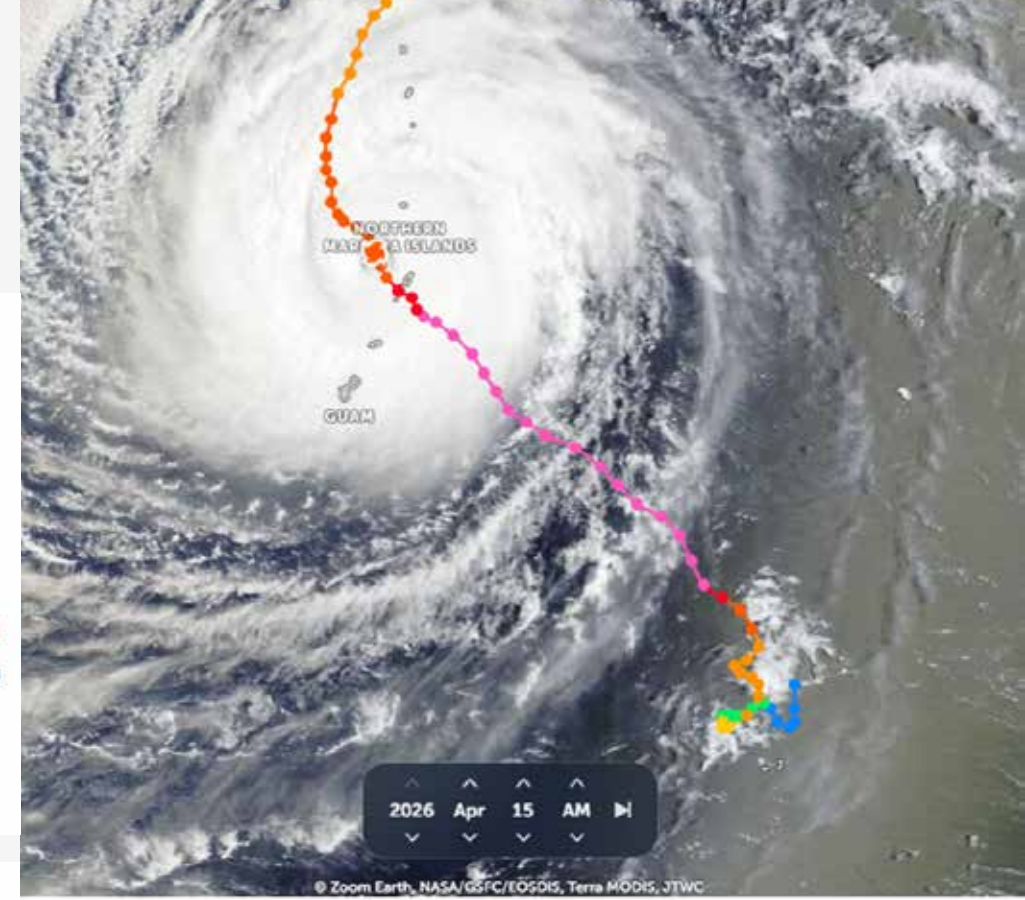
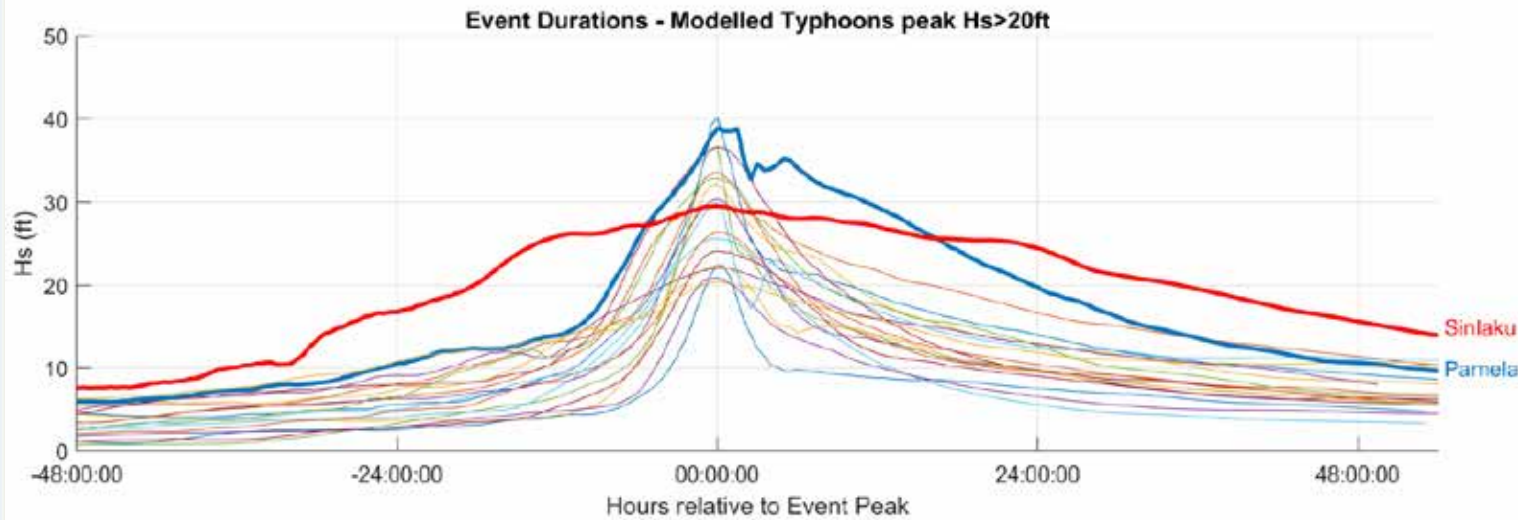




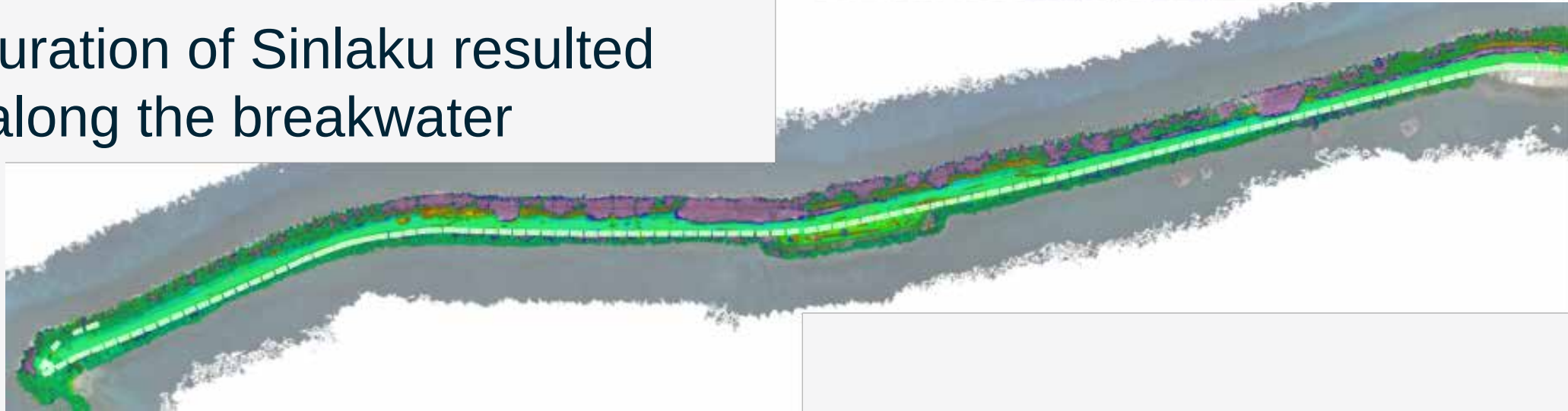
Super Typhoons Sinlaku and Bavi



Super Typhoon Sinlaku



- Extended Duration of Sinlaku resulted in damage along the breakwater



Emergency Response to Super Typhoon Sinlaku

Sinaku Damage



Emergency Repairs

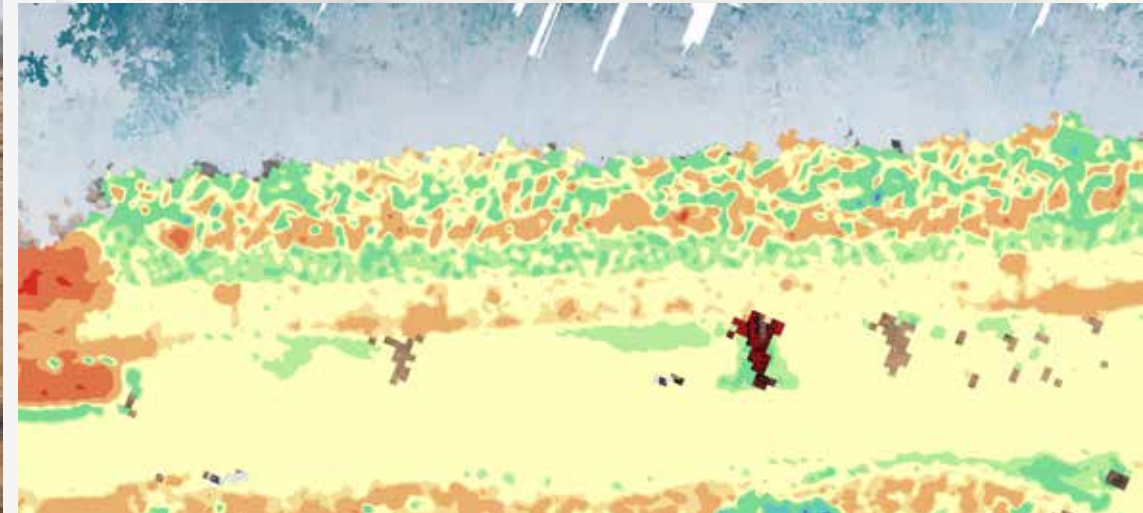
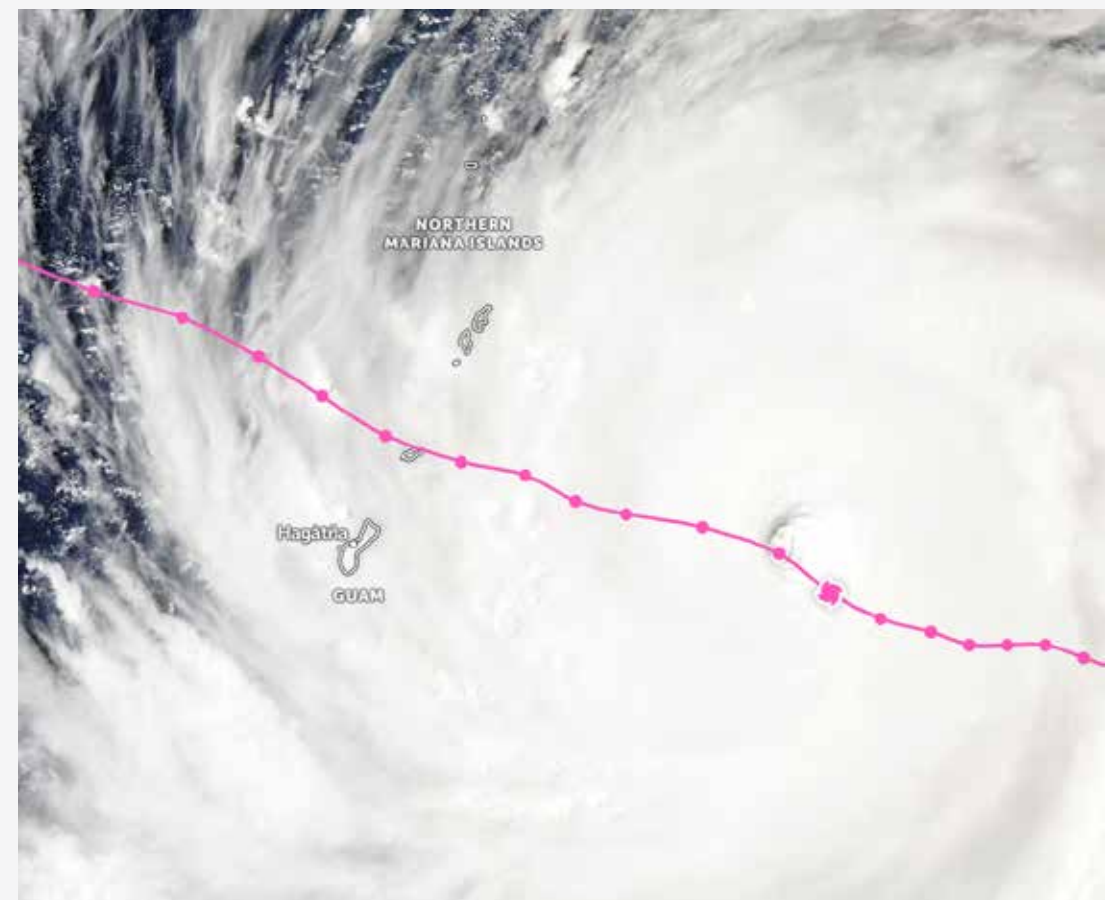


First Accropode™



Super Typhoon Bavi

- Sinlaku related repairs completed
- Accropode™ Placement Completed for ~400ft
- Typhoon Bavi July 5-6th, 2026
- Placed units remained intact and stable
- Fewer Emergency Repairs required compared to Sinlaku



Path Ahead

- Complete Emergency Repairs
 - Use imported stone from Korea to replace volume loss due to Sinlaku and Bavi
- Progress with the Permanent Repair Design with Accropode™



Questions?