NOAA COASTAL MAPPING PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT PR2001-CS-T

Port of Ponce, Puerto Rico

Introduction

Coastal Mapping Program (CMP) Project PR2001-CS-T provides highly accurate digital shoreline data for key areas of change within the port of Ponce, Puerto Rico. The Geographic Cell (GC) may be used in support of the NOAA Nautical Charting Program (NCP) as well as geographic information systems (GIS) for a variety of coastal zone management applications.

Project Design

The design of Project PR2001-CS-T was accomplished by the Requirements Branch (RB) of the Remote Sensing Division (RSD) in response to the need for updates to the NOAA chart suite in key ports. Project requirements were formulated as a result of analysis conducted within the Coast and Shoreline Change Analysis Program (CSCAP), in which NOAA nautical chart products are compared to contemporary high resolution imagery in order to ascertain the need for more current shoreline data. Commercial satellite imagery was utilized for the CSCAP analysis. A Chart Evaluation File (CEF) was created once the change analysis was complete. Refer to the CSCAP memorandum for PR2001-CS-T for details regarding the chart comparison process.

Field Operations

Routine CMP field operations did not apply for this project based on the origin of the project source data. Existing sources of horizontal control were used for the georeferencing process.

Georeferencing

Georeferencing tasks were initiated by a member of the Applications Branch (AB) of the RSD in February 2020. One pan-sharpened WorldView-2 image from DigitalGlobe, Inc. with a ground sample distance (GSD) of 0.47 meters was georeferenced using a single control point extracted from the vectors compiled in previous CMP project PR0802 using Esri's ArcGIS (ver. 10.7.1) desktop GIS software. Within ArcGIS, the Georeferencing tool was used, and the imagery was re-sampled using the Nearest Neighbor sampling method. Check points extracted from the previous project vectors were used to assess the accuracy of the resampled imagery. The RMS of the residuals for each measured check point was used to compute a predicted horizontal circular error (CE) of 0.96 meters based on a 95% confidence level. This CE value was doubled and added to the accuracy of the source from which check points were extracted in order to conservatively predict the accuracy of well-defined points measured during compilation. Positional data is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

Compilation

Data compilation was accomplished by a member of AB in March 2020. Digital feature data was compiled in shapefile format from the satellite imagery using Esri's ArcGIS software. Feature attribution was assigned in compliance with the Coastal Cartographic Object Attribute Source Table (C-COAST), which provides the definition and attribution scheme for the full range of cartographic features pertinent to the CMP.

Spatial data accuracies for Project PR2001-CS-T were determined according to standard Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) practices. Cartographic features were compiled to meet a horizontal accuracy of 2.8 meters at the 95% confidence level, which is a deductive estimate based on georeferencing statistics. The following table provides information on the satellite images used in the project completion:

Image Source	Source File ID	GSD	Acquisition Date/Time	Tide Level
WorldView-2	20191103_WV02_ORI_MOSGeoref.tif	0.47 m	2019-11-03 / 14:58:38 UTC	n/a

Quality Control / Final Review

Quality control tasks were conducted subsequent to project completion, in March 2020, by senior CMP personnel. The review process included analysis of the georeferencing results and assessment of the identification and attribution of digital feature data within the GC according to image analysis and criteria defined in C-COAST. The quality control process concluded with an inspection of topological connectivity within the GC using ArcGIS. The entire suite of project products was evaluated for compliance to CMP requirements.

End Products and Deliverables

The following specifies the location and identification of end products generated during the completion of this project:

Remote Sensing Division Electronic Data Library

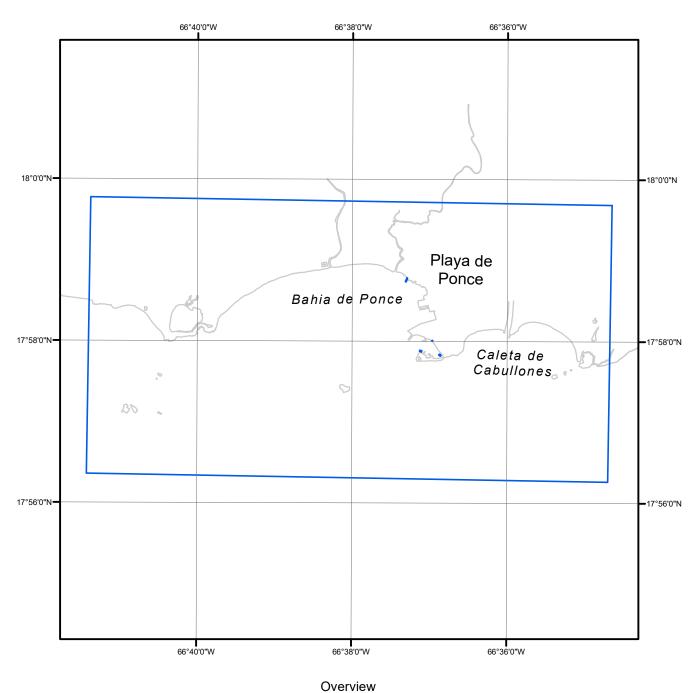
- CSCAP evaluation memorandum
- GC11645 in shapefile format
- Project Completion Report (PCR)
- CEF in shapefile format

NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer

- GC11645 in shapefile format
- Metadata file for GC11645
- PCR in Adobe PDF format

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