***Minor revisions made by the Steering Group 17 March***

**NZ Marine Geospatial Information - Steering Group TOR**

**Background:**

A NZ Marine Geospatial Information Working Group (NZMGI-WG) was established in February 2019 to facilitate national collaboration and leverage opportunities to grow the value of marine geospatial investments and benefits (see [Terms of Reference for the NZMGI-WG](https://www.linz.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/doc/nzmgi_working-group-tor_v3_20220331.docx)).

The NZMGI-WG is open to representatives with interest in marine geospatial information from Central and Local Government agencies, Māori / Iwi groups, Crown Research Institutes, academia and the private sector.

At the inaugural meeting (19 February 2019), the NZMGI-WG identified the need for commitment and leadership from Central Government.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Steering Group is to provide direction to the NZMGI-WG and oversee the development and implementation of a national marine geospatial work programme.

The Steering Group has decision making responsibilities on the delivery of the national work programme and ensures the work programme aligns with the goals of the NZMGI-WG:

- MGI is Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-Useable (FAIR Data Principles)

- Widespread knowledge of data applications and uses

- Visibility of future marine data capture to reduce duplication and leverage opportunities for partnerships

The Steering Group consists of representatives from the NZMGI-WG with a key national role in the generation and/or use of marine geospatial data. The decisions made by the Steering Group will consider the needs of the wider marine geospatial community.

**Responsibilities:**

The Steering Group members are responsible for developing and managing the national marine geospatial work programme by:

* Developing a national NZ MGI strategy and work programme with input from the NZMGI-WG
* Determining work programme priorities with input from the working group
* Understanding the goals and objectives of the NZMGI-WG (see [Terms of Reference for the NZMGI-WG](https://www.linz.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/doc/nzmgi_working-group-tor_v3_20220331.docx))
* Providing strategic leadership
* Sharing knowledge and technical expertise
* Actively contributing (including resourcing) to work programme deliverables
* Supporting the coordination and facilitation of the NZMGI-WG
* Regularly attending Steering Group meetings, approx. every two months (virtual attendance may be possible).

**Membership:**

The following NZMGI-WG organisations and current representatives have been identified to form the Steering Group (max. 2 representatives per organisation):

* DOC - Enrique Pardo/Jodie Robertson
* GNS - Jenny Black/Vaughan Stagpoole
* LINZ - Anna Meissner/Rachel Gabara (Chair)
* MBIE - Miles Dunkin
* MFE - Deborah Burgess
* MPI - Ryan Hughes
* NIWA - Jochen Schmidt/Mike Williams
* NZDF - Matt James
* Local Government Representative - Oliver Wade/Stephen Hunt
* Māori / Iwi Representative – Te Aomihia Walker (Te Ohu Kaimoana)