For professionals working in marine fields, the most important area to map is predominantly coastal areas, as well as the deep ocean (Fig. C).

Professionals and the general-public agree there is a need to survey the oceans and build a global database. Resolutions represent the maps we create, so picking a suitable resolution for each mapping mission is important. There is a wealth of information available online.

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