

Reference Frame in Practice Workshop 1A

Status of Geodetic Infrastructure in the Solomon Islands

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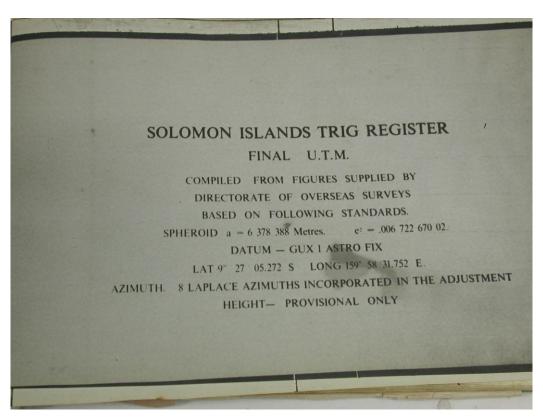
1. Existing Geodetic Infrastructure

- We have 2nd Order Geodetic Control Network which covers the entire country. It has horizontal and vertical values.
- The vertical/height value is on provisional basis and is linked to the "High Water Mark" as its datum.
- Our initial datum was based on the International Spheroid.





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A copy of the Geodetic Network around Guadalcanal

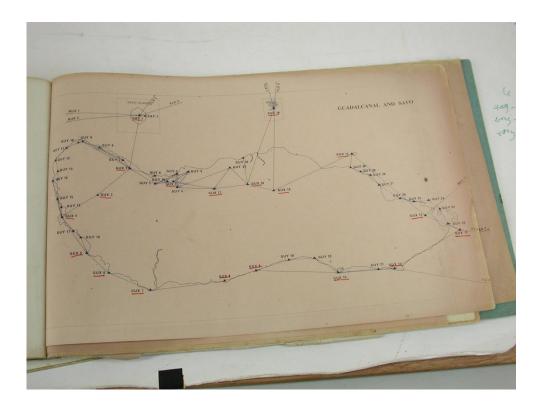
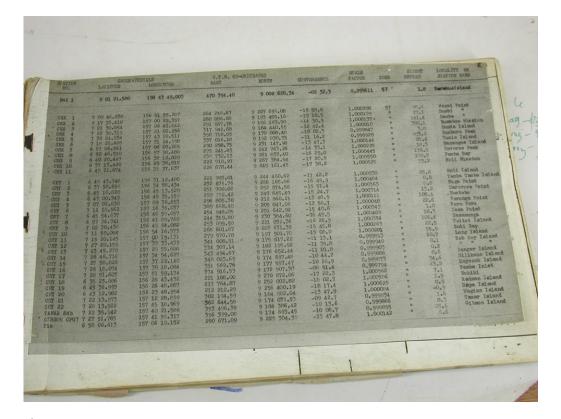






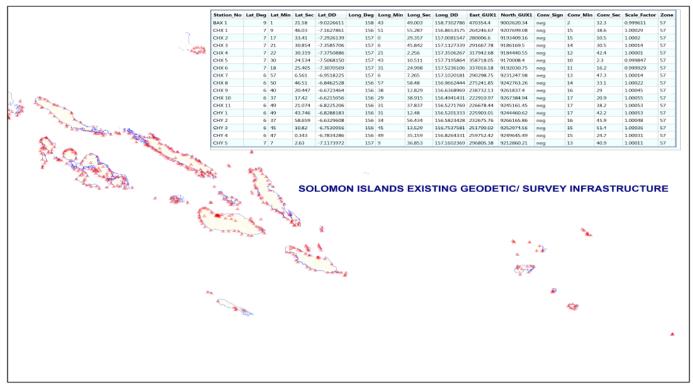
Table showing the details about the Geo-detic controls







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- Since the establishment of the Control Network, some 50 years ago none of our current manpower has knowledge or experience in this kind of survey, let alone the use of relevant equipment and software that are currently now been used.
- The current surveying staff is qualified to diploma level only from the Solomon Islands College of Higher Education. Some have worked with private survey firms in the past but on cadastral, topographic and engineering only.
- There is need for these surveyors to adopt survey software such as civilcad, liscad plus others etc.





- The breakdown of the PC hosting our GPS Base station plus difficulties with retrieving the original software has handicapped us with differential GPS tasks that need more accuracy.
- The existing cadastral survey data is linked to the GUX1 Astro (Local Geodetic Network). The DCDB (cadastral database) base topographic data, administrative data, some land-use and land cover data obtained from different sources has been integrated the system using WGS84.
- The 2003 National 50K Mapping Revision which covered the entire country uses WGS84.





- Currently we are providing government and private surveyors with survey data that is homogeneous throughout the country. If there is any new system that is available and accessible with regards to Geodetic positioning services, we would appreciate any assistance that would enable us to do so.
- Most of our geodetic controls are along the coast and some have been destroyed by rising sea levels. Some of those in the mountains have been destroyed by logging activities and those in built up areas are simply destroyed by development activities such as construction and civil works.





- Our impediment to further develop or to re-observe the network (which is well out of date) is the lack of experience by our staff, as well the importance of Geodetic Survey is not easily seen by the government as a priority, when competing for funds with other productive sectors.
- Our need can be assisted by the support of experts from outside of the country with their advice and financial assistance.

