Beach Management Plan Site Report 2010
4cMU24: Hastings

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Explanatory Notes

Topographic cross-shore (profile) measurements are made at the intercept of the beach and a hard structure, at all changes of beach slope, at changes in surface sediment and at maximum defined intervals (every 5 metres). Each measurement is feature-coded with the type of surface material. Profiles are 100-500m apart, depending on management status. The seaward limit to be achieved is Mean Low Water Springs or 50 metres from the beach toe.

Topographic spot height (baseline) surveys are carried out annually at Beach Management Plan sites. Profiles are measured at 50m intervals, with the addition of spot heights at the toe of hard structures, the beach surface surrounding structures, all beach ridge crests, all other changes in slope and sediment changes, plus contour lines at a maximum spacing of 5m. All measurements are feature-coded with sediment type. Sufficient data points must be measured to generate a reliable Digital Terrain Model.

Hydrographic surveys are conducted with a single beam echo-sounder, with the position fixing requirement relaxed to DGPS. Soundings are taken along cross-shore profile lines 50m apart and extend 1km offshore. A minimum of 4 shore parallel tie lines are required (including one near the landward and seaward boundaries). The landward limit varies slightly across the region, due to the variation in tidal range, but in general is landward of Mean Sea Level, thus providing overlap with the topographic surveys. Tidal control may be by RTK GPS or by correction from tide gauges which are tied to the survey control network.

2. Change in Cross-sectional Area (CSA)

The annual change in cross-sectional area is calculated as the difference in CSA between two surveys, expressed as a percentage change compared to the earlier CSA.

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\frac{CSA_1 - CSA_2}{CSA_2} \times 100
\]

*Eqn (1)*

where CSA\(_1\) = most recent springtime survey and CSA\(_2\) = spring survey previous year. Therefore an annual change of –14% represents erosion during the last year of 14% of the area of last year’s survey.

3. Method of derivation of Digital Ground and difference models

The Digital Ground Model is created by interpolating the points of a topographic baseline survey collected by using RTK GPS system. The interpolation method used to create the SECG DGMs is specified as Triangulation with smoothing and is applied in MapInfo Vertical Mapper to create a 1 metre resolution grid.

Triangulation is a process of grid generation that is usually applied to data that requires no regional averaging, such as elevation readings. The surface created by triangulation passes through all of the original data points while generating some degree of "overshoot" above local high values and "undershoot" below local low values. Elevation is an example of point values that are best "surfaced" with a technique that predicts some degree of over- and under- estimation. In modeling a topographic surface from
scattered elevation readings, it is not reasonable to assume that data points were collected at the absolute top or bottom of each local rise or depression in the land surface.

Triangulation involves a process whereby all the original data points are connected in space by a network of triangular faces, drawn as equilaterally as possible. This network of triangular faces is referred to as a Triangular Irregular Network (TIN). Points are connected based on the nearest neighbour relationship (the Delaunay criterion) which states that a circumcircle drawn around any triangle will not enclose the vertices of any other triangle.

To visualise the resulting grid, the same colour scheme is applied, thus enabling comparison between grids of different geographic origin. The colour bands cover a elevation range between -4 to +12 metres OD with elevations lying between -2 and + 5 metres OD are shown in 0.5 metres intervals, the remaining elevation bands shown in 1 metre intervals.

All difference models are created by using a grid calculator within the GIS system. For example the difference model of two baseline surveys is created by subtracting the earlier baseline grid from the most recent baseline grid:

\[ \text{Grid}_1 - \text{Grid}_2 \]  \hspace{1cm} \text{Eqn (2)}

where \( \text{Grid}_1 \) = most recent baseline grid and \( \text{Grid}_2 \) = previous baseline grid. Therefore an annual change of \(-14\text{m}^2\) represents erosion during the last year of \(14\text{m}^2\), whilst positive values represent accretion over the period.
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*Pevensey Bay WaveRider Buoy*

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