Emerging technologies and careers

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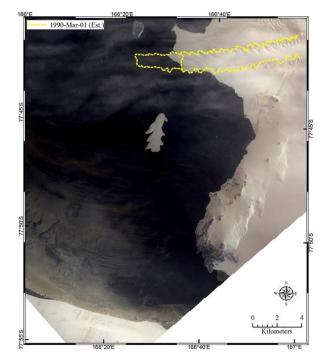


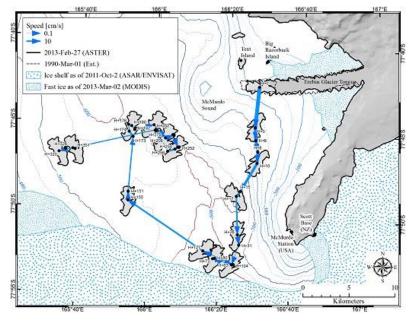
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"Erebus Glacier Tongue calving event, 27 February 2013" © Pascal Sirguey, University of Otago, 2013. Includes MODIS data acquired as part of NASA's Earth-Sun System Division.

(Stevens, Sirguey & Leonard, 2013)



POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AT OTAGO

Mapping pests to help protect our native fauna

The high plateau of Spain is a long way from the South Island's braided river valleys, but it's in these fragile environments that doctoral student Mariano Rodriguez Recio is working to protect New Zealand's unique wildlife.

Mariano has successfully combined his degree in biology, longstanding passion for wildlife and background in information technology in an innovative research project in the School of Surveying.

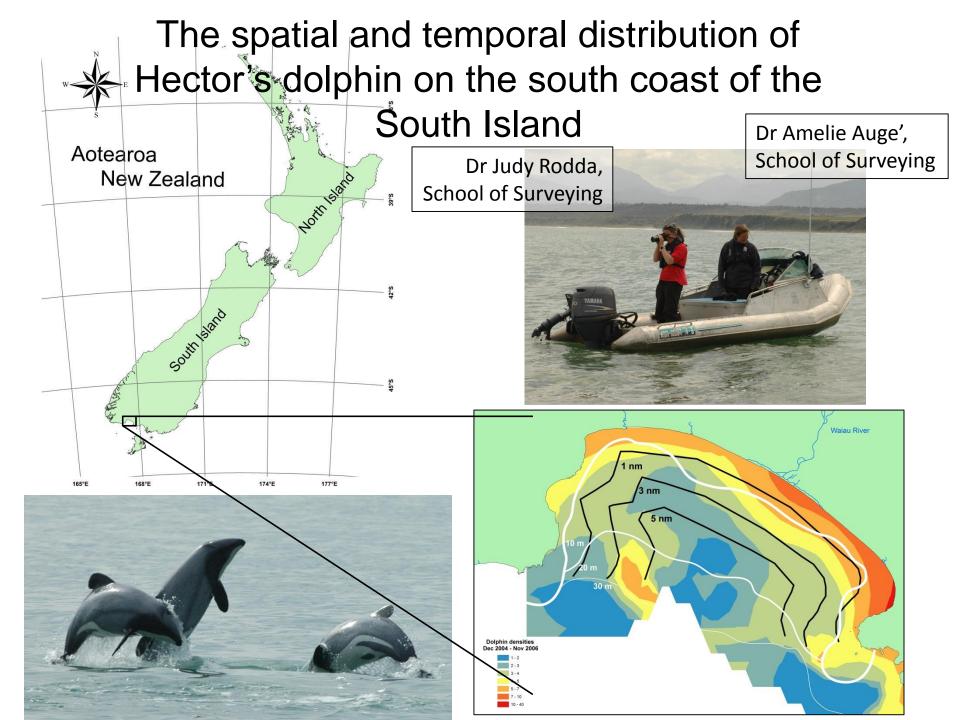
Using GPS technology Mariano tracks feral cats and hedgehogs, both species which pose a real threat to native birds. He uses the data along with satellite imagery to create habitat maps and to study the animals' movements and distribution. By understanding their spatial ecology better, we'll be better placed to control their populations and reduce the risk they pose to endangered species.

Surveying and ecology aren't disciplines you might put together. Mariano's project proves that postgraduate researchers at Otago are pushing traditional disciplines into new fields, at the same time as pushing back the boundaries of what we know by seeking new knowledge.

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YOUR PLACE IN THE WORLD



Moriori rock and tree carvings, Chatham Islands





Images - Richard Hemi

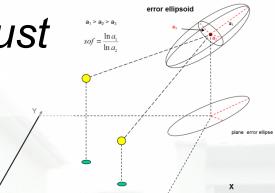




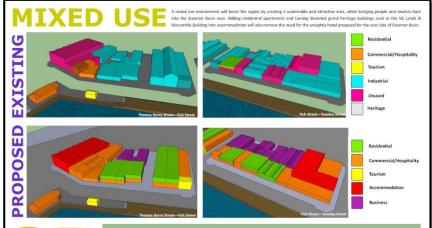




"To have good coordination you must first have good coordinates"



Rosa Paterson - BSurv













Caval Ridge Coal Mine Field

January 2013 – January 2014 (1 year 1 month)

Field duties included;

- QA of gravels, structures, dams, and drainage.
- Set-out of culverts, underground services, anchor bolts, concrete pours, and general earthworks.
- Machine guidance Including setup of Topcon lasers, and Trimble ATS systems, benching cutting edges, calibrating sensors, and general troubleshooting of GPS issues.
- Aligning rail and working with a rail tamper.

Office work included

- Processing and reporting field data.
- Exporting machine and SCS900 designs through 3D Office and Trimble Business Centre.
- Creating vertical alignments and road jobs (Terramodel).
- Calculating and verifying end of month quantity claims using field data against design (volumes and trim areas).



Photo: Mark Myall



Rob Sharp – BSc LPD



"After a summer of survey set-out I was offered a challenging role as a Contract Manager with their construction division. One year on I find myself project managing large contracts, quoting and tendering, building a client base, dealing with contractual issues, working on energy sites and large industrial plants, designing and setting out"

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An environment in which students blend core fundamentals and emerging technologies to solve real world challenges

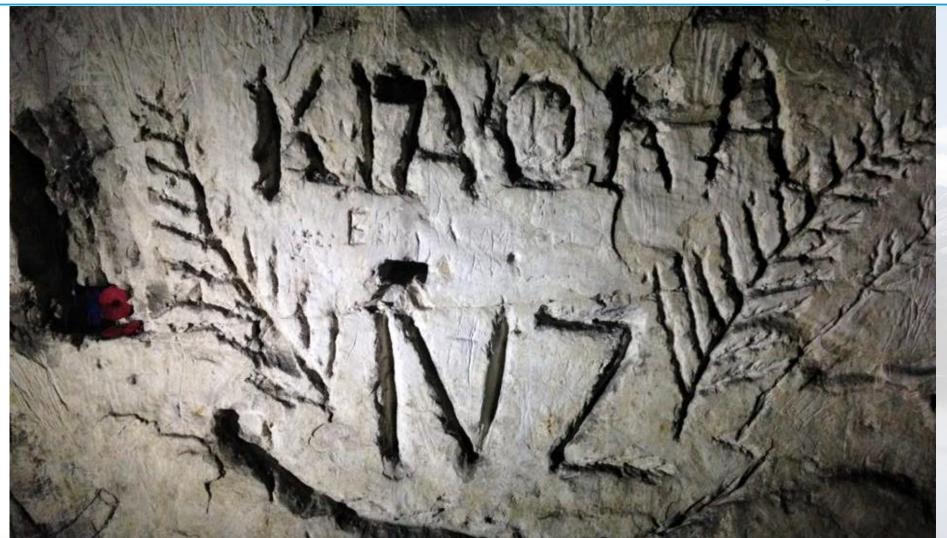
We educate students to be resilient and adaptable problem solvers

Careers in spatial science will evolve and young professionals will evolve with them



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