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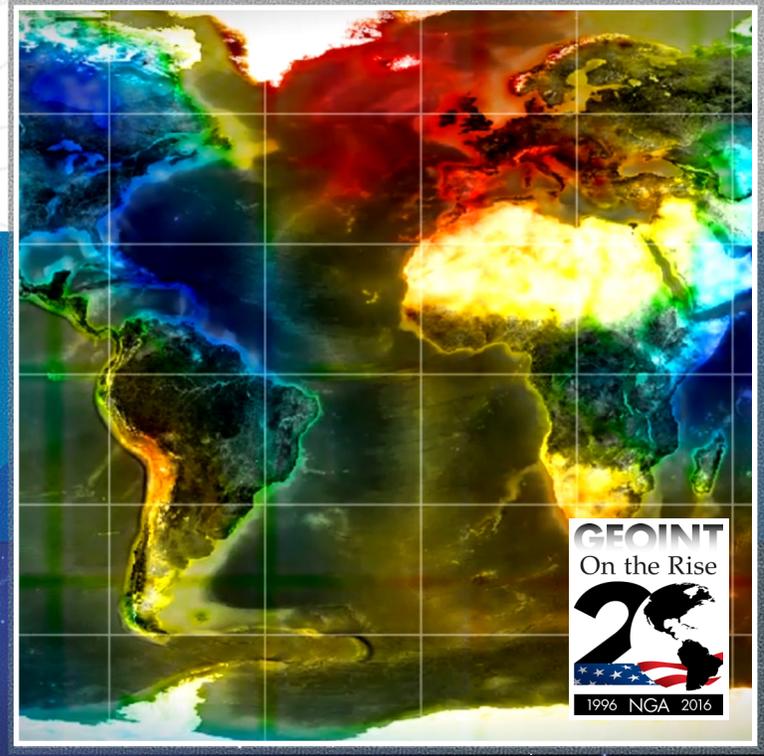


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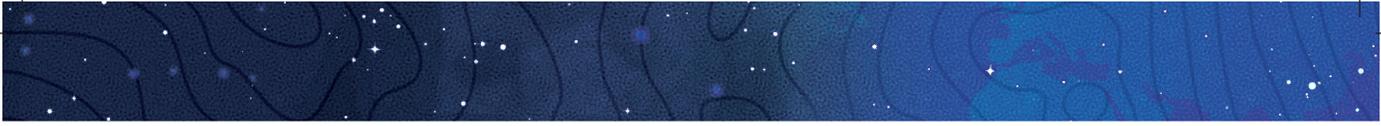


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Piracy

NGA provides support to those who have to fight piracy at sea as well as those who will have to craft diplomatic and political solutions. This support began under the directorship of Rear Admiral Jack Dantone, USN. Twenty-first century piracy in the Horn of Africa and the Gulf of Aden is a symptom rooted in economic deprivation, lost fishing rights, and political instability. NGA provides insights that inform counter-piracy measures from our expertise in human geography, imagery analysis, cartography and our historical commitment to safety of navigation. NGA also became the first intelligence agency to go public with Apps, making ASAM, the Anti-Shipping Message App, available on iTunes to warn ship captains of pirate threats.



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WGS 84

In 1984 Defense Mapping Agency participated in creating WGS 84, a geodetic reference frame that came closer than any before it to true global influence. The accuracy of WGS 84 set the stage for GPS' operational debut in 1995. The GPS constellation remains in its proper configuration because of daily geodetic support from NGA. With GPS, supported by WGS 84, scientists identified the Earth's mass and the location of its center to within the size of the average postage stamp, a 22 mm by 19 mm space.