

## Mapping Ireland – the end and yet the beginning

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## OSi Mapping Programmes

Area	Scale	Approx Coverage	Current Revision Cycle	% now Complete	Planned Revision Cycle
Urban	1:1,000	0.1m Ha	1 year	100%	1 year
Suburban	1:2,500	0.5m Ha	1 year	100%	1 year
Penurban	1:2,500	1.5m Ha	5 year	100%	3 year
Rural	1:5,000	4.7m Ha	n/a	100%	5 year




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## OSi's mandate

‘to provide a national mapping service in the State... creating and maintaining the definitive national mapping and related geographic records.....’




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## The 1:5,000 resurvey programme




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## Mandate specifics

- Underlying physical infrastructure
- National mapping
- Encourage and promote its benefits
- Advice to Government
- Boundary surveys
- Archaeology and place names
- Protecting copyright



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## Rural 1:5,000

**Area**

- Tile covers 1200 hectares (4 km by 3 km)

**Vector**


- 60 levels
- NTF, DXF, DWG, Unload DST


**Raster**

- 500dpi
- Tiff

**Source / Availability**

- Air Photography
- New Release
- 5 year Revision Cycle





## Orthophotography

### Raster (TIFF)

- Entire Country available
- Registered to Irish Grid and ITM
- 1m Resolution
- Photo Scale 1:40,000
- Colour (256 tones)
- Date of Capture 2000-03



## Outsourcing lessons

- Include a pre-production phase
- Collaborative working is essential
  - At all levels
  - Face-to-face whenever possible
- Acceptance testing methodology

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## Mapping methods used

- Photogrammetry
  - No ground completion
  - Use of existing mapping
  - ‘Trace off’
- In-house and outsourced
  - 6 production houses
  - Quality acceptance testing

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## Market lessons

- Specification development
- Responsive resourcing
- Leadership balanced with responsiveness
- Balancing time, cost and quality

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## Operational lessons

- Make maximum use of flexible data structures and coding
- Use of the old mapping
  - Complex and time-consuming
  - Essential component of completeness

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## Building on the mapping

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## Market pressures

- More intelligent data
- Interoperable data
- Wider range of customers
  - Corporate
  - Commercial
- Price

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## Conclusion

- It's all about balance!
  - Business versus social
  - Different customer requirements
  - All the data linkages (and tensions!)
  - In-house versus outsourced
- And it doesn't get any easier!!

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## Data developments

- Structured upspecing programme
  - Remove differences by scale
  - Full connectivity
  - Increased attribution
- Reducing revision cycles
- New coordinate reference system
- Better statistics on accuracy
- More accurate height information

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quality mapping and geographic  
information services to meet  
society's needs*

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## Systems developments

- New master database implemented
  - Open, Oracle environment
  - Enables richer data structures
  - Topographic identifiers
- New editing tools
  - Large-scales elements delivered by Sysdeco
  - Leica developing live link to photogrammetry
  - Watching carefully developments on generalisation etc

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