

DISTRIBUTION OF BACKSCATTER VALUES

Backscatter is displayed using a colour scale ranging from almost white (low backscatter) to indigo (high backscatter). The colour scale is based on a grey digital elevation model of the bathymetry. The distribution of backscatter values in the map area is strongly bimodal, with a primary peak at -38 dB (low backscatter) and secondary peak at -25 dB (high backscatter). Throughout Newfoundland coastal waters, areas of low backscatter (μm^2) generally occur in the deepest areas, and in depressions. Areas of high backscatter (gravel and sand) occur in shallow areas and near coasts. High backscatter predominates in the centre and west of the map area, whereas low backscatter predominates in the southeast.

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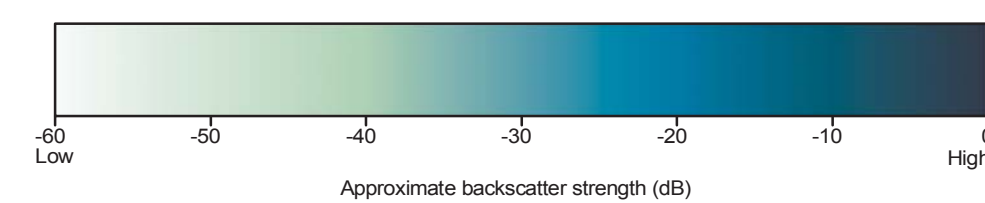
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SYMBOLS

Grab sample.

Gravelly zone



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MAP 2154A
BACKSCATTER STRENGTH AND SHADED SEAFLOOR RELIEF
PLACENTIA BAY SOUTHWEST
OFFSHORE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
Scale 1:50 000/Echelle 1/50 000

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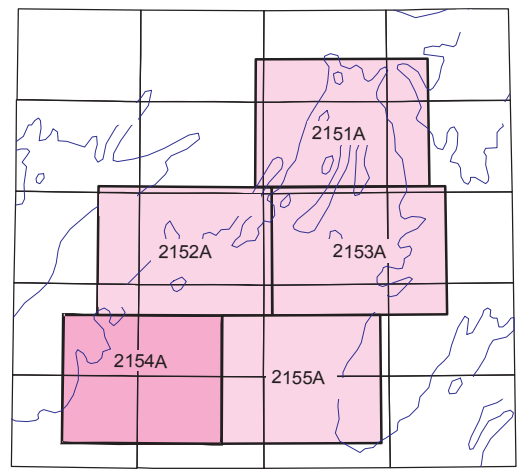
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Digital bathymetric contours in metres supplied by Canadian Hydrographic Service and GSC (Atlantic)

Magnetic declination 2010, 19°38'W, decreasing 11.4' annually

Elevations in feet above mean sea level.

Depth in metres below mean sea level



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