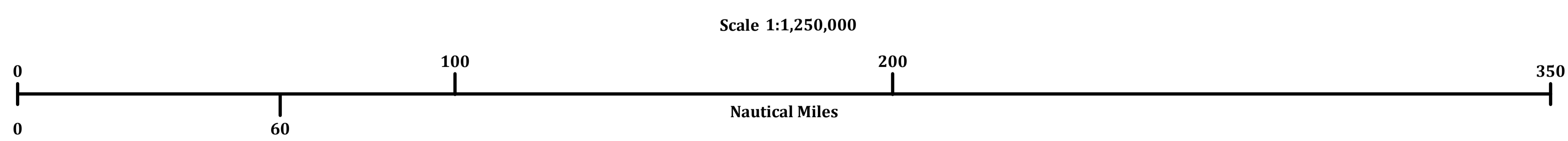


The preliminary outer limit of the continental shelf of Papua New Guinea in the Mussau Ridge region showing the outer limit line and the area of extended continental shelf in accordance with UNCLOS Meeting of State Parties document SPLoS/183



Explanatory notes:

1. This map was created using ESRI ArcGIS 9.3 and Geocap AS GIS software with spatially correct data referenced to the World Geodetic System 1984 Spheroid, Semimajor Axis: 6378137.000000, Semiminor Axis: 6356752.3142452, Inverse Flattening: 298.257224
2. The background gridded bathymetry is derived from ETOPO1, a public domain data set obtained from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Geodetic Data Center (NGDC).
3. The area relevant to Papua New Guinea's (PNG) extended continental shelf is depicted by the un-shaded area.
4. Depiction of 200 M lines other than Papua New Guinea is based on the best available data at the time of analysis and should not be taken to signify acceptance or endorsement by PNG of the validity at international law of another State's basepoints from which they are drawn.
5. The term, "extended continental shelf" is used to refer to that part of the continental shelf defined under UNCLOS Article 76 that lies beyond 200 nautical miles from the territorial sea baselines of PNG.
6. Data used to depict "Land" for Papua New Guinea is a product of the U.S. National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (formerly Defense Mapping Agency) and may not necessarily align with the updated territorial sea baseline data produced by Papua New Guinea.

Datum: WGS 84
Projection: Mercator
Central Meridian: 180

