

Resource Summary Report

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OpenTopography

RRID:SCR_002204

Type: Tool

Proper Citation

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.opentopography.org/>

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Description: Accepts and provides access to high-resolution (meter to sub-meter scale) Earth science-oriented topography data (e.g. LiDAR) and bathymetric data, and related tools and resources. The OpenTopography Tool Registry provides a community populated clearinghouse of software, utilities, and tools oriented towards high-resolution topography data (e.g. collected with LiDAR technology) handling, processing, and analysis. Tools registered range from source code to full-featured software applications. Contributions to the registry via the Contribute a Tool page are welcome. OpenTopography also hosts a dataset catalog to which users can register datasets hosted elsewhere; these entries are discoverable by users alongside OpenTopography hosted datasets. Lidar point cloud data are available in LAS, LAZ and ASCII formats. Raster datasets and derived products can be downloaded in Arc ASCII, IMG, and GeoTIFF formats. Derived products and visualizations are available in Google Earth KML format. The OpenTopography user community and advisory committee provides feedback to define the scope of collaborations on data hosting and cyberinfrastructure development

Abbreviations: OpenTopo

Synonyms: , OpenTopography Facility, Open Topography, NSF OpenTopography Facility

Resource Type: data or information resource, data repository, service resource, storage service resource

Keywords: topography, topographical surveying, cloud, earth sciences, aerial photography, topographic map, geography, bathymetric map, geological mapping, geographic information system, bathymetry

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<https://doi.org/10.17616/R3J616>

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for OpenTopography.

No alerts have been found for OpenTopography.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 22 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [SPARC SAWG](#) .

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