Mean Sea Level(glossary)

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(1)The average level of the surface of the sea over all stages of tide and seasonal variations.

(2)The average height of the surface of the sea at a tide station for all stages of the tide over a 19-year period, usually determined from hourly height readings measured from a fixed predetermined reference level.

Note to definition (1): Mean sea level in a local context normally means mean sea level for the region calculated from observations at one or more points over a given period of time. Mean sea level in a global context differs from a global geoid by not more than 2 m.

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Discussion

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