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Ocean Energy in Brazil



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What is INEOF?

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN OCEAN AND FLUVIAL ENERGIES





FUNDING INSTITUTIONS



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HOW DOES IT WORKS?

- INEOF operates as a collaborative network of federal universities;
- The financing comes from the federal and state government, obtained through public competition;



FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES



- UFMA – Federal University of Maranhão
- UFRJ – Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
- UFSC – Federal University of Santa Catarina
- UNIFEI – Federal University of Itajubá
- UFPA – Federal University of Pará

International Collaborators

- *INESC P&D*
- *Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee – India*
- *Ecole Polytechnique de Lausanne – Switzerland*
- *Aalborg University - Denmark*
- *Hydro-environmental Research Centre, da Cardiff
School of Engineering, Cardiff University, UK*

What are the goals?

- *Contribute to the research and development of oceanic energies in Brazil;*
- *Human resources in marine energies;*
- *Encourage the formation of an industry related to marine energies;*

MAIN SUBJECTS

- **Wave Energy**
- **Tidal Currents**

Wave Energy in Brazil

Wave potential around the world

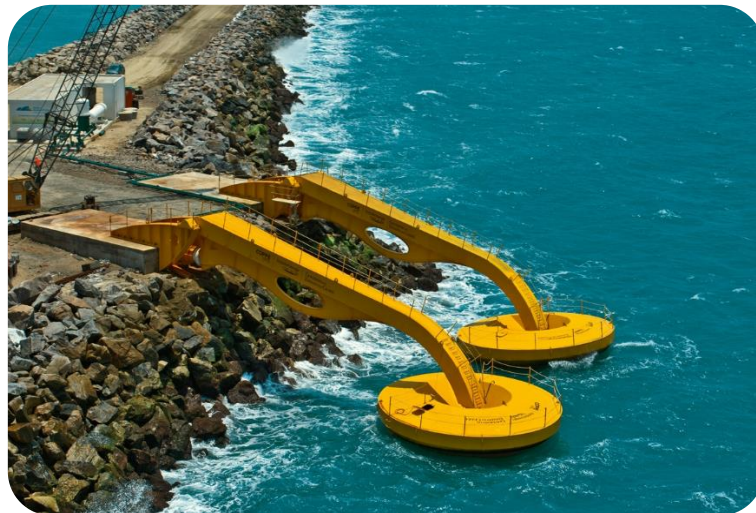


Gross estimate for Brazil

- *Considering 7.7 Kw / m (estimated from Ceará coast):*
- *Brazil has 7367 km of coastline.*
- *Gross potential around 57 GW*

PECÉM - CEARÁ

WAVE PROJECT





WAVE PROJECT –PECÉM - CE

50 kW



**Estimated Cost:
R\$ 14 million
(US\$ 4.5 mi)**



LTS - UFRJ

TRACTEBEL



ANEEL (P&D)



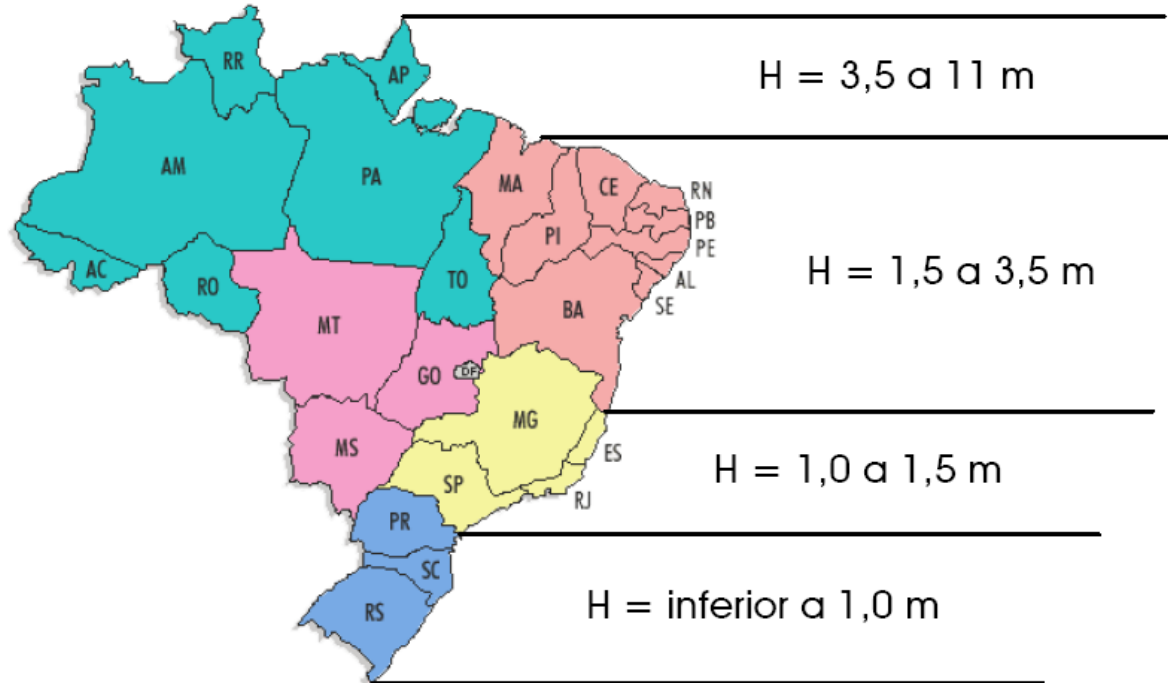
**Start of
Operation: 2012**

**Current Situation:
Disabled**

Tidal resources

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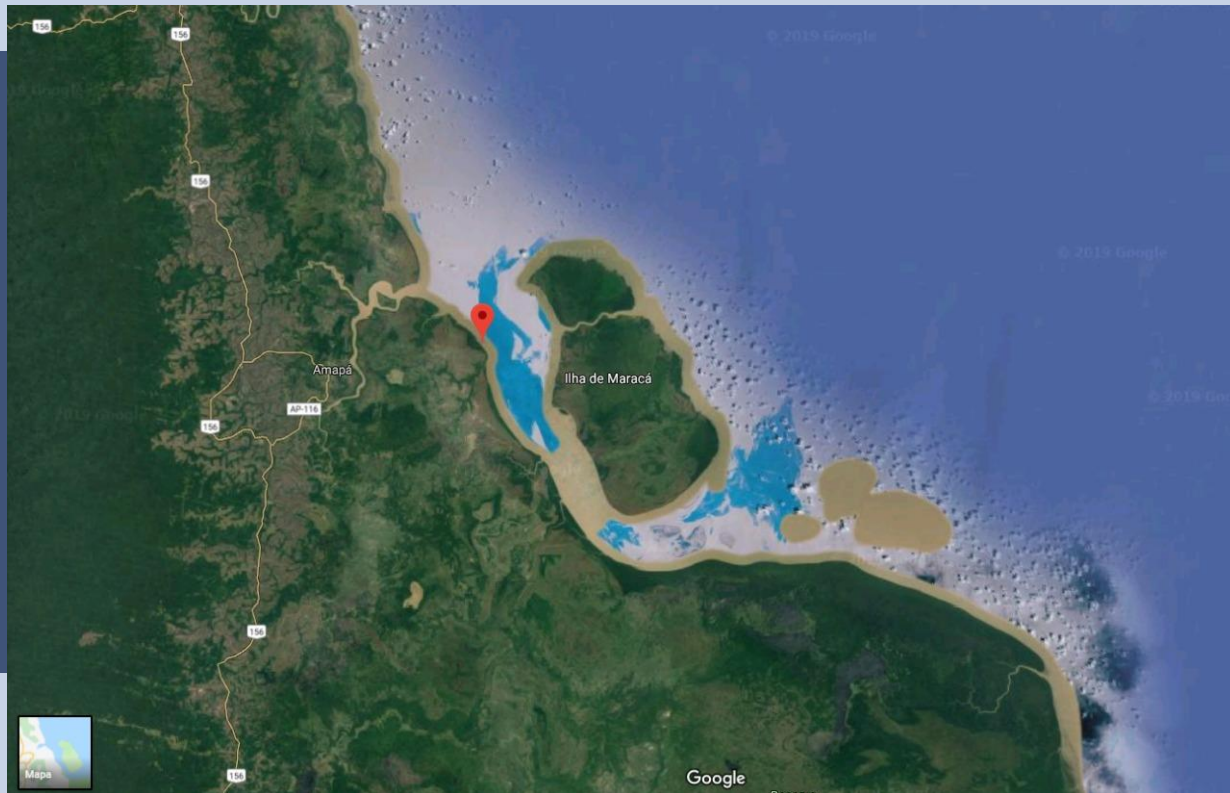
Tidal variations



Assessment of tidal potential (barrage)

- Contracted by Eletrobrás
- Executed from 1979 to 1980
- Assessed region: Maranhão-Pará-Amapá.

Channel of Varador and Island of Maracá



Estimated values (barrage)

LOCALIZATION	Average tidal Amplitude (m)	Reservoir field (km ²)	Installed power (MW)	Annual Energy (GWh)
Island of Maracá - AMAPÁ	8,0	307	4912	13160
Bay of Araguari - AMAPÁ	5,4	157	1144	3066
Bay of Maracanã - PARÁ	3,7	155	530	1421
Bay of Japerica – PARÁ	4,0	115	415	1112
Bay of Turiaçu - MARANHÃO	4,7	616	3402	9114
Bay of Lençóis - MARANHÃO	4,7	316	1745	4675
Bay of São José - MARANHÃO	4,3	451	2084	5585

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Global estimates (barrage)

- *27 GW*
- *72 TWh/year*

Tidal currents

- *Tidal currents have not been formally evaluated in Brazil*
- *There are preliminary assessments at specific locations*



Bay of São Marcos Maranhão, Brazil



São Marcos Bay (MA – BRAZIL)

Zone	Width (m)	Length (m)	Depth (m)	$U_{avg} \pm SD$ (m/s)	U_{50} (m/s)	U_{Max} (m/s)
A	1000	1350	25–40	1.10 ± 0.06	1.20	2.63
B	2600	1900	22	1.10 ± 0.13	1.23	2.42
C	1000	1100	30–35	1.10 ± 0.04	1.12	2.19

Table 1. Hydraulic/ hydrodynamic characteristics of zones with tidal energy potential

Zone	Peak power (kW/m^2)		Avg. annual power density ($\text{MWh/m}^2\text{-year}$)
	Spring tide	Neap tide	
A	7.5	2.1	11.2
B	5.1	1.5	10.4
C	4.8	1.5	9.2

Table 2. Power density summary for selected zones

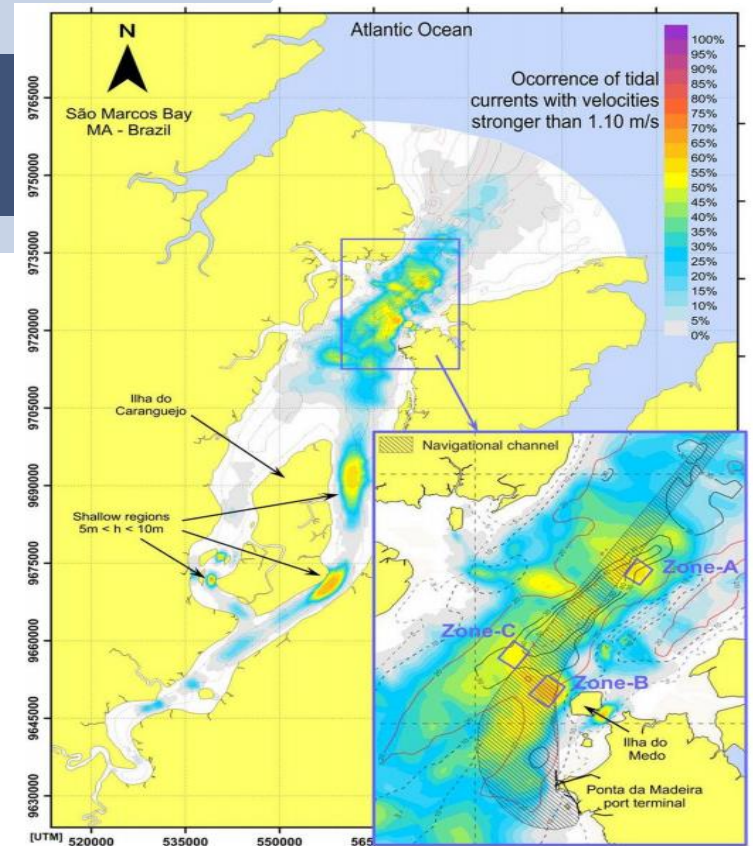


Fig 2. Hot spots for efficient tidal current power extraction in São Marcos Bay. Zoom region shows bathymetry contours

The authors indicate a potential in the range of 300 MW - 800 MW from tidal currents in one of eight promising areas of San Marcos Bay.



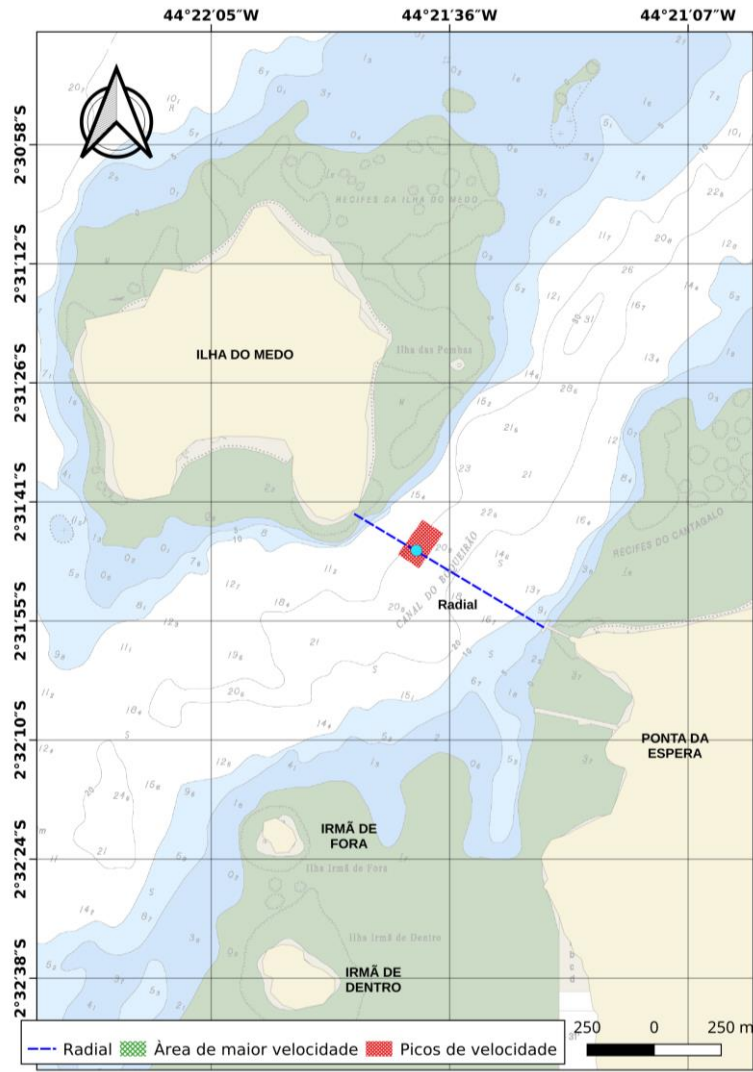
BOQUEIRÃO CHANNEL



PRELIMINARY STUDY

Performed by: INEOF

- Years: 2017-Present
- Localization: Maranhão



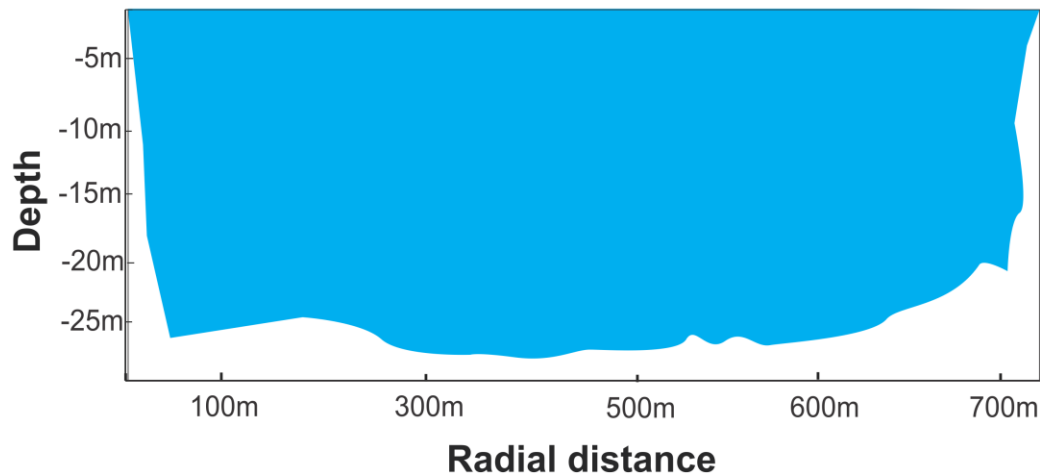
AVAILABLE ENERGY

Location of tidal current turbines

FEATURES

SPEED CURRENTS	3 m/s
INTERESTING FEATURE	Quasi-constant direction and value

DEPTH ILLUSTRATION OF CHANNEL OF BOQUEIRÃO



$$N_{\text{Turb}} = \left[\frac{L}{(3 \cdot D)} + 1 \right] \times \left[\frac{C}{(2 \cdot D)} + 1 \right]$$

L = 800 meters
C = 700 meters

Estimating a tidal farm

- Arrangement of 168 turbines;
- Estimated annual generation: 203.1 GWh;
- Capacity Factor: 27.6%;
- Power Capacity: 84 MW;
- Corresponds to 0.51% of the Energy used in Brazil in 2018;
- Spacing between turbines: approximately 60 meters.

CHALLENGES

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- **Assessment of energy potential;**
- **Development of adapted tidal turbine;**
- **Development of source integration technology;**
- **Lack of legislation;**
- **Environmental issues;**
- **Incentive policy.**

FINAL COMMENTS

- **Most of these works are being developed by INEOF researchers;**
- **Financial constraints allow only laboratory scale prototypes.**
- **For real-scale prototype, specific funding is required: new partners!**

THANK YOU!

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