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Dataset Title: *LIS phase 4B LDEO sediment grab bottom photos*

Online Linkage: *<https://www.marine-geo.org/collections/#!/collection/LIS>*

Abstract: *Still images of the seafloor taken from the location from which sediment grabs were taken for the Long Island Sound mapping phase 4B project. The images were taken during the LIS2302 and LIS2303 surveys in August and November 2023 respectively using a GoPro 6 camera mounted on the sediment grab frame from the RV Pritchard and Seawolf respectively. The GoPro camera recorded video images. The still images were extracted as frame grabs of the video when the seafloor was showing the clearest. For location the images were tagged with the location recorded for the sediment grab station.*

Dataset purpose: *Bottom images were collected to get a better overview of the actual seafloor from which the grab samples are taken. It also allows to classify the seafloor when we could not recover an actual grab sample, e.g. when the bottom was too hard or consisted of exposed rocks.*

Time period of content: *2023-08-14 to 2023-11-18*

Dataset Status: *complete*

Update Frequency: *'none planned'*

Theme Keywords: *Long Island Sound, sediment grabs, bottom image*

Access Constraints: *none*

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Data Quality Considerations: These are processed data. Image quality is affected by water turbidity.

Attribute accuracy: *The location is based on the ship DGPS for grab locations. Location offset between ship GPS antenna and grab sampling device, and drift of grab sampling device in water have not been corrected.*

Completeness: *The dataset is complete.*

Positional accuracy: *Location is based on DGPS using the ship GPS antenna. Lateral offset between ship GPS antenna and grab sampling device, and drift of grab sampling device in water have not been corrected. The resulting absolute uncertainty could be of the order of 5-10m.*

Process Steps: *The images were taken during a survey in 2023 using a GoPro 6 camera mounted on the sediment grab frame. The videos were processed using video editing software and still images close to the bottom were extracted as tiff images and converted to jpg files after identifying the best image of the seafloor. An exiftool script was used to add the location to the jpeg file.*

Attributes: none.

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