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# Obstacles at Aerodromes Evaluation and Mitigation for Operations

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## Introduction

- What is an **obstacle** for ICAO?:

“...any fixed (whether temporary or permanent) or mobile object, or parts thereof, which is situated within an area intended for the movement of aircraft on the surface or which protrudes from a defined surface, intended to evaluate and protect “aircraft in flight”

- Recommendation 6/14 of the 12th. Air Navigation Conference and ICAO 38th Assembly (WP/143):

...calls to review obstacle limiting surfaces and develop guidance material to conduct aeronautical studies to evaluate allowable penetrations to these surfaces



## Introduction ...cont

- The airspace around airports is a valuable asset
- Community pressure for development
- Developers have the (economic) means to prepare Aeronautical Studies (\*) that challenge the current limitations of Surface Limiting Obstacles (SLOs), especially when there is no connection between the SLOs and current operations







## ICAO Documentation



ICAO International Standards and Recommended Practices

**Annex 14** to the Convention on International Civil Aviation

**Aerodromes**

**Volume I**  
Aerodrome Design and Operations  
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PROCEDIMIENTOS PARA LOS SERVICIOS DE NAVEGACIÓN AÉREA  
**Operación de aeronaves**  
Volumen II – Construcción de procedimientos de vuelo visual y por instrumentos  
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## ICAO Documents

- **Annex 14, Vol. I**
- **Annex 4**
- **Annex 15**
- **PANS –AIM (Doc 10066)**
- **PANS – OPS (Doc 8168)**
- **PANS-Aerodromes (Doc 9981)**
- **Airport Services Manual, Part 6 (Doc 9137)**
- **TOD - Terrain and Obstacle Data Manual (Doc. 9881)**
- **Manual of the World Geodetic System – 1984 (WGS-84, Doc. 9674)**



## Revisión de las OLS

### Review of existing OLS

- Inconsistency between OLS and modern aircraft performance;
- Incompatibility between Annex 14, Annex 6 and the PANS OPS;
- OLS are not updated to protect new air operations and procedures;
- Increased competition between safety and economic considerations on and around the airfield.

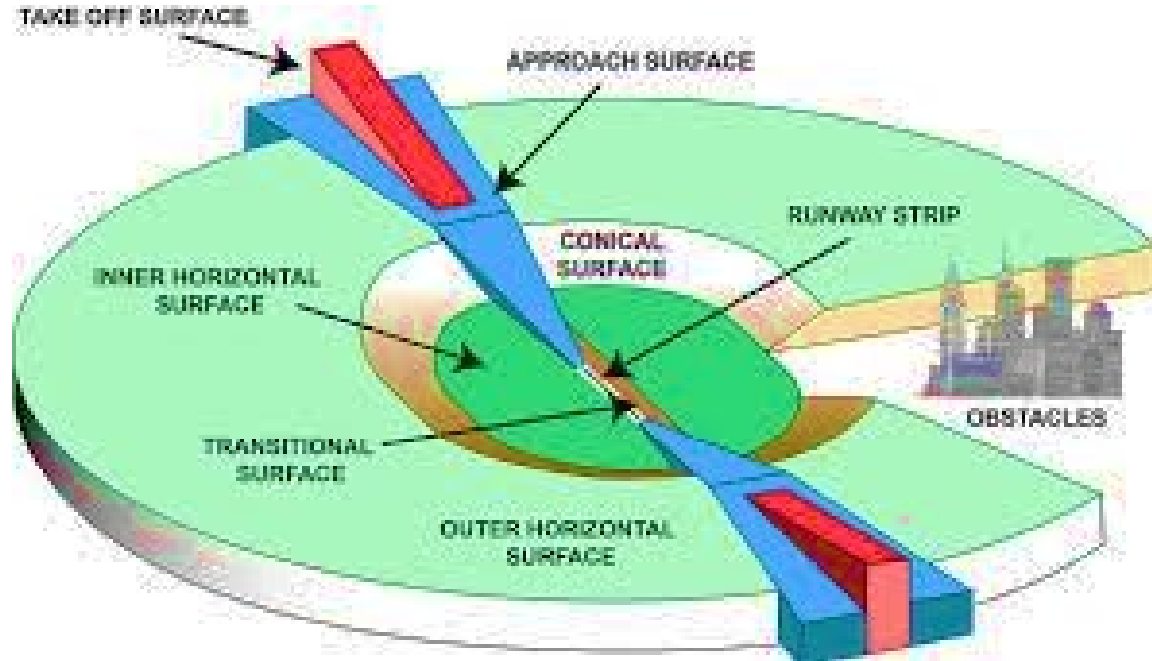
### Development of guidance on the Aeronautical Study

- Lack of ICAO guidelines for conducting aeronautical studies



## Principles of the new concept of OLS

- Protection of airspace for planned air operations;
- Ensure the suitability and proportionality of the dimensions of the surfaces to the operations planned at the aerodrome;
- Provide States with some flexibility to extend requirements; and
- Use “PANS Aerodromes” as a tool to ensure a globally harmonized application





## Reference and requirements of Annex 15 of the Terrain and Obstacle Data TOD (\*\*) Doc. 9881, in Aerodromes

In accordance with ANC Task No. AIS-9802, amendments to Annex 4 were initially planned. However, one State, in their reply to a State letter soliciting comments concerning the proposed inclusion of electronic terrain data specifications in Annex 4, suggested that since “specifications relating to the provision of obstacles, cultural and vegetation data are already contained in Annex 15, the proposed material seemed more appropriately placed into Annex 15, particularly when considering that Annex 15, Appendix 7 already deals with “aeronautical data quality requirements”. It was also suggested that the proposed electronic terrain data quality requirements could easily be incorporated into Appendix 7 of Annex 15 — Aeronautical Information Services, while Annex 4 should continue to deal only with charting specifications, which are quite separate issues.





## WGS84 PACs and SACs data in AD

- Annex 15 introduces provisions relating to the promulgation of **Lat/Long Geographic Coordinates in the WGS84 Datum**, and the publication of the **vertical Geoidal Undulation** component of the WGS-84 geodetic reference system (Doc. 9674).
- Amendments to Annexes 4 and 14, Volumes I and II, PANS OPS
- The SARPs of Annexes 11 and 14, Volumes I and II, govern the determination (accuracy of field work – topographic surveys) and publication of geographical coordinates in the WGS84 geodetic system
- Los Anexos 4 y 15 de los SARPS regulan la publicación en forma textual o gráfica de las coordenadas geográficas (resolución) y verticales

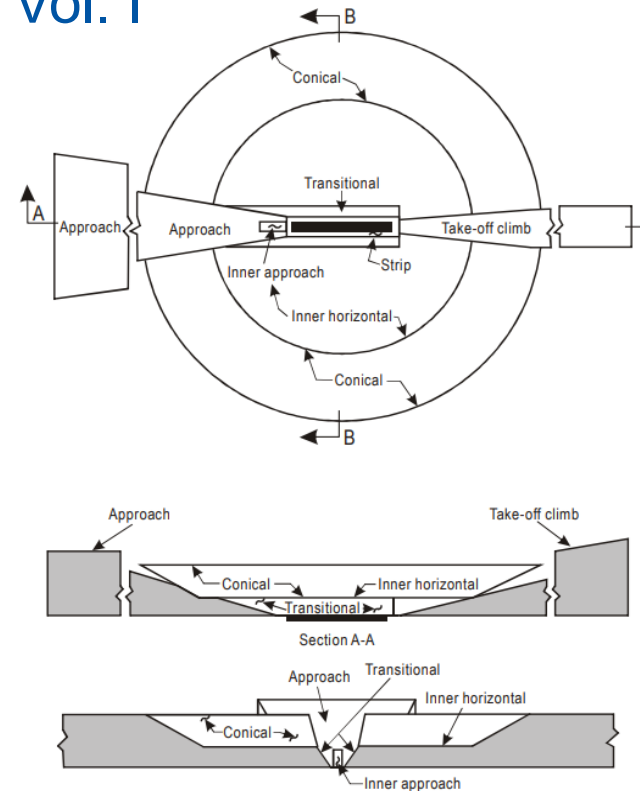
## WGS84 Lat/Long Coordinates Data Network of Primary and Secondary Control Points (PACs and SACs) in AD





## Chapter 4 Annex-14 Vol. I

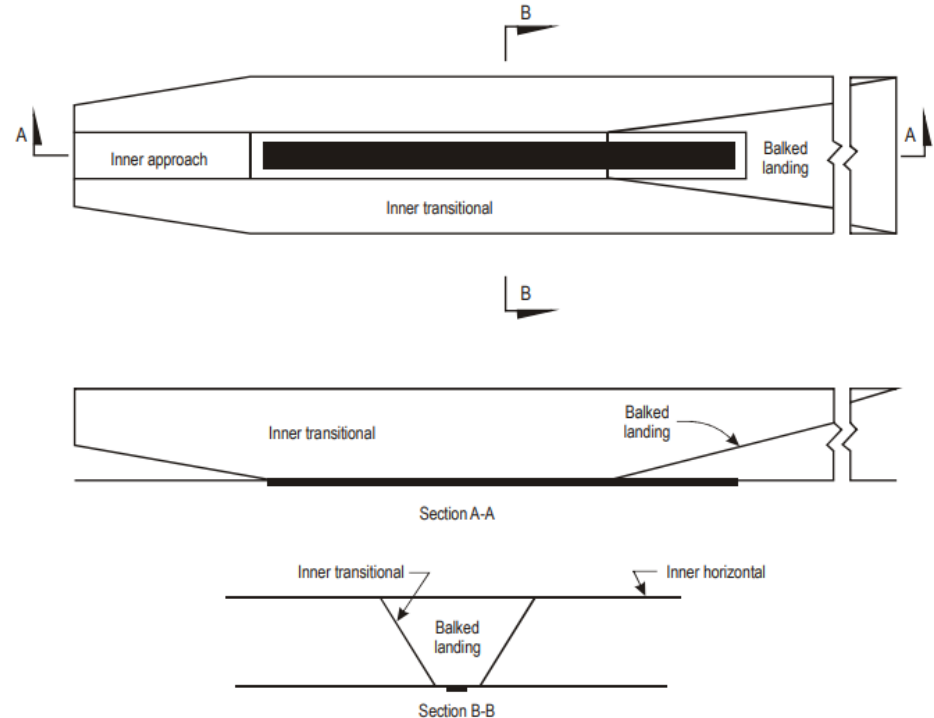
**Note 1.**— The purpose of the specifications in this chapter is to define **the airspace that must be kept free of obstacles around aerodromes** so that planned aircraft operations can be carried out safely and to prevent aerodromes from becoming unusable due to overcrowding of obstacles in its surroundings. This is achieved through a series of **obstacle limiting surfaces** that mark the limits to how far objects can project into the airspace.





## Chapter 4 Annex-14 Vol. I

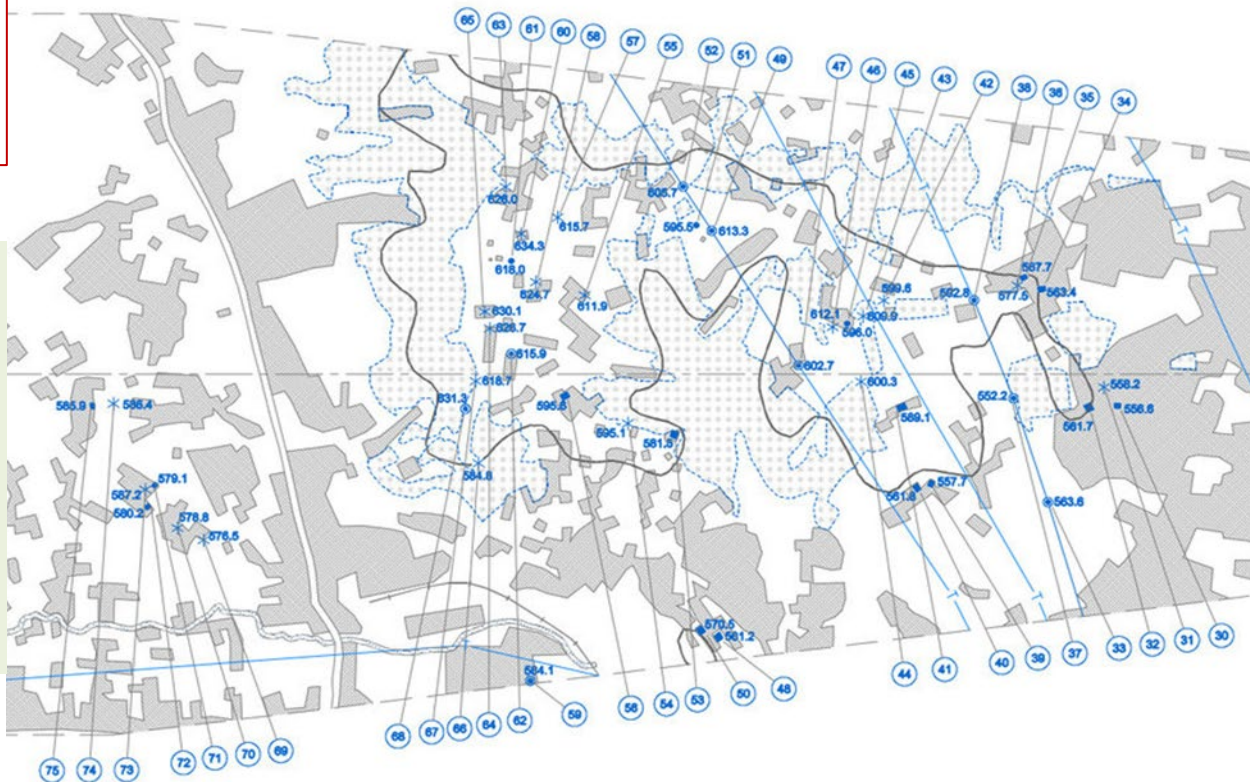
**Note 2.**— Objects passing through the obstacle limitation surfaces specified in this chapter may, in certain circumstances, result in an increased obstacle clearance altitude or height in the instrument approach procedure or in the corresponding approach procedure, visual circuit or exert other operational impact on the design of flight procedures. Flight procedure design criteria are indicated in the Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Aircraft Operation (PANS-OPS), (Doc 8168 Vol. II).



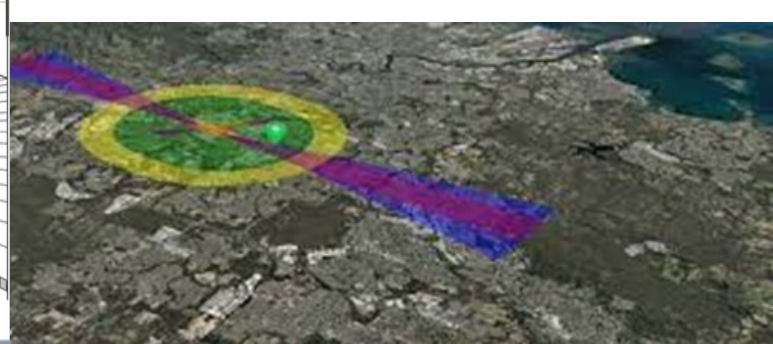
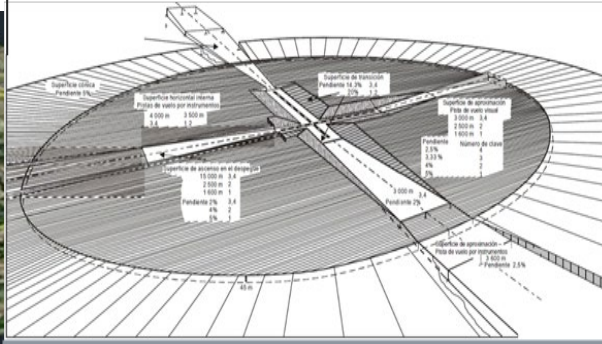
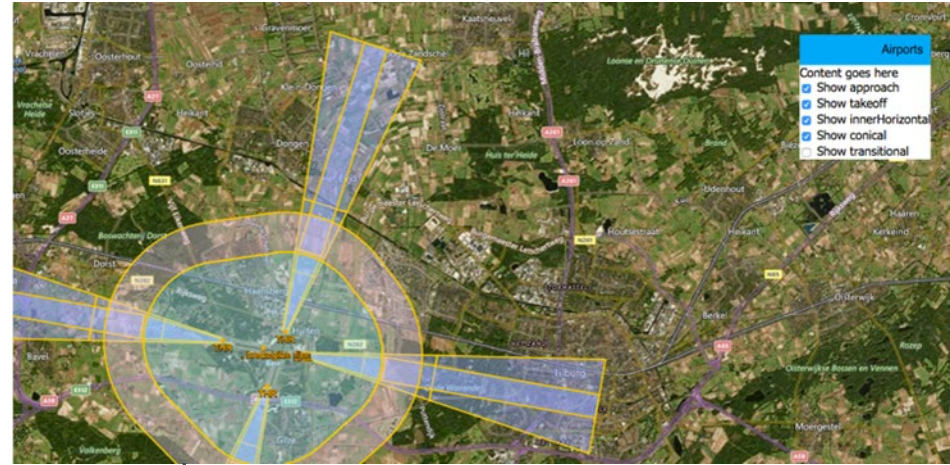


Identification and Analysis of Obstacles within an Area in the surroundings of an Aerodrome

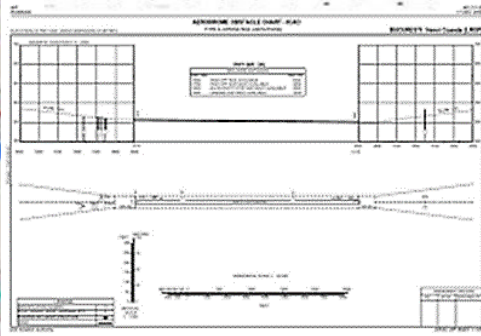
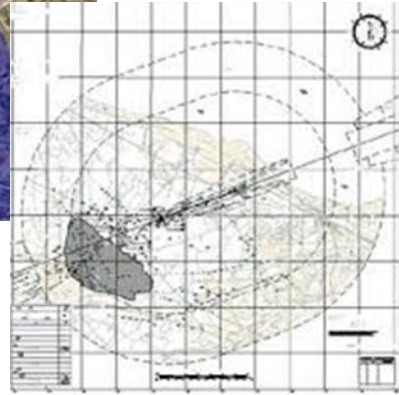
A Scan is made on the Map within the Area in question and the Elevations are located and assigned a numerical sequence to enter a matrix in the Database and thus process their possible impact on the applicable slopes or surfaces.













## Uses in the States

- Obstacle cards (Annex 4)
- Design of IFR procedures Including PBN (PANS OPS)
- Analysis of SLOs at aerodromes (Annex 14)



## Uses in the Aeronautical Community and Industry

Growing need to use validated terrain and obstacle data (TOD) for civil and military (mil) applications:

- Terrain awareness systems (EGPWS/TAWS)
- Synthetic vision systems in the cabin
- Advanced Surface Guidance and Control System (A-SMGCS)
- Obstacle control
- Etc. (.mil)

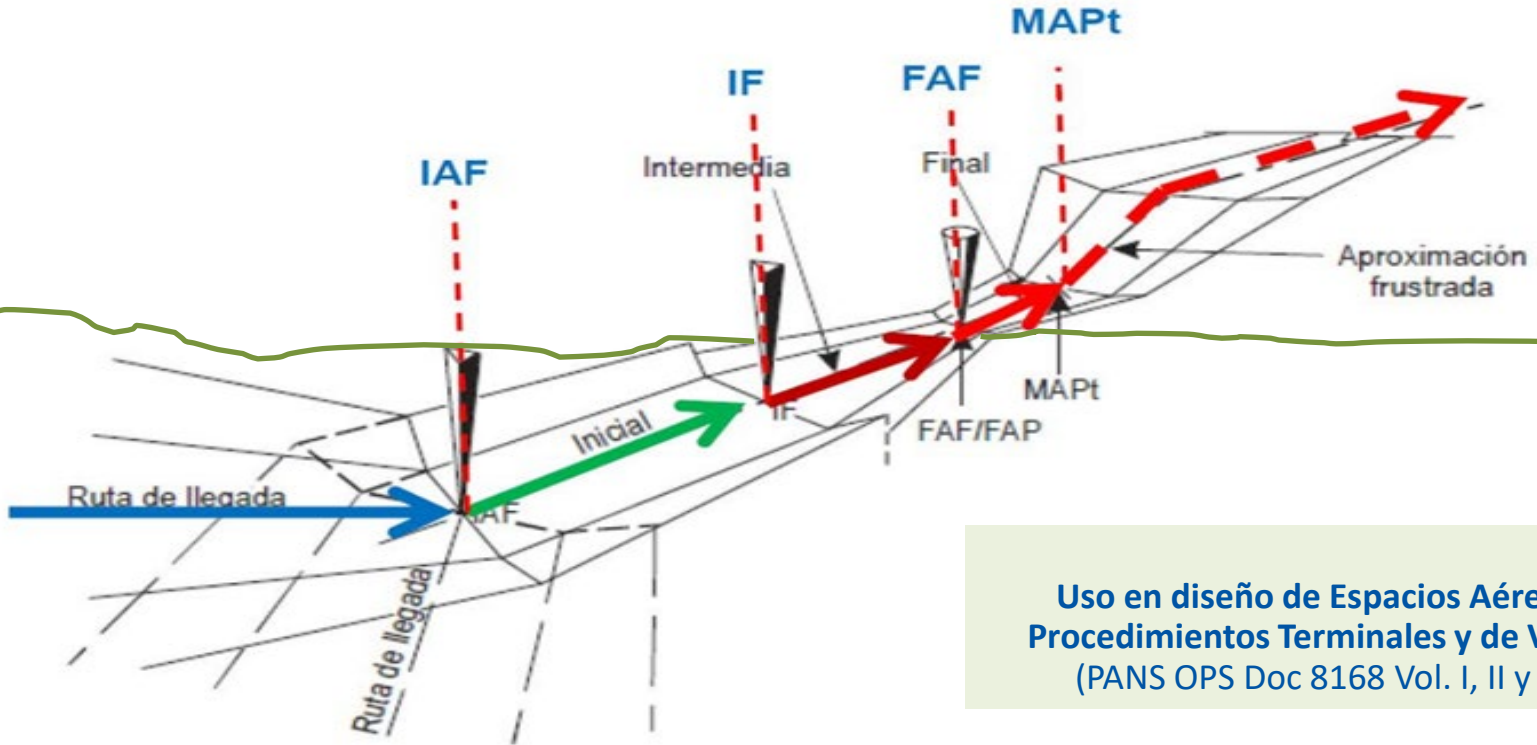








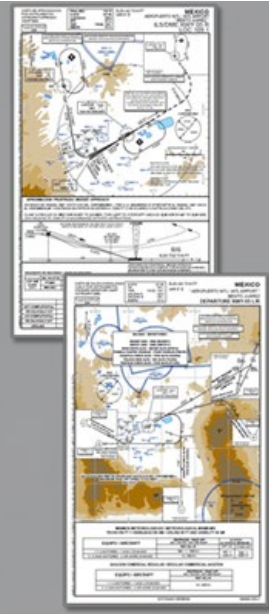
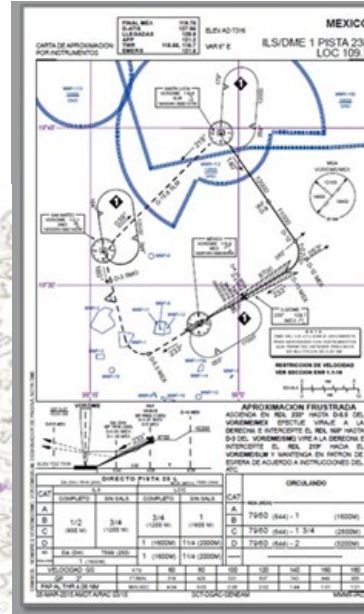
## Example of PANS OPS Surfaces



Uso en diseño de Espacios Aéreos,  
Procedimientos Terminales y de Vuelo  
(PANS OPS Doc 8168 Vol. I, II y III)



Use in airspace design, terminal and flight procedures



(PANS OPS Doc 8168 Vol. I, II y II, Annex 4)





### External horizontal surface

Note. Guidance on the need to provide an external horizontal surface and its characteristics is contained in the **Airport Services Manual** (Doc. 9137, Part 6).

## CHAPTER 4. Restriction and removal of obstacles:

- 4.1 Obstacle limiting surfaces
- 4.2 Obstacle limitation requirements
- 4.3 Objects outside obstacle limiting surfaces
- 4.4 Other objects





## Aeronautical Studies - AS (\*)

### Possible mitigation measure

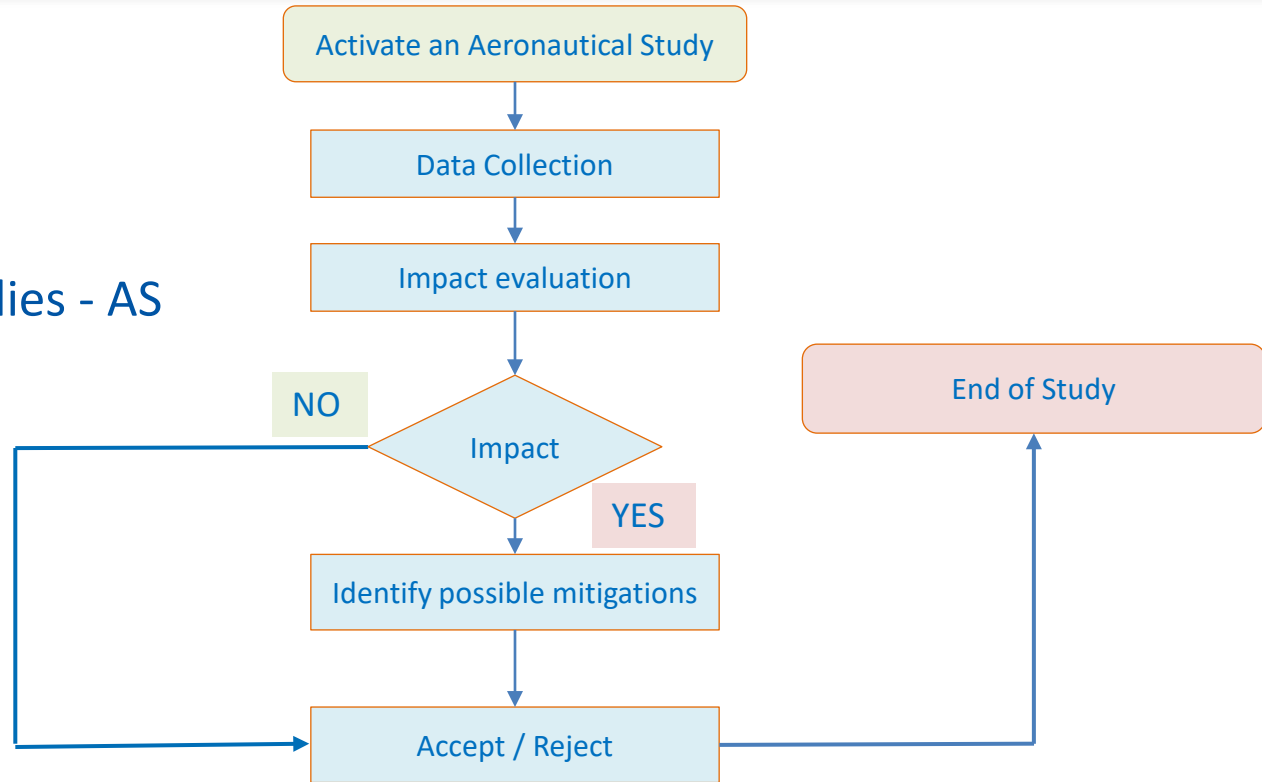
#### Aeronautical Studies – AS

- There is an **absence of guidelines** for the evaluation of AS, it is difficult to identify the effect of obstacles on operational safety
- There are **different applications** of ASs **in the world**. There is a proliferation of aeronautical studies, or a lack thereof.
- ASs can be long, expensive and not objective in the evaluation

- The AS in the PANS-AD will focus on the impact on flight operations detailing hazards, **potential mitigations, and the impact of mitigation adoption**.
- The AS guidelines will also specify that, apart from “air operations”, other **aeronautical issues such as AIM, CNS, ATM, MET**, etc. They will be considered as part of the AS process.
- This will form the subset of the AS and will be taken into account in the process of accepting a violation



## Aeronautical Studies - AS





DAIM-B1/1	Provision of quality-assured aeronautical data and information	Information			
DAIM-B1/2	Provision of digital Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) data sets	Information			
DAIM-B1/3	Provision of digital terrain data sets	Information			
DAIM-B1/4	Provision of digital obstacle data sets	Information			
DAIM-B1/5	Provision of digital aerodrome mapping data sets	Information			
DAIM-B1/6	Provision of digital instrument flight procedure data sets	Information			
DAIM-B1/7	NOTAM improvements	Information			



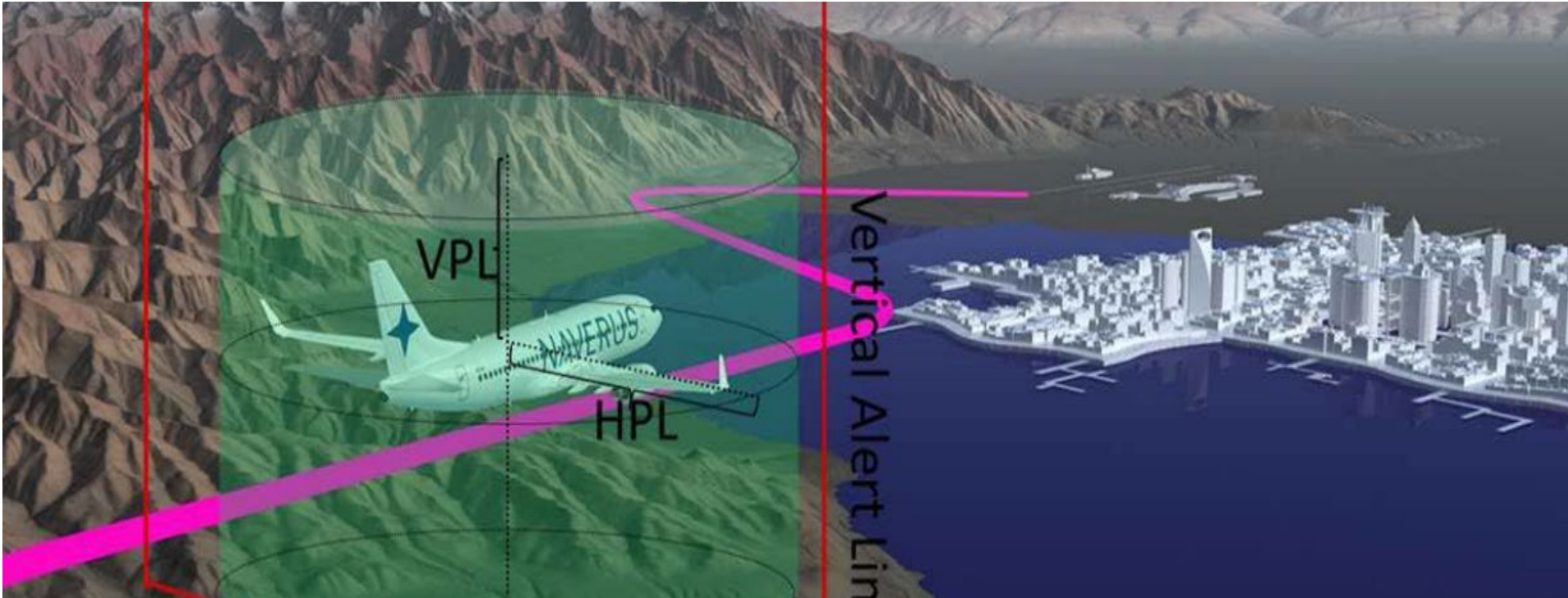
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Guidelines for Electronic Terrain, Obstacle and Aerodrome Mapping Information

ASBU D-AIM Blocks  
PANS AIM Doc 10066  
Digital Data Sets (DDS)



# Terrain and Obstacle Data TOD (\*\*\*) Doc. 9881







## TOD Terrain and Obstacle Data (\*\*)

- a. **METADATA**
- b. ICAO Terrain and Obstacle Data Requirements Doc. 9881
- c. WGS84 Coordinate Data Network of Primary and Secondary Control Points in AD (PACs and SACs)
- d. TOD Coverage Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4
- e. TOD Numerical Requirements
- f. TOD (civil-military) applications
- g. Considerations for Digital Data Sets (DDS-PANS AIM Doc. 10066)
- h. Terrain and Obstacle Data (TOD) Implementation Plan
- i. Development of a National TOD Policy



## TOD Terrain and Obstacle Data Developments by AIM TF CAR

Nr.	Task
1	Overview of digital aeronautical data sets
2	Provision of terrain and obstacle data sets
3	Provision of Aerodrome Mapping Datasets (AMD)
4	Provision of Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) Data Sets
5	Provision of instrument flight procedure data sets
6	Implementation of database-driven graphs in the CAR Region
7	Coordinated deployment of digital data sets in the CAR Region



## TOD Terrain and Obstacle Data Implementation Actions

Identification of Responsible Body

Identification of Stakeholders

TOD Awareness Day

State Working Group

Focal Points and Functions

State Policy with Regard to TOD

Assessment of Regulation

State Policy on Aerodrome Safeguarding

Obstacle Permission Process

Data Sources and Originators

Data Acquisition

Cross-border Provision of Data

Data Validation and Verification

Data Maintenance

Obstacle Identification

Data Provision

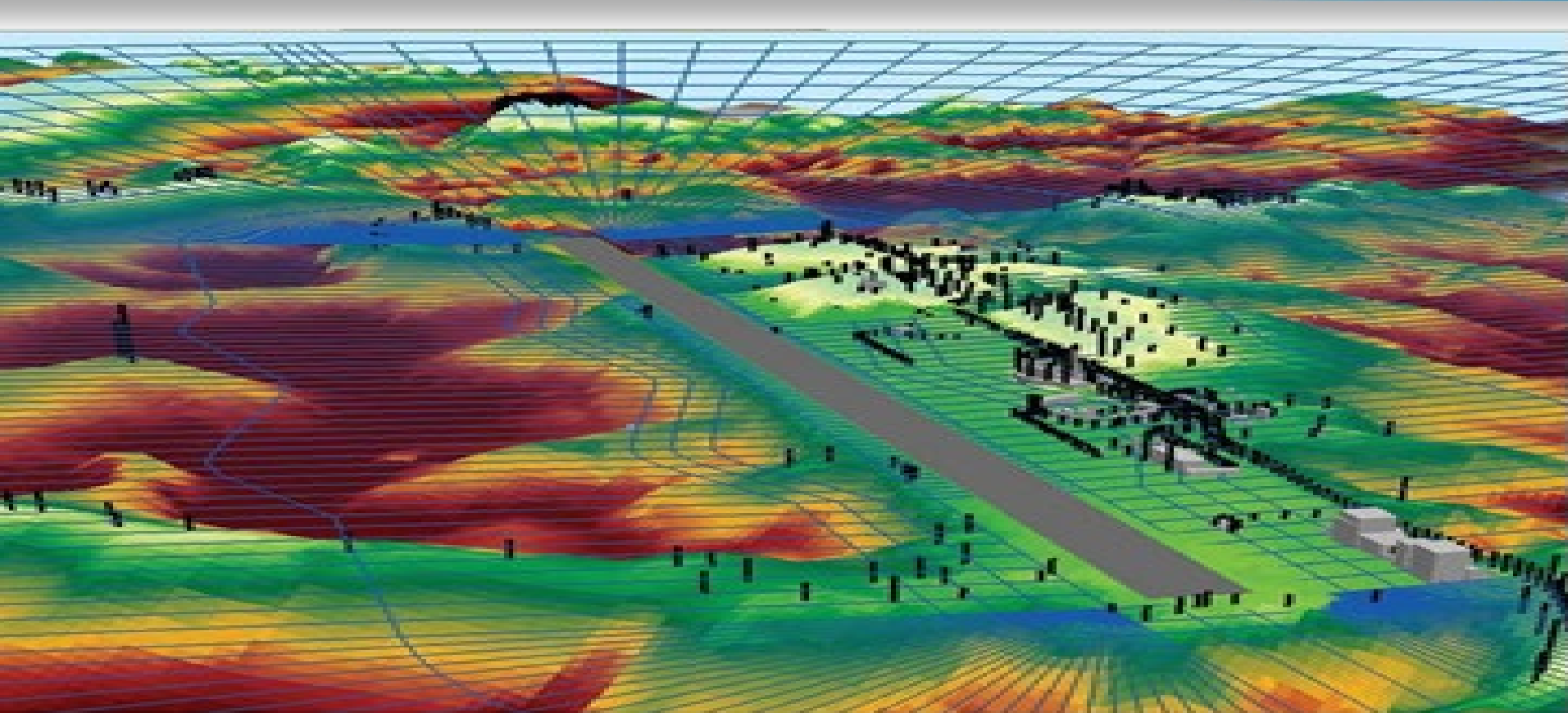
Monitoring/Audit of Implementation

Cost Recovery and Charging



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