

## Strengthening International Partnerships: Dr. Spyros Maroulakis from Greece Visits IWM

Dr. Spyros Maroulakis, Marine Geologist and Technical Director of Terra Marine from Greece, visited IWM on December 17, 2025. His visit focused on discussing the Multi Beam Survey project in Cox's Bazar and exploring opportunities for technical collaboration in marine and river projects.

Dr. Maroulakis came to IWM primarily to discuss the Multi Beam Survey project for the sea area near Cox's Bazar. This advanced surveying technique provides detailed information about the ocean floor, essential for coastal development and maritime safety. During his visit, conversations also covered River Cable Installation projects, exploring how international expertise can support Bangladesh's growing infrastructure needs.



*Dr. Mollah Md. Awlad Hossain, Deputy Executive Director (Planning & Development), and Mr. Md. Tarikul Islam, Director, Survey and Data Division, delivering a technical presentation on IWM's expertise in marine surveying and potential areas of collaboration.*

Dr. Maroulakis toured IWM's Survey and Data Division to observe the technical capabilities and ongoing work. He visited IWM's survey vessel and examined the equipment and methodologies used for conducting surveys in rivers, estuaries, and coastal areas. The tour provided him with a comprehensive understanding of IWM's operational capacity, and the quality of work produced by the survey team.

After his visit, Dr. Maroulakis expressed satisfaction with IWM's capabilities. His positive assessment reflects the professionalism and technical expertise maintained by IWM's team. This recognition from an international marine geology expert validates the quality of work being done at IWM.



*Mr. Md. Amirul Islam, Executive Director of IWM, during a field visit to Cox's Bazar with Dr. Spyros Maroulakis, Technical Director of Terra Marine (Greece), exploring opportunities for technical collaboration in marine and river projects.*



*Md. Tofail Islam, Associate Specialist at IWM, presenting the institute's survey and data equipment and highlighting its technical capacity.*

This visit strengthens IWM's international connections and opens possibilities for future collaboration with Terra Marine. The exchange of knowledge between Greek marine expertise and IWM's extensive experience with Bangladesh's water systems creates a foundation for potential joint projects. Such partnerships enhance both organizations' capabilities and contribute to better water resource management in their respective regions.