Original Map of Stellwagen's Bank. Henry Stellwagen was not only a military officer and hydrographer, but an inventor too. With a sounding device of his own design he was able to sample sediments while determining water depth. Studies to determine seafloor topography and sediment characteristics continue today with the work of the U.S. Geological Survey and NOAA's Coast Survey.

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Multi-beam and side-scan sonar surveys provide previously unknown detail for the seafloor in Massachusetts Bay and the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary.
Photographer: U.S. Geological Survey

The Atlantic white-sided dolphin can often be found riding the bow wakes of boats that pass through the Sanctuary.
Photographer: Regina Asmutis-Silvia, IWC

This large crustacean, the northern lobster was used as fertilizer in Colonial days; it is now considered an epicurean delight.
Photographer: Bob Michelson

Marine life on the seafloor of the Sanctuary includes a variety of brightly-colored creatures, including this northern red anemone.
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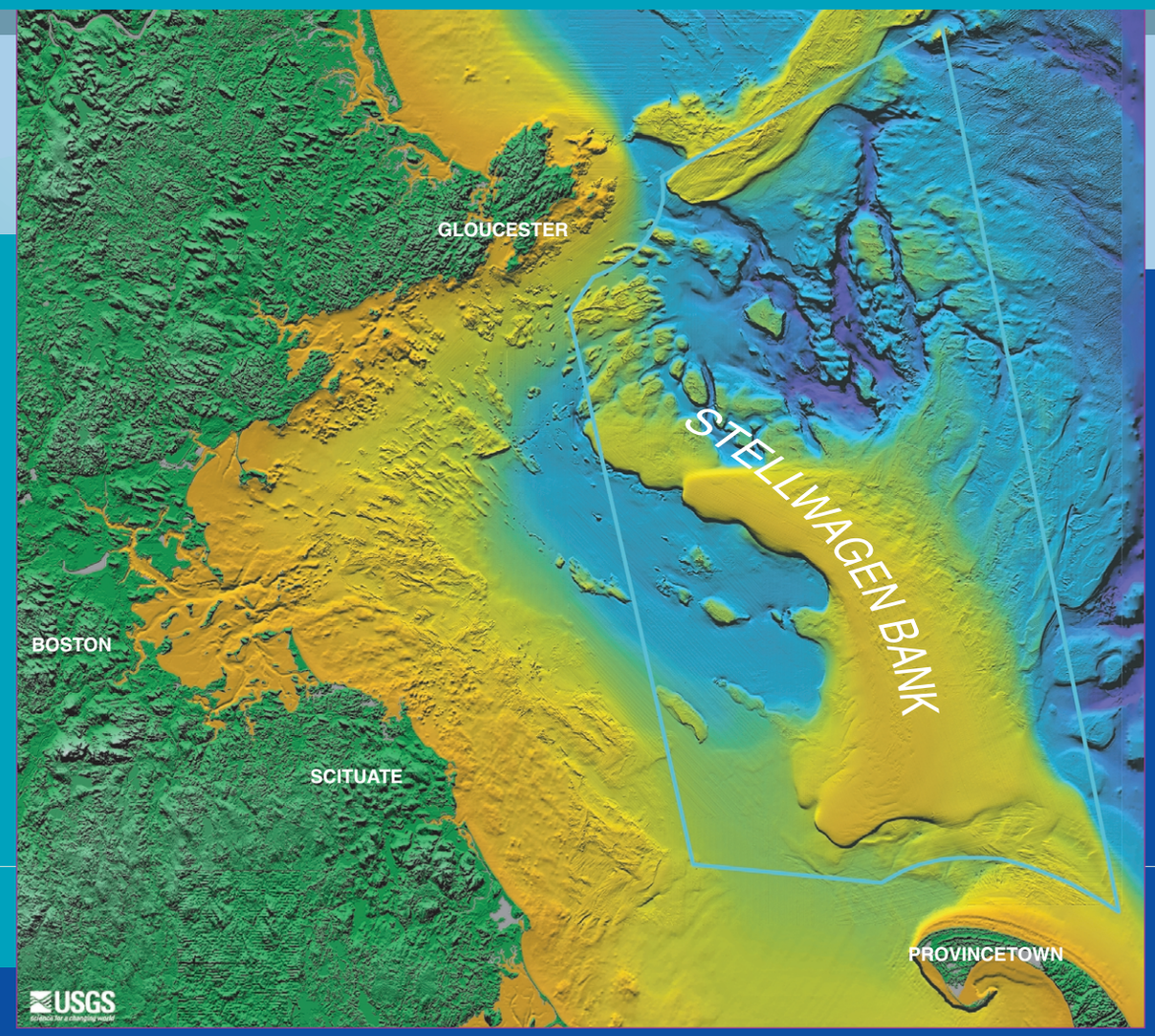
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