

GEBCO Globe Project Status as of October 2012

Since the 2011 GEBCO meetings, I received orders for twelve of the 62cm globes. These have all been delivered: Five to University of Washington, one to UNH, one to Lamont, one to Stockholm University, three to Israel, and one to US Arctic Research Commission. The one for USARC was customized by elimination of the axial mount and placing it on a custom wood stand.

I also ordered a limited number of 32cm and 14cm globes. Over half of these have now been sold, or donated to educational organizations: elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, marine science centers. There is one at Monterey Bay Aquarium.

I shipped most of the remaining globes to the GEBCO meeting in Monaco, to be available for sale to the GEBCO and ABLOS participants. Although the factory cost of the globes is quite low, the associated logistics and customs cost have driven the price too high for most participants, especially for the 32cm globe.

The globes are a work in progress. Even at this meeting, an error has been found in the assembly of the 32cm globe, and we believe the colors can be improved. If the factory is willing to accept another order for a small number of globes, we may place another order this year. Any suggestions for improvement are welcome.

I will solicit orders for 62cm globes also. An order becomes feasible, cost-wise, when there is a demand for twelve or more globes. Currently I have unsolicited inquiries from two organizations.