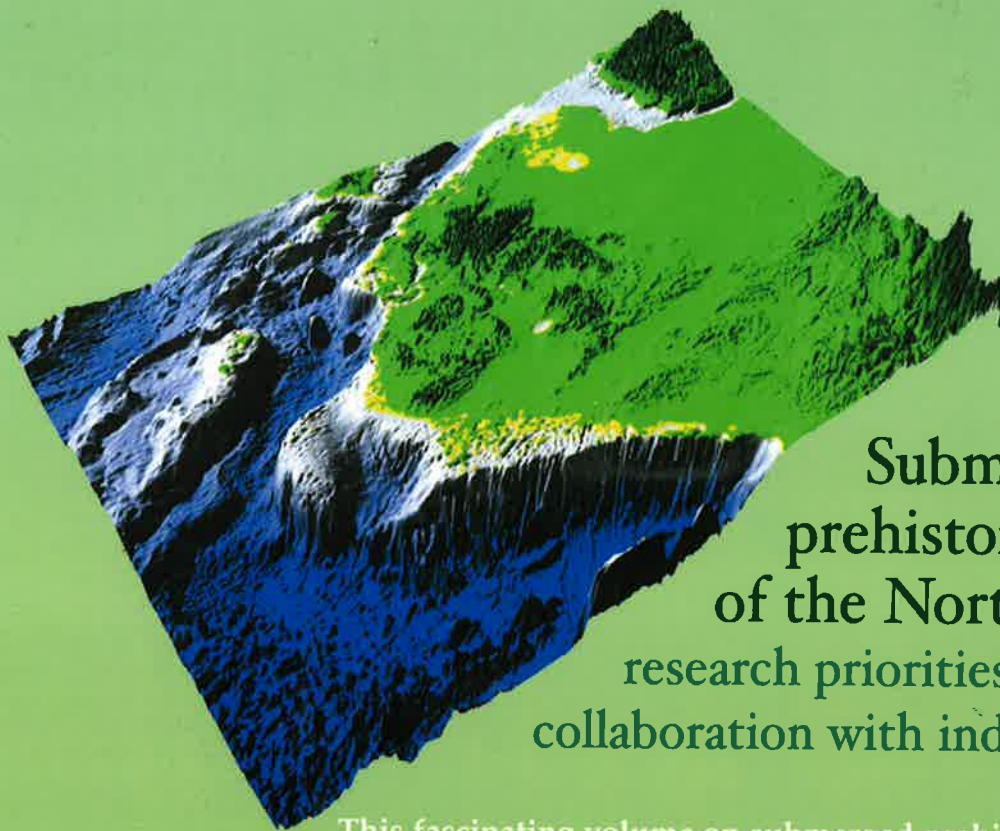


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As well as recording existing findings, the contributions analyse the potential for prehistoric archaeology research on the floor of the North Sea, and review those subjects most requiring study. The volume also recommends ways to cooperate - across national boundaries and with industry - on future research and protection of prehistoric sites on the sea floor.

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