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Integrated Map of the Americas

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- North America Integrated Map opportunity

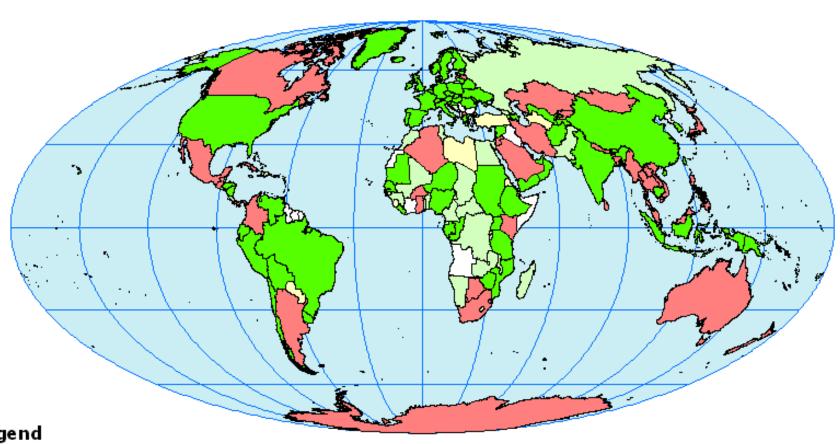
Objectives of the Integrated Map of the Americas

- Cooperatively produce in a participatory manner the first integrated map of the Americas using official data sources from all countries
- Reach consensus agreement on Technical Specifications,
 Object Catalogue, UML Model, Data Policy, Metadata, Users License.
- Share best practices and new applications: Networked Hydrography and Transportation, Statistical data, Data generalization, etc.
- Sponsor participatory technical workshops for harmonizing transboundary data
- Produce standardized technical documention and metadata

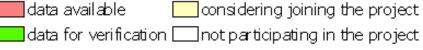
BACKGROUND INTEGRATED MAP OF THE AMERICAS

Progress of Global Mapping Project

As of 2007-07-20 International Steering Committee for Global Mapping



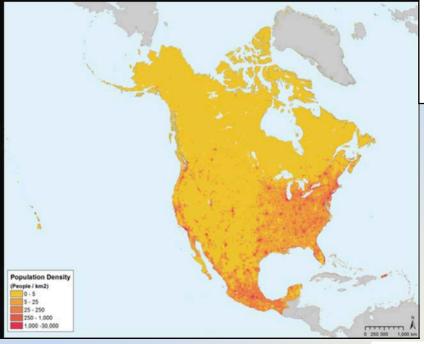
Legend



developing data

Most raster data of current Global Map are compiled from GTOPO30 and GLCC, contribution of United States of America.

This map is for the purpose of reference and the boundaries in this map are not authorized by any organizations.



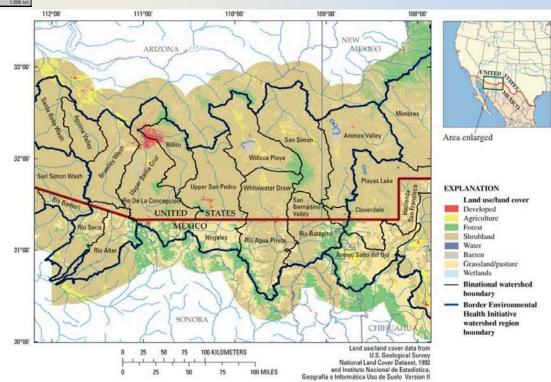


Pre Integrated Map Projects

Commission for Environmental Cooperation North American Environmental Atlas

USGS Border Environmental
Health
Initiative 2005 to 2009

U.S.-Mexico Border Transboundary GIS



Central American Geospatial Data Integration Initiative

Circumstances:

- Central American National Geography Institutes were at a turning point to modernize their mapping programs
- To monitor environmental change on a global scale requires cooperation between nations,
- Improve collaboration to reduce risk and vulnerability for natural disasters requires transboundary data sharing
- Mexico and Central American countries at different technical levels of Geospatial data development
- Share best practices and share data

Central American Geospatial Data Integration Initiative

PAIGH Technical Assistance Project Proposal 2010

- Objective Develop a seamless integrated geospatial dataset and map for Central America, working with the National Geography Institutes of Central America in a participatory manner
- Process Participatory cartography using official datasets and technical experts to harmonize transboundary datasets
- Participation from 7 Central American nations and Mexico
- 1:250,000 scale datasets
- Support from PAIGH, Latin American Development Bank (CAF), ESRI, and USGS

PARTICIPATORY PROCESS:
FORMAT AND RESULTS
CENTRAL AMERICA (MIAC)
NORTHERN ANDES (MIAN)
AND SOUTH AMERICA (MIAS)

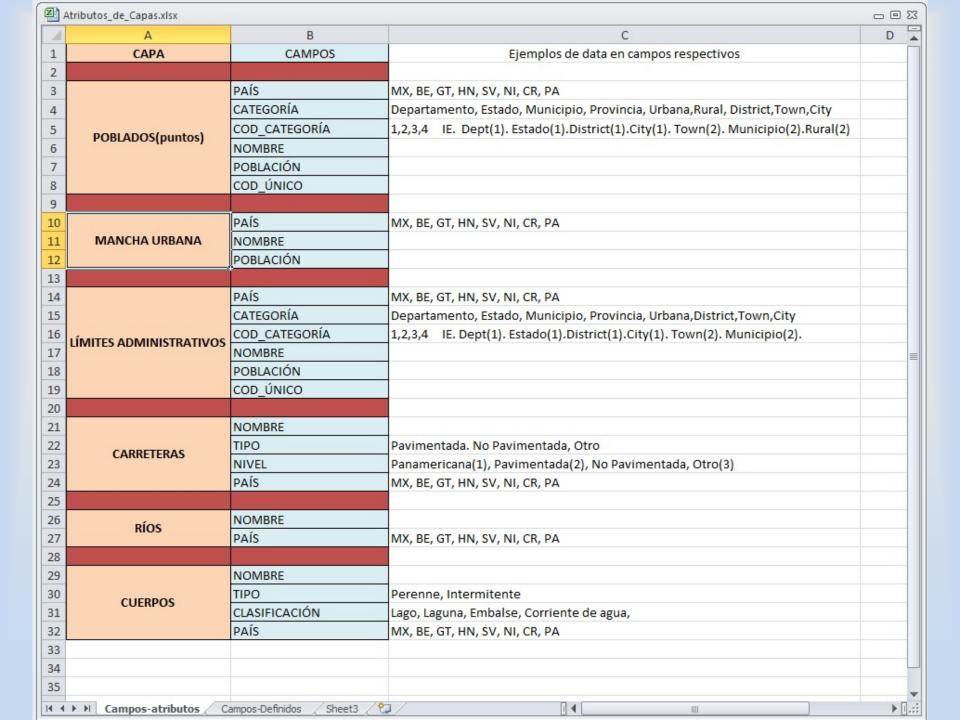
Central American Participatory Workshops



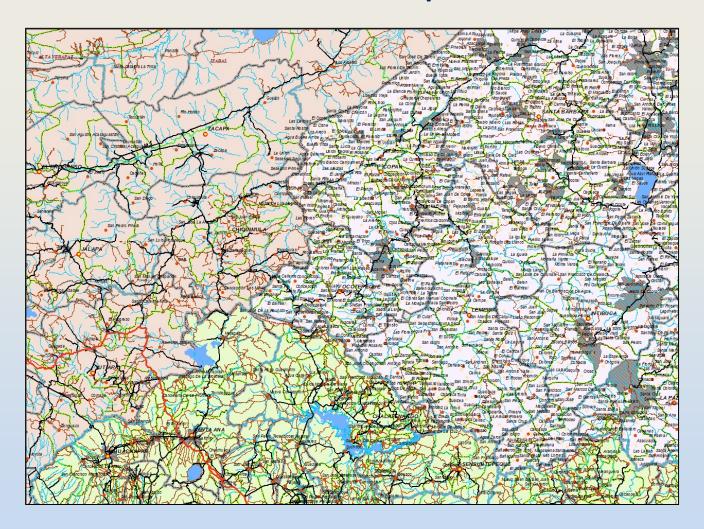








Results of Central American Participatory Workshops



View of the integrated road network, hydrography, administrative boundaries, and populated places for Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras

Central American Integrated Data viewable in GeoSUR Web Portal

http://www.geosur.info/map-viewer/index.html

MesoAmerica Integrated Map













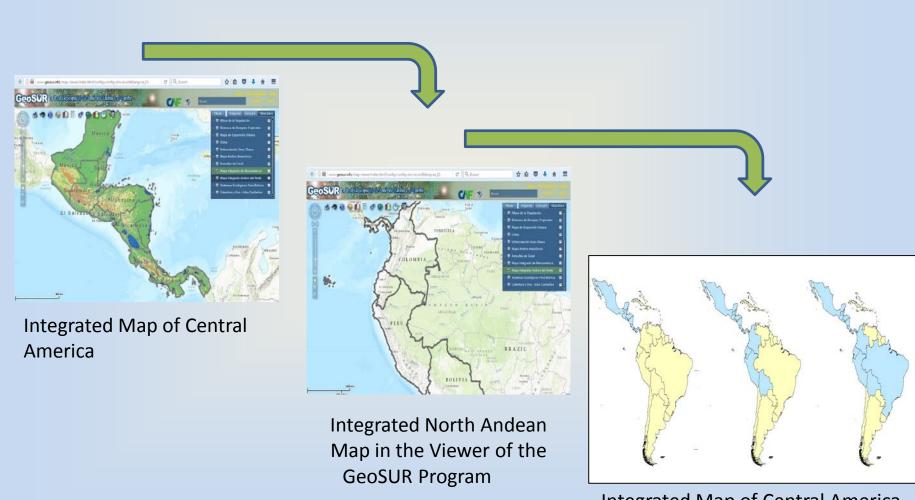








Progress of the Integrated Map



Integrated Map of Central America, the MIAN and the recent inclusion of Brazil

Facilitators

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Luis Miguel Blanco (National Geography Institute, Spain)



Workshops of the Andean Integrated Map



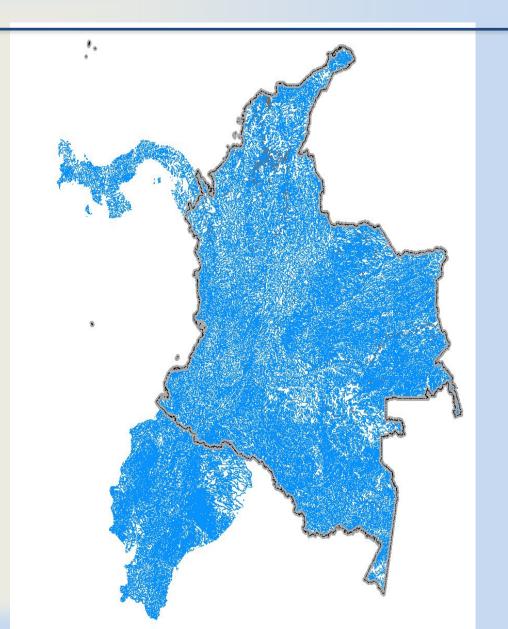




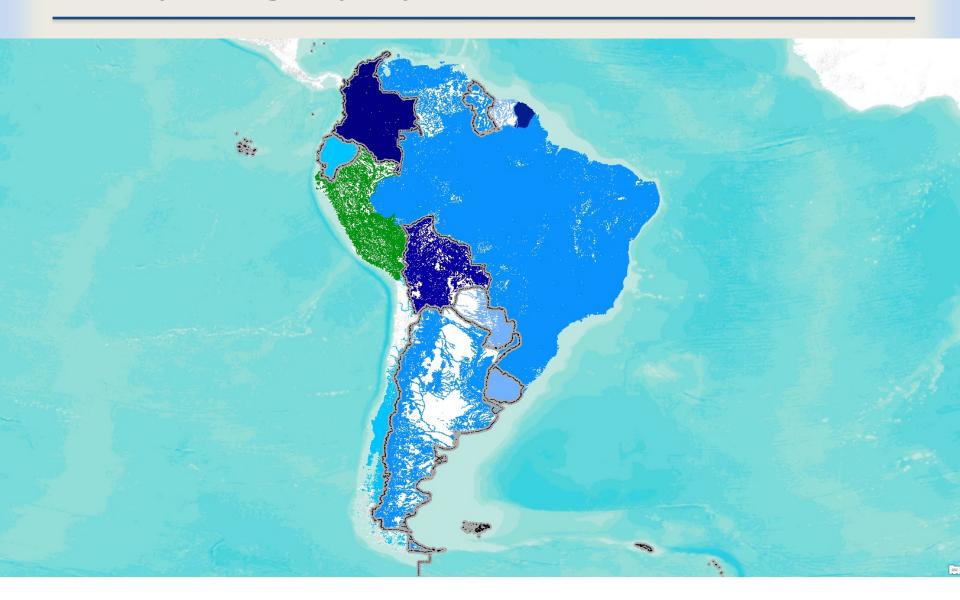


Hydrographic Network

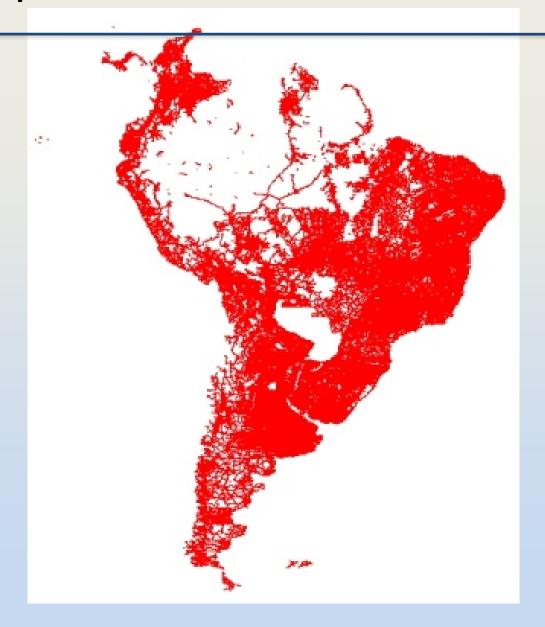
The hydrographic network of three countries (Panama, Colombia and Ecuador). Note the density of the hydrographic data.



Hydrography of South America



Transportation of South America

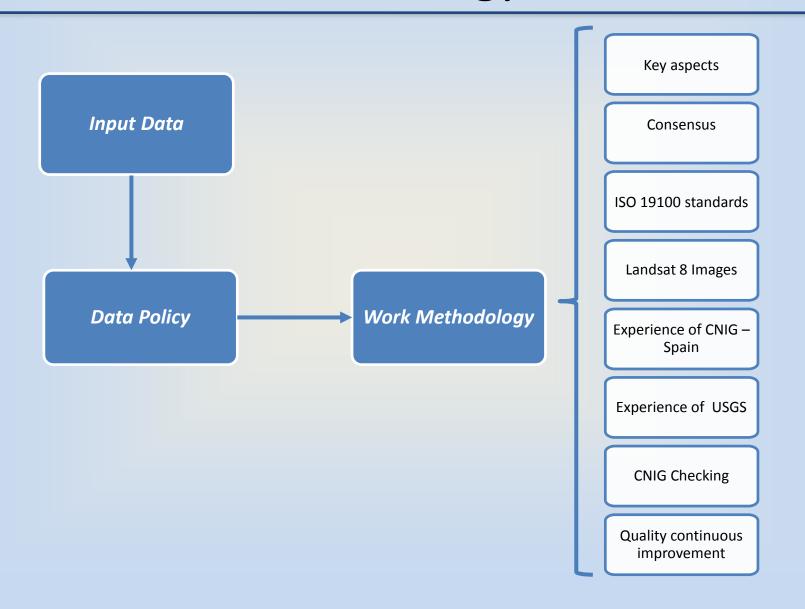


Populated Areas of South America

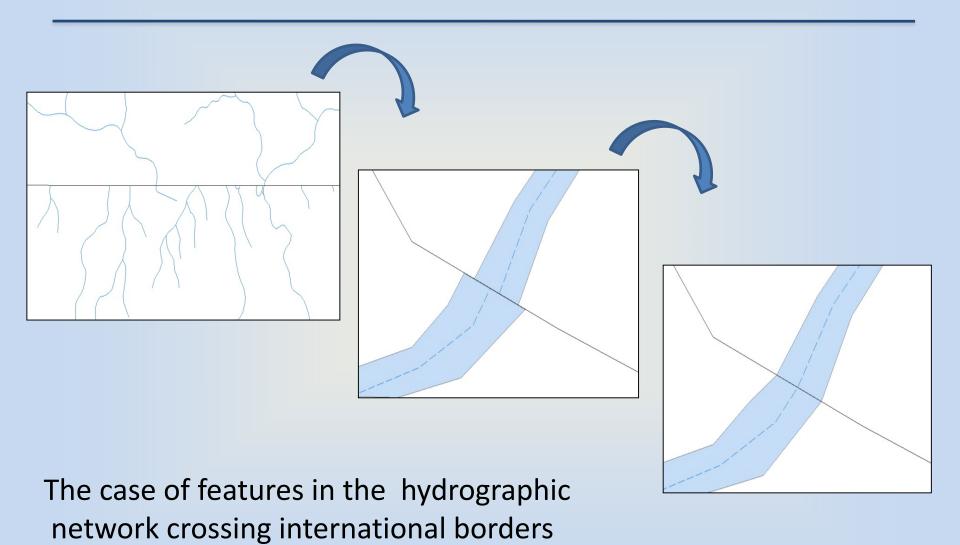


METHODOLOGY AND DATABASE

Methodology



Decisions about transboundary hydro



Geographic Objects Catalog

Name of Object	Definitions

Theme 1 Administrative Boundaries	
Country	Line object
(boundary of country outline)	
Level 1	Line object (optional area object)
(departments, provinces, states)	
Level 2	Line object (optional area object)
(municipalities, counties, cantons)	
Level 3	Line object (optional area object)
(villages, towns, corregimientos)	

Line object
Line object
Area object
Area object
A mangrove is an area near the mouth of one or more rivers in which the dry and flooded areas are mixed in an indistinguishable manner and it is not possible to trace the geometry of the watercourses.

Theme 3 Population Locations	
Populated Places (Locality or specific city)	Point object
Urban sprawl (Boundary of urban fabric, city limits)	Area object

Status of Integrated Map Projects

- Central America
 - Five workshops (2011 to 2017) with seven countries
 - 2017 workshop focused on updating to new geospatial data model (WMS & WMTS)
 - Completion summer 2018
- Northern Andes
 - 2016 to 2017
 - Four Workshops with four countries and Panama
 - Developed catalog of geographic objects
 - Data published on GeoSur portal

Status of Integratd Map Projects

South America

- Three workshops
- Participation of all countries in South America, including Northern Andes
- Fourth workshop scheduled for May 13 18 in Santiago, Chile
- Estimated completion time Fall 2018

Challenges for North America Integrated Map

Challenges

- Size of databases
- Scale differences
- Length of International Borders
- Languages English, Spanish, French
- Resources

Opportunities for North America Integrated Map

Opportunities

- Networked hydrography for the continent
- Sharing and promoting open datasources
- Building technical capacity & sharing of best practices
- Familiarity with Geodatabase models
- Greater participation in PAIGH

Next Steps

- Consensus on participation
- Explore source datasets for each country
- Investigate compatibility with current geodatabase model
- Plan participatory workshops with technical representatives from each country/institution