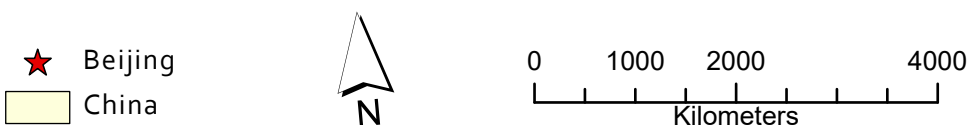


The Many Shapes of China



GCS WGS 1984 is displaying how China looks on a printed map. UTM Zone 50N is the projection that shows China with the least distortion. Mercator shows distortion similar to WGS84, where the top is elongated. Albers Equal Area Conic distorts how wide China is as you can tell in the Northern region. Lambert Conformal Conic portrays the shape of China more accurately by preserving angles. Equidistant Conic elongates the lower left side of China, while pulling the top of China closer than normal.



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