

Web Mapping of Ramsar sites of India

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Abstract

This study aimed to create an interactive web map of Ramsar sites in India by utilizing advanced geospatial technologies such as PostGIS, GeoServer, and OpenLayers. Ramsar sites, designated as wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, play a crucial role in biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. This project involved the integration of spatial data into a PostgreSQL database, which enables efficient storage, management, and querying of geospatial information.

GeoServer which served the spatial data as web services, and facilitates data sharing on server. OpenLayers was used to develop the user interface, providing a dynamic and user-friendly platform for visualizing and interacting with the Ramsar site data.

The resulting web map offers a comprehensive and accessible tool for researchers, policymakers, and the public to explore and analyze the characteristics of Ramsar sites across India. This approach enhances the visibility and awareness of these critical wetlands and supports informed decision-making for their conservation and management.

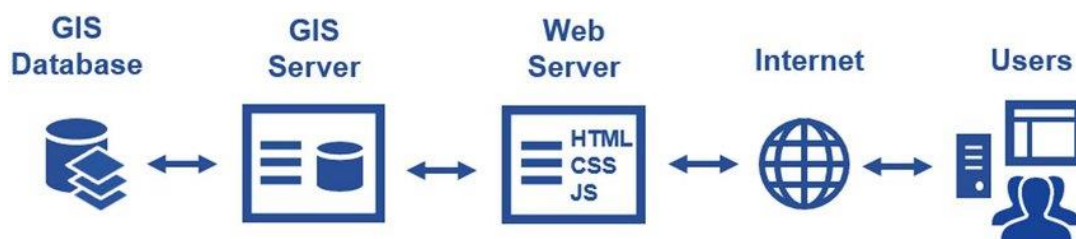
Introduction

Wetlands are among the most productive ecosystems in the world, offering numerous ecological, economic, and social benefits. The Ramsar Convention was established in 1971 to promote the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands globally. Ramsar sites, designated under this convention, are wetlands of international importance, and their protection is vital for ecological balance and sustainable development.

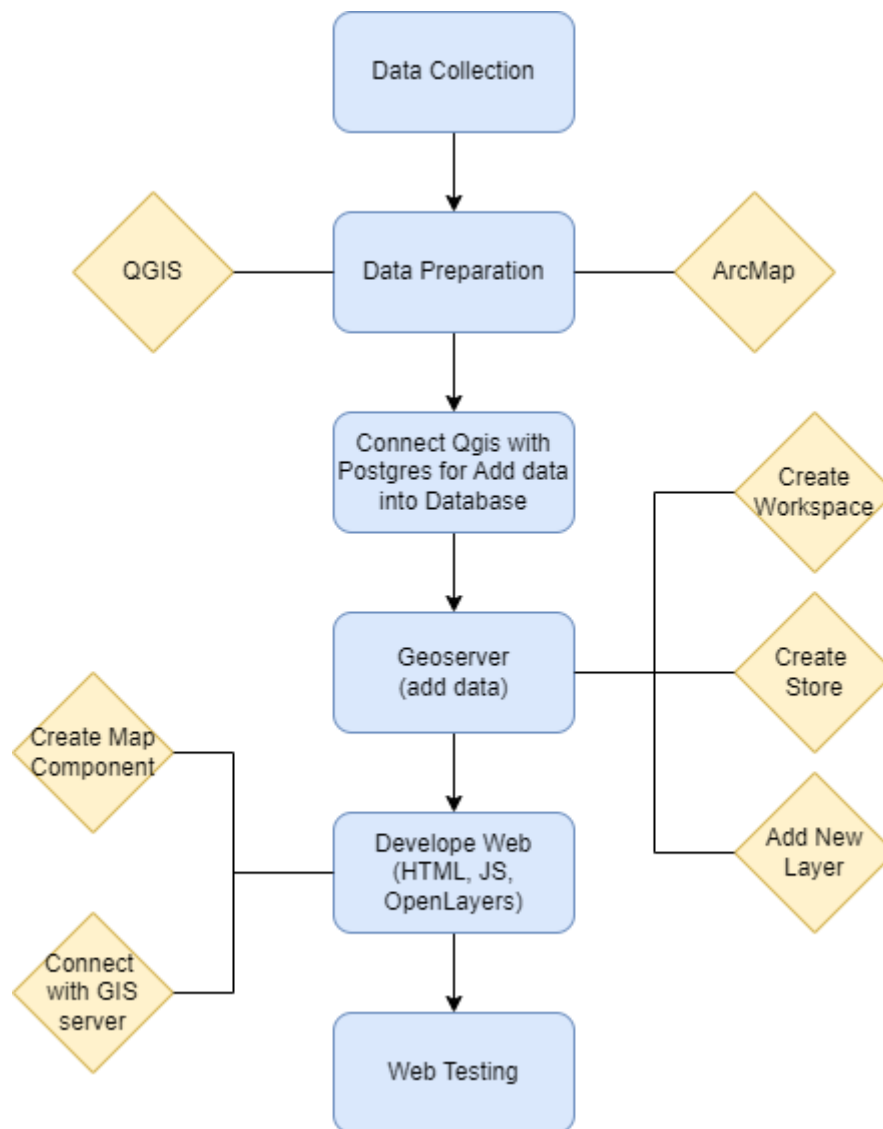
India, with its diverse geographical features and climatic conditions, is home to numerous Ramsar sites that contribute significantly to the country's biodiversity and environmental health. Advanced geospatial technologies offer powerful tools for the storage, management, and visualization of such data, providing a foundation for informed decision-making and sustainable practices.

This project aims to create an interactive web map of Ramsar sites in India by using advanced geospatial technologies. By integrating spatial data into a PostgreSQL database enhanced with PostGIS, the project ensures efficient storage and querying of geospatial information. GeoServer is used to serve this spatial data as web services, facilitating seamless data sharing and access.

OpenLayers, a robust JavaScript library for interactive maps, is utilized to develop a user-friendly interface for visualizing and interacting with the Ramsar site data. The resulting web map provides a dynamic platform for researchers, policymakers, and the public to explore and analyze the characteristics of Ramsar sites across India. This tool enhances the visibility and awareness of these critical wetlands, supporting their conservation and management for future generations.



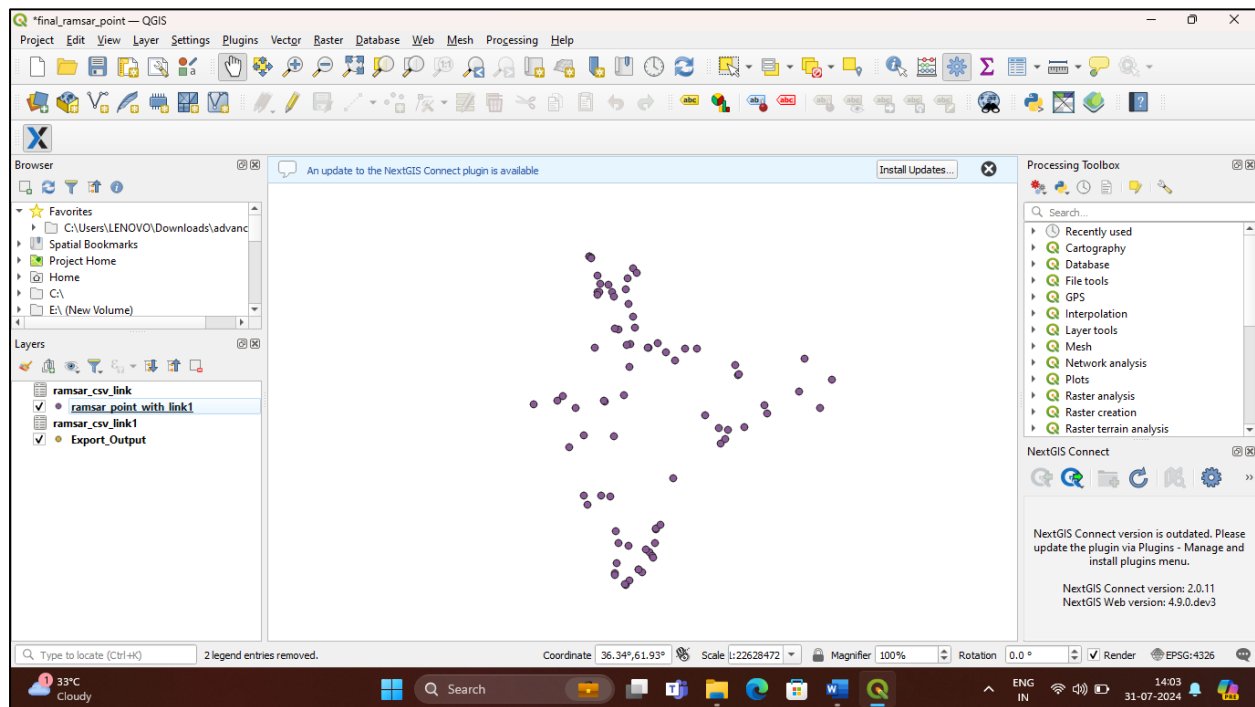
Workflow



❖ Data Source :

Data is sourced from the Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS), to which we have added state information, descriptions of Ramsar sites, and hyperlinks for each site. The Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS) is a vital resource for understanding and managing wetlands of international importance. The RSIS provides comprehensive information on Ramsar sites, including their geographic coordinates, ecological characteristics, conservation status, and the criteria they meet under the Ramsar Convention.

[Dataset Link](#)



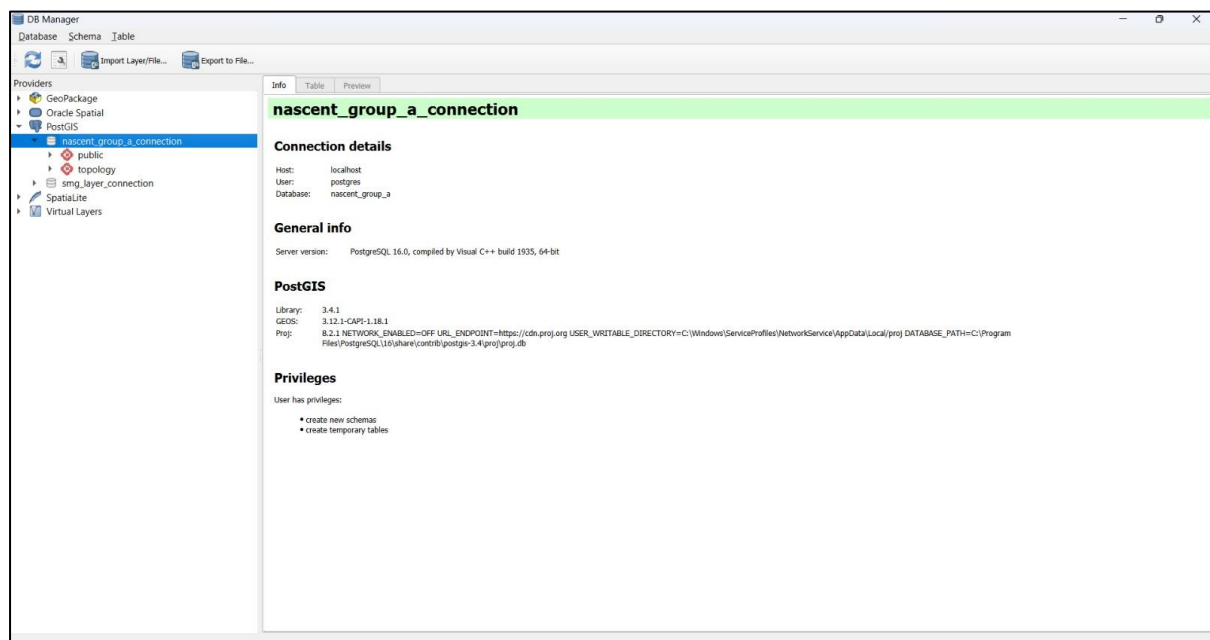
Dataset

❖ Database :

Once the preparation of shapefile (Point shp file of Ramsar sites) is complete, including establishment of their geographic locations, the files need to be imported into the DB Manager. From there, they will be subsequently integrated into the PostGIS database. This process ensures that all spatial data is efficiently stored and ready for advanced geospatial querying and management.

❖ Process to add data in Database

1. Create database in PostgreSQL
2. Add extension of PostGIS in that database
3. add database layer in QGIS
4. connect database in QGIS
5. import layer of shapefile in database
6. Preview the data in PostgreSQL using PostGIS extension



Database connection and import shapefile layer in QGIS

Data Output Messages Notifications							
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Data preview in database table

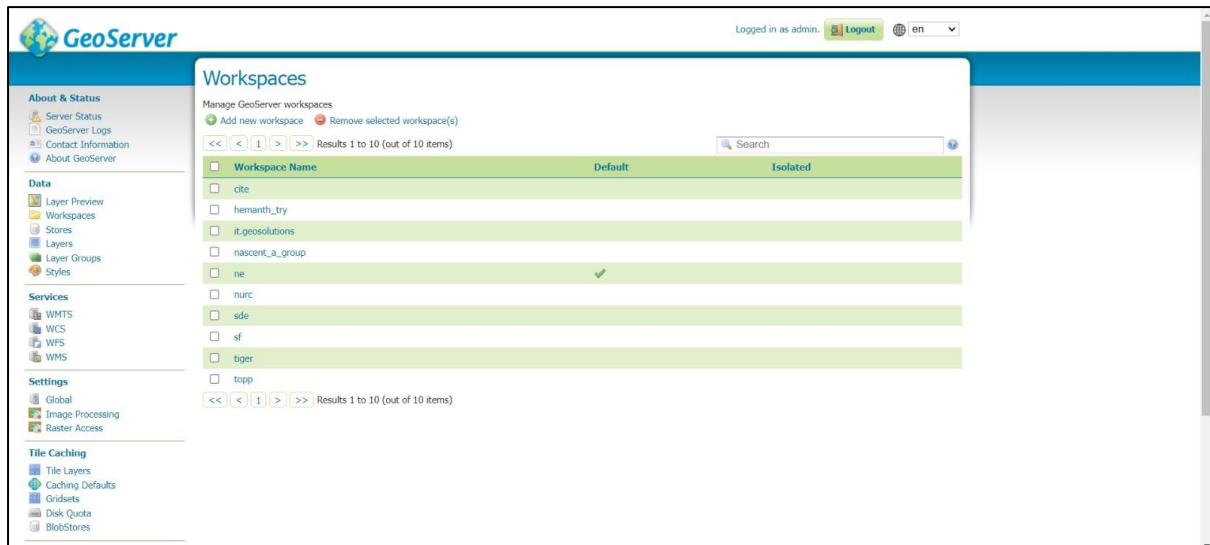
❖ GeoServer :

GeoServer is a powerful open-source server for sharing geospatial data. It allows users to publish, view, and edit geospatial data, making it an essential tool for developing interactive web maps.

❖ Process to publish layer in Geoserver

1. Prepare the Point Vector File.
2. Start GeoServer.
3. Create a Workspace.
4. Add a Data Store.
5. Publish the Layer.
6. Style the Layer.
7. Preview and Test.
8. Integrate with Web Application.

Create Workspace:



Workspace

Create Store :

Basic Store Info

Workspace *
nascent_a_group ▼

Data Source Name *
ramsar_data

Description

☒ Enabled
☐ Auto disable on connection failure

Connection Parameters

host *
localhost

port *
5432

database
nascent_group_a

schema
public

user *
postgres

passwd

Namespace *
localhost1

Add Layer:

Layer Preview

List of all layers configured in GeoServer and provides previews in various formats for each.

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

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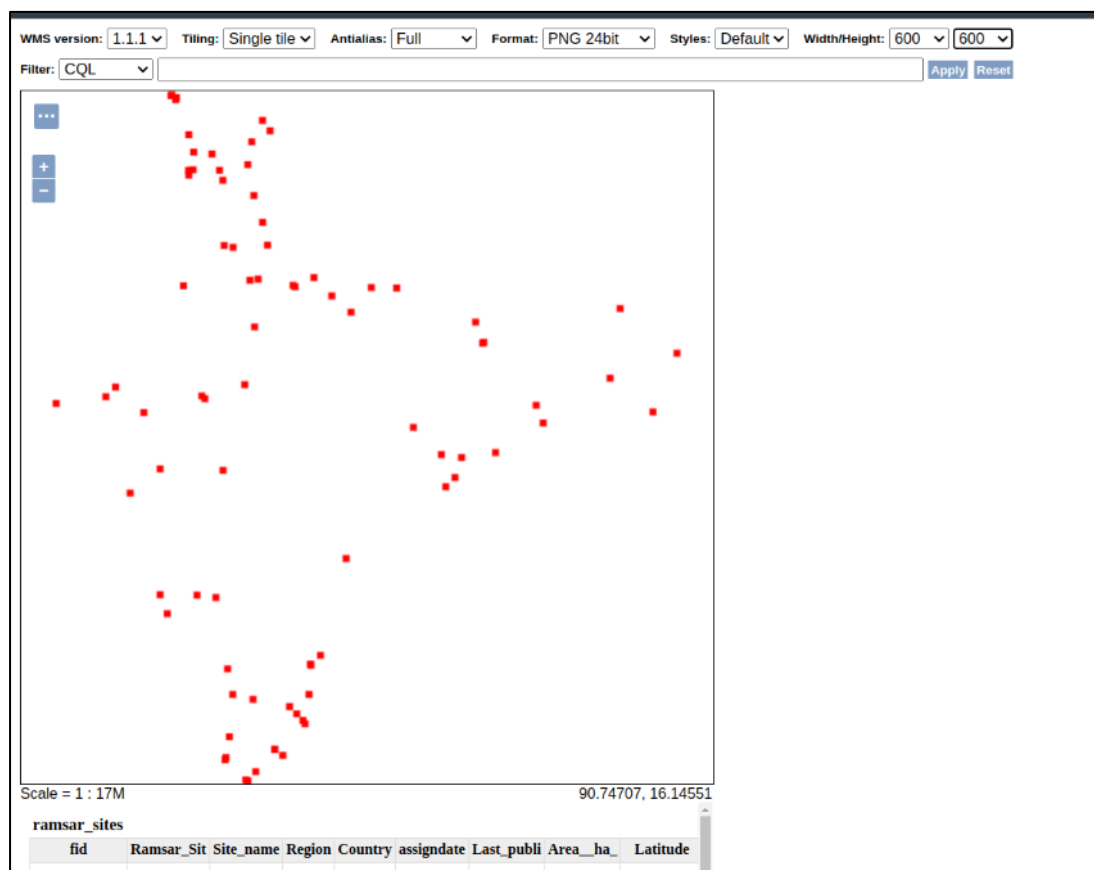
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Results 1 to 25 (out of 33 items)

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	Manhattan (NY) roads	tiger:tiger_roads	OpenLayers GML KML	<input type="text" value="Select one"/>
	A sample ArcGrid file	nurc:Arc_Sample	OpenLayers KML	<input type="text" value="Select one"/>
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	USA Population	topp:states	OpenLayers GML KML	<input type="text" value="Select one"/>

Layer preview:



❖ Web Page

Install Visual Code studio

Install Visual Code studio and open it where we write a code to add style on each layer and customize the map and provide design to each layer for map visualization.

Write Code to create Interactive Web Map Visualization Application

1.Map Selection

The application supports switching between different base maps, including Open Street Map and satellite imagery, to offer diverse perspectives on geographic data. This feature facilitates better interpretation of spatial information

2. Data filtering

The application provide option to filter data of Ramsar site based on level as state level and national level and second filter allow to filter out Ramsar site in particular state. . Users can also clear all filters to reset the view to the default layer

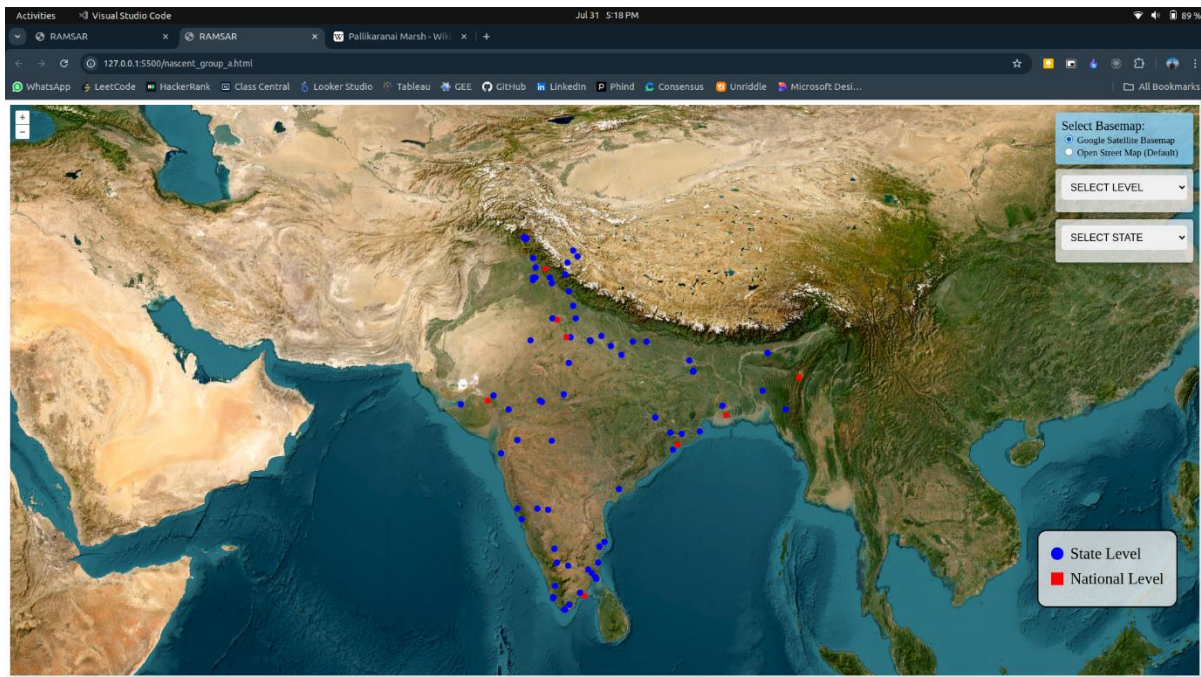
3. Popup

The application provide popup when user click on Point of Ramsar site it provide Name,State,Class Area and weblink of particular site

4.Legend

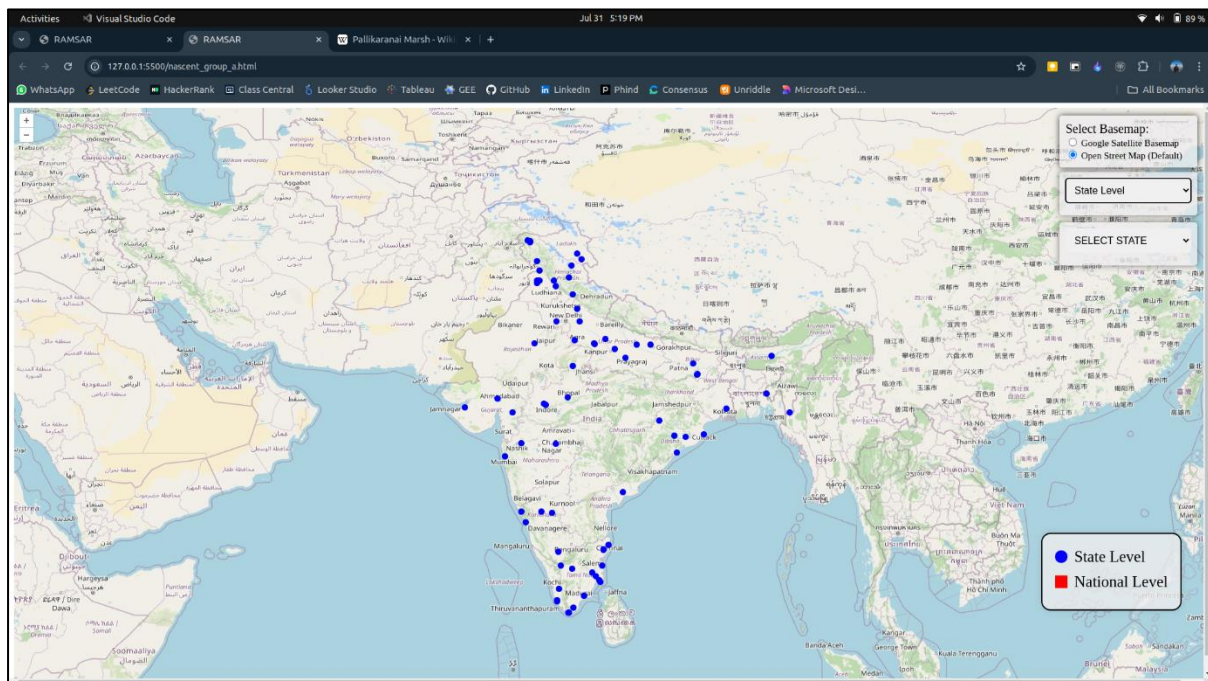
The application also provide legend for better understanding of symbology of point layer

Map selection

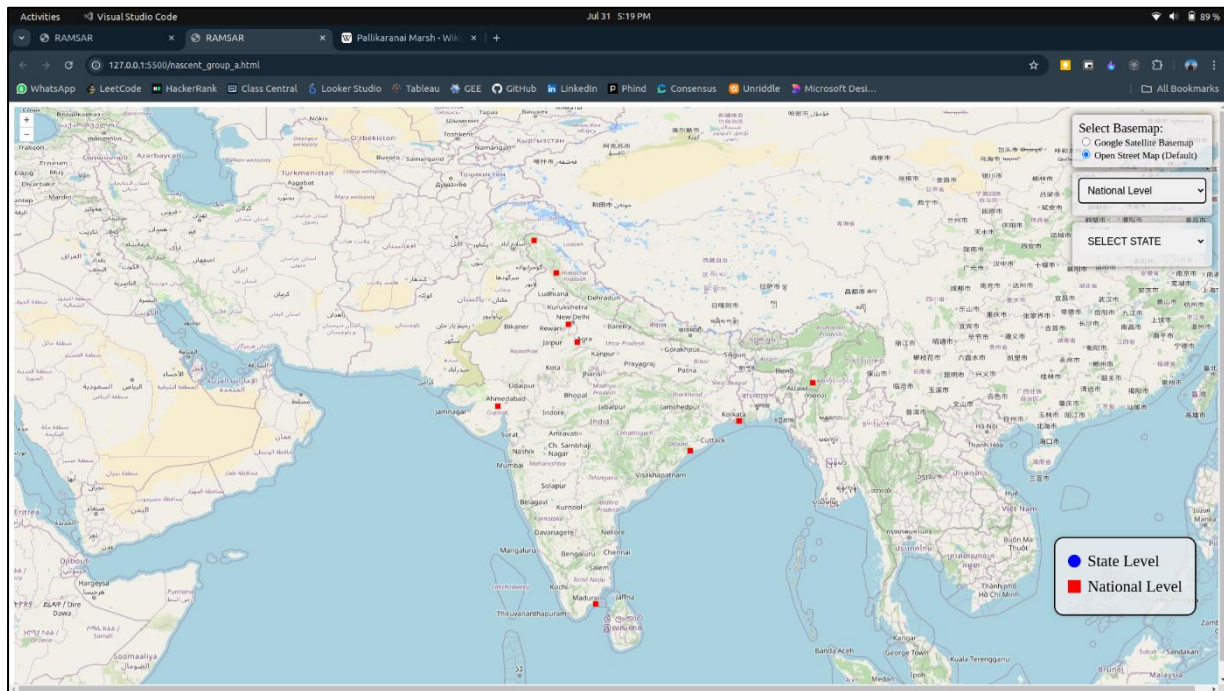


Data filtering

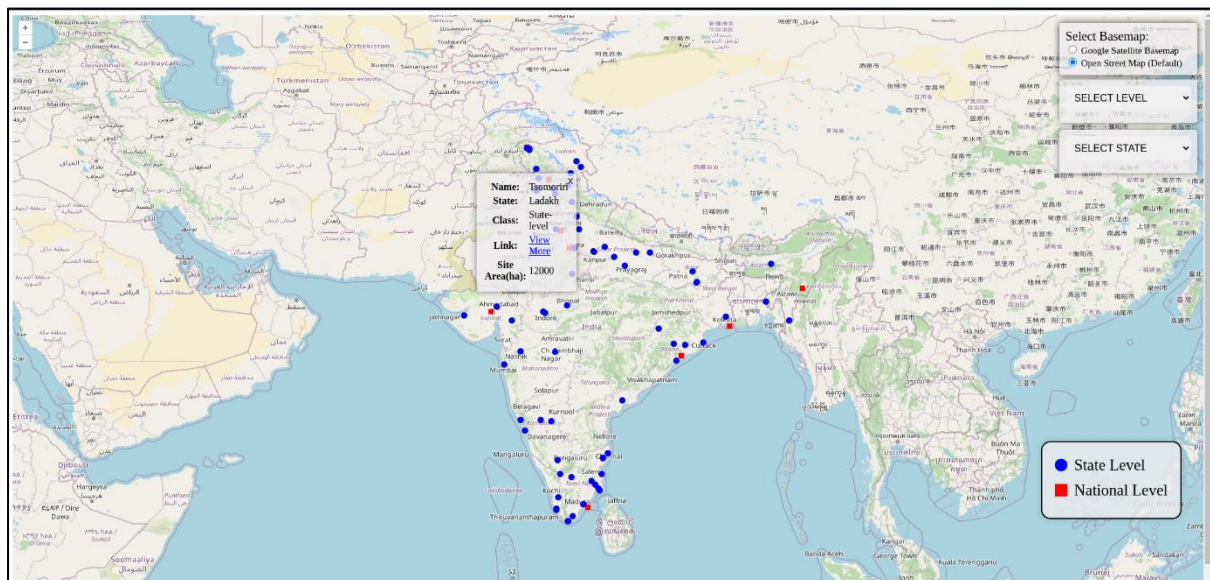
Ramsar site filter based on State level



Ramsar site filter based on National level



❖ Result :



Ramsar Site Web Application demo Video link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BJ2OKnXsx8szuhhXbWMsBu1W2wiZLkCo?usp=drive_link

❖ References :

1. **Dataset reference link:** https://rsis.ramsar.org/ris-search/?f%5B0%5D=regionCountry_en_ss%3AAsia&f%5B1%5D=regionCountry_en_ss%3AIndia
2. **Source code link:** https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1O1BwnHqvpsg7_plgMB728oLJ4liLF2K4?usp=sharing