

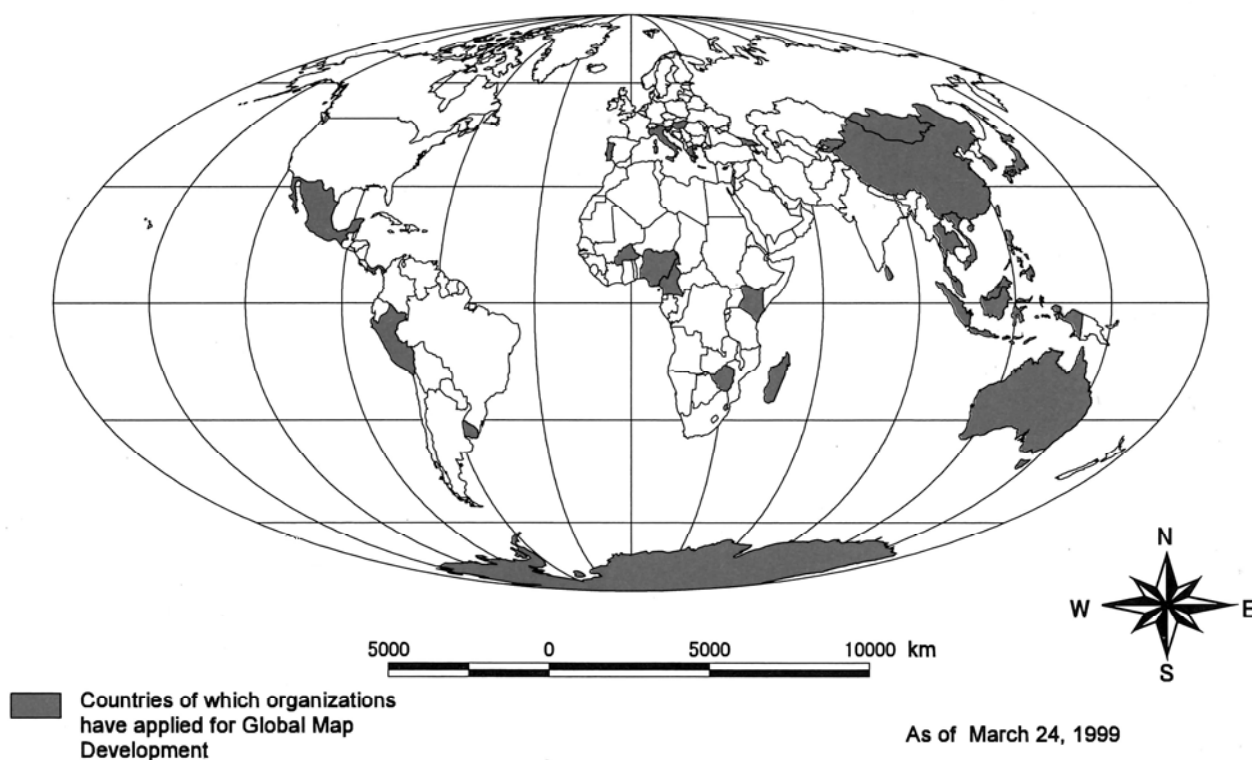
GLOBAL MAPPING NewsLetter¹³

Status of Applications to the Global Mapping Project

In November 1998, the United Nations sent an invitation letter to the Global Mapping Project by the International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM) to the heads of National Mapping Organizations (NMOs) with the recommendation letter by Mr. Hermann Habermann, Director of Statistic Division, UN. Reactions from NMOs are fairly good. More than thirty applications from NMOs in the world have already been sent to the Secretariat, and more than twenty organizations are either waiting official approval from their government or discussing their participation positively. The figure shows the countries which the applied organizations belong to.

NMOs have been well informed of Global Mapping Project, owing to various activities done by the ISCGM and related organizations such as Interregional Seminar on Global Mapping for the Implementation of Multinational Environmental Agreements, Global Mapping Forums and the issue of quarterly newsletter. This would be one of the reasons why the initial status of participation in the project is good. It is, however, required to encourage the participation of those NMOs which have not made any response to the Secretariat so that Global Map development will be completed by the year 2000.

Current Participation in Global Mapping Project



Second Occasion of "Global Mapping Mini-Forum" and "Meeting of the Global Map Development in Asia"



The second occasion of "the Global Mapping Mini-Forum" and "the Meeting of the Global Map Development in Asia" were held from 2 to 4 March 1999 at the Geographical Survey Institute(GSI), Tsukuba, Japan organized by GSI of the Ministry of Construction of Japan.

Taking an opportunity of the start of the Global Map data development from this fiscal year, the Global Mapping Mini-Forum was held on the first day. The objective of the Mini-Forum was to better understand the Global Mapping between producers and users. In the morning the producers of the Global Map gave presentations such as specifications and existing global data sets, and in the afternoon the users presented on the application of the Global Map such as calculation of green house gasses emissions, desertification and sustainable agriculture. The Mini-Forum was open to the public and participated by ninety-six people in total

from twenty-four countries.

Following the Mini-Forum, "the Meeting of the Global Map Development in Asia" was held from 3 to 4, March attended by the representatives of fourteen National Mapping Organizations(NMOs). The discussion of the Meeting was focused on the definite approach to enhance the participation in the Global Mapping Project. As a result, the participants agreed that: the Global Mapping Project was the important project that NMOs of respective countries should participate in; representatives of NMOs which had not decided the participation in the Project should take concrete actions toward their organizations' participation; and cooperation between Asian countries and member countries of the International Steering Committee for Global Mapping(ISCGM) such as Japan was very important in enhancing the data development.

Category A Liaison Status Established between ISCGM and ISO/TC211

The chairperson of ISCGM sent the letter dated May 14, 1998 to the headquarters of ISO for establishing category A liaison status with ISO/TC211 based on the Resolutions of the third meeting of the ISCGM. In reply to this request, ISO Central Secretariat sent a letter dated December 3, 1998, formally confirming Category A liaison status between ISCGM and ISO/TC211.

Category A organizations are defined as organizations which make an effective contribution to the work of the technical committee or subcommittee for questions dealt with by this technical

committee or subcommittee, according to ISO/IEC Directives. Category A organizations for ISO/TC211 include International Cartographic Association(ICA), International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing(ISPRS), Open GIS Consortium, Incorporated(OGC), The Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific(PCGIAP).

This liaison is expected to enhance the development of, access to, use of, and quality of Global Map.

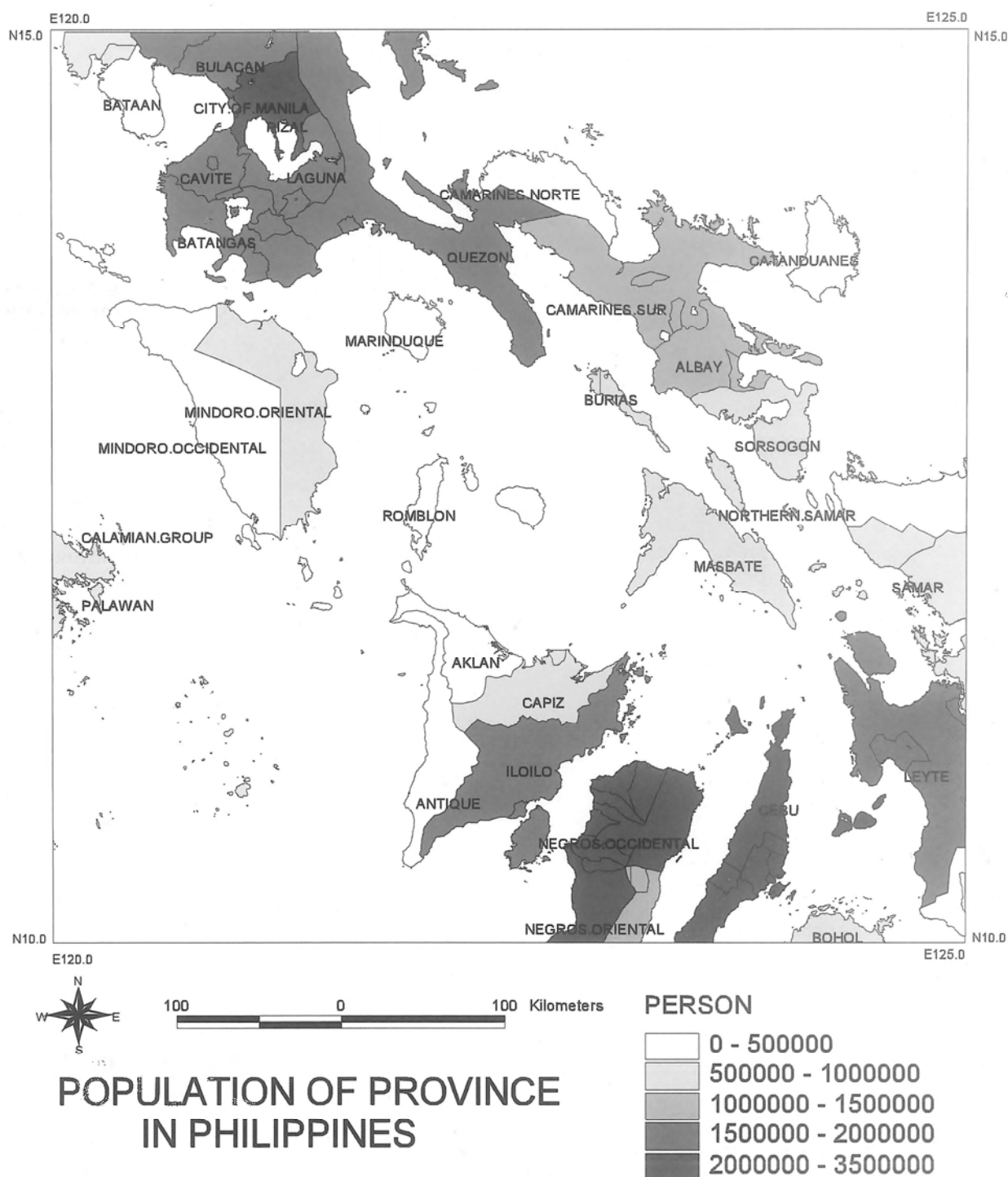
Initial Product of the Global Map

Geographical Survey Institute has been developing the Global Map in cooperation with national mapping organizations of the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

Initial product has just developed. Figure, which has produced using this initial product,

shows the administrative areas of province level in central part of the Philippines colored by the level of population.

Quality control process is to be done shortly by these three countries and Japan.



Global Mapping Session at Cambridge Conference

Cambridge Conference will be held at St. John's College, Cambridge, from 19 to 23 July 1999, where most of the senior members from National Mapping Organizations will participate and will be joined by invited representatives from policy makers, fund providers, major customer organizations and service suppliers. Conference consists of 10 sessions and other programs. One of these sessions is Global Mapping organized by Mr. Kunio Nonomura, Director General of the Geographical Survey Institute.

Draft program of the Global Mapping session, which is scheduled on July 21 (Wed.) 9:00-12:30, is as follows:

- Chairperson:
(Prof. Estes, Chairperson of ISCGM)
- Keynote lecture:
(Mr. Kunio Nonomura, GSI)
- Thematic lectures:
 - (1) Global Map for Decision Making
(Dr. Will Steffen, IGBP)

- (2) Role of Global Geographic Information for Sustainable Economic Development
(Brig. Mondal, Survey of Bangladesh)
- (3) Use of Global Geospatial Data for Hazard Reduction and Mitigation
(Dr. K. Eric Anderson, USGS)
- (4) Role of the Global Map Project in the Establishment of a GSDI
(Mr. Drew Clarke, DISR, Australia -to be confirmed-)

This is an important opportunity to input the importance of the Global Mapping to the executives from NMOs which have not participated in the project yet, and it is expected to have a lot of participation and hot discussions in the session.

After the Conference, the 6th meeting of ISCGM will be held at the same place on 24 July, 1999. Implementation of first phase Global Map Development will be discussed in detail.

Global Map and Related Meetings

Followings are Global Map and related meetings. Information on related meetings will be highly appreciated. Meetings with "*" mark are to be confirmed, and with "?" mark to be determined.

1999

- **19-22 April, Beijing, China**
5th meeting of PCGIAP
- **19-23 July, Cambridge, UK**
Cambridge Conference
- **24 July, Cambridge, UK**
6th Meeting of ISCGM
- **14-21 August, Ottawa, Canada**
19th International Cartographic Conference
<http://www.ccrs.nrcan.gc.ca/ica1999/>
- **29-30 September, Kyoto, Japan**
9th Plenary Meeting of ISO/TC211
- **1-5 November, Fremantle, Australia**
6th South East Asian Surveyors Congress

<http://www.isaust.org.au/40thcong/index.htm>

2000

- **February?, Bangkok, Thailand**
15th UNRCCAP
- **9-10 March South Africa***
10th Plenary Meeting of ISO/TC211
- **29 March-2 April**
Cape Town, South Africa*
28th International Symposium on Remote Sensing of Environment
- **14-26 July, Amsterdam, Netherlands**
19th ISPRS Congress
- **28-29 September, USA***
11th Plenary Meeting of ISO/TC211

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