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An open database of
political
administrative
boundaries.

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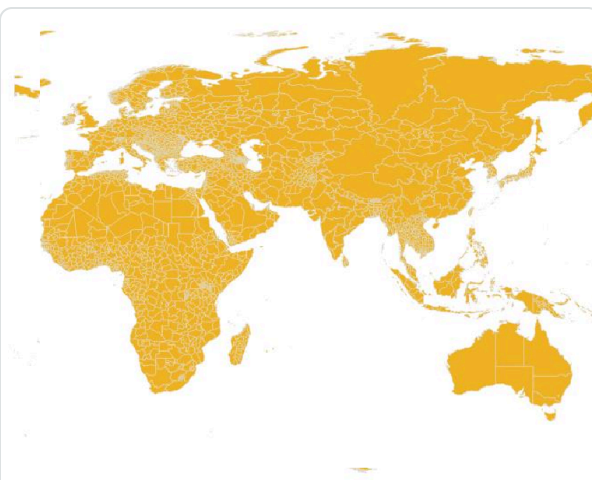
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Individual Country Files

"As they would represent themselves."

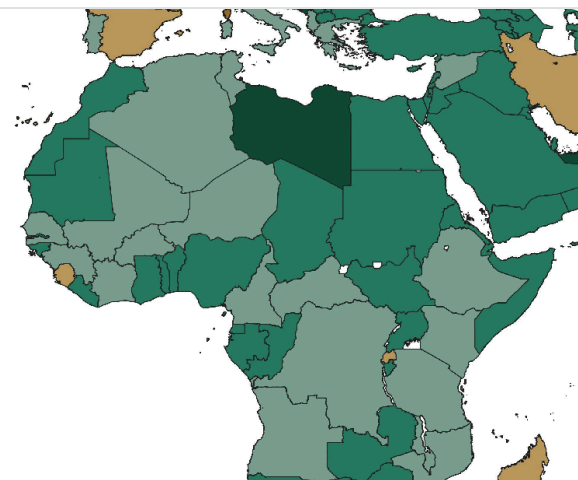
Our most recent files for each individual country, standardized and ready to use.



Global Composite Files

"Disputed areas included."

Seamless global layers with demarcations for disputed areas.



Simplified Boundaries

"When you just need a visual."

Simplified files with lower file sizes, for your cartographic needs.



So what's this all about?

Built by the [community](#) and [William & Mary geoLab](#), the **geoBoundaries Global Database of Political Administrative Boundaries Database** is an online, open license ([CC BY 4.0](#)) resource of information on administrative boundaries (i.e., state, county) for every country in the world. Since 2016, we have tracked approximately 1 million boundaries within over 200 entities, including all UN member states. All boundaries are available to view or download in common file formats; the only requirement for use is [acknowledgement](#).

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