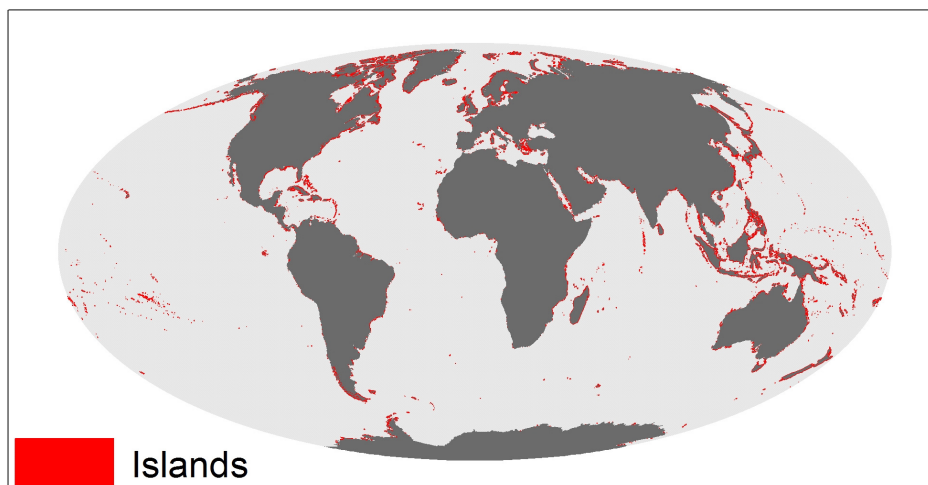


## Global Distribution of Islands OSM (2013)



<b>Description:</b>	This dataset shows the global distribution of islands. The information given here relates to version 2 of the dataset.
<b>Citation(s):</b>	UNEP-WCMC (2013). Global distribution of islands. Global Island Database (version 2). Based on Open Street Map data (© OpenStreetMap contributors). Cambridge (UK): UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre. URL: <a href="http://gidtool.unep-wcmc.org/">http://gidtool.unep-wcmc.org/</a>
<b>Temporal range:</b>	2013
<b>Geographical range:</b>	Global
<b>Supplementary information (eg attribute table):</b>	Attribute table: unique island ID code (ID_GID); island name, if known (NAME); local island name, if any and if known, noting that some local names may relate to larger islands nearby (NAME_LOCAL); country (COUNTRY); three-letter code for country (ISO3); island surface area in sq-km (SIZE); island ID code used by the partner Island Conservation (ID_IC); island ID code used by the partner RSPB (ID_RSPB).
<b>Purpose of creation:</b>	The dataset was developed so as to provide higher resolution geographic boundaries for islands.
<b>Creation methodology:</b>	The geographic boundary dataset is originally based on Open Street Map data (© OpenStreetMap contributors), itself based on a 1:75,000 Landsat product from the US National Geospatial - Intelligence Agency. The base layer was then substantially refined through the work of a number of organisations, including UNEP-WCMC, Island Conservation, BirdLife International, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and the Global Island Network. Relevant information from version 1 (essentially island names) was retained.
<b>Lineage (versioning):</b>	This dataset will replace version 1 (WCMC-005), which is based on a lower resolution dataset from the GSHHS Database.

Dataset ID: WCMC-031

**Category:** Administration  
**Keywords:** coastal  
**Similar datasets:** WCMC-005  
**Quality, limitation(s), fitness for use:** This dataset is an intermediate product, that will be refined by the user community.  
Presence of fake islands throughout the dataset. Not all islands listed have an associated name.

**Maintenance frequency:** Data are updated in intervals that are uneven in duration.

**Main access/use constraint:** See 'Other access/use constraint(s)'.

**Other access/use constraints:** Attribute table: UNEP-WCMC Standard Licence Agreement (Excl. WDPA). See [www.unep-wcmc.org/general-data-licence-excluding-wdpa\\_559.html](http://www.unep-wcmc.org/general-data-licence-excluding-wdpa_559.html) and [www.unep-wcmc.org/data-policy\\_596.html](http://www.unep-wcmc.org/data-policy_596.html). For commercial use, please contact [business-support@unep-wcmc.org](mailto:business-support@unep-wcmc.org).

Underlying geographic boundary dataset: Open Database License (<http://www.openstreetmap.org/copyright>, <http://opendatacommons.org/licenses/odbl/>, <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/>).

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**Main format:** Vector (polygon; .shp) **Other format(s):** None

**Distribution format:** Vector (polygon; .shp) **Dataset size (uncompressed):** 861 Mb

**Webpage and/or download:** <http://gidtool.unep-wcmc.org/>

**Other webpage:**

**Web map service:**

**Resolution, scale:** Not applicable **Reference system:** WGS 1984

**West bounding:** -180.0 **East bounding:** 180.0

**South bounding:** -80.0 **North bounding:** 83.7

**Factsheet:** No **Metadata standard:** UNEP-WCMC Specific **Date of metadata:** 11/03/2014