# Who's on First: Administrative Boundaries & Localities

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#### Who's On First

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Who's On First is a gazetteer of places. Not quite all the places in the world but a whole lot of them and, we hope, the kinds of places that we mostly share in common.

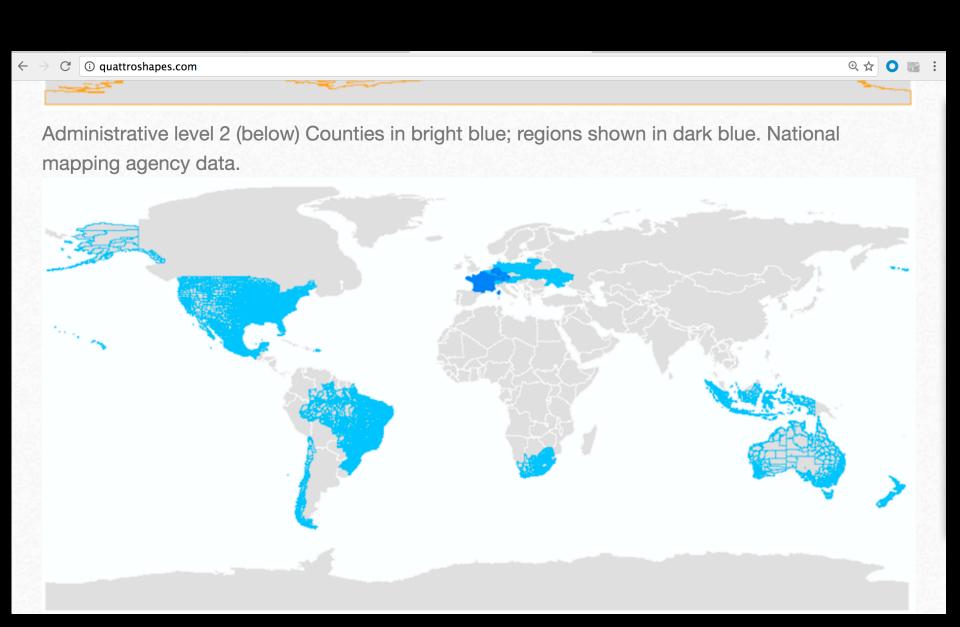
A gazetteer is a big list of places, each with a stable identifier and some number of descriptive properties about that location.

An interesting way to think about a gazetteer is to consider it as the space where debate about a place is managed but not decided. We call our gazetteer Who's On First (or sometimes "WOF" for short). According to Wikipedia, Who's on First:

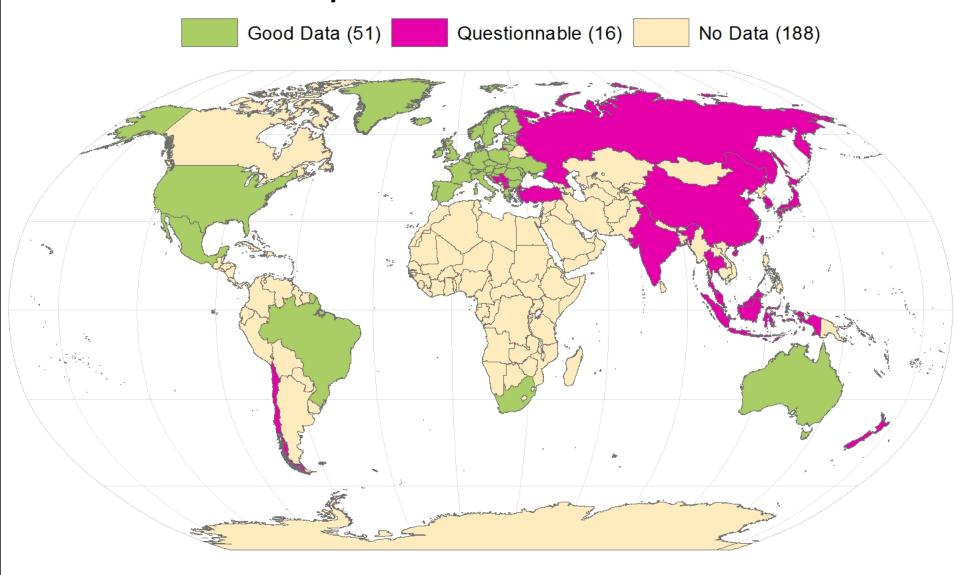
...is a comedy routine made famous by Abbott and Costello. The premise of the sketch is that Abbott is identifying the players on a baseball team for Costello, but their names and nicknames can be interpreted as non-responsive answers to Costello's questions. For example, the first baseman is named "Who"; thus, the utterance "Who's on first" is ambiguous between the question ("Which person is the first baseman?") and the answer ("The name of the first baseman is 'Who'"). "Who's on First?" is descended from turn-of-the-century burlesque sketches that used plays on words and names. Examples are "The Baker Scene" (the shop is located on Watt Street) and "Who Dyed" (the owner is named Who). In the 1930 movie Cracked Nuts, comedians Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey examine a map of a mythical kingdom with dialogue like this: "What is next to Which." "What is the name of the town next

### Quattroshapes

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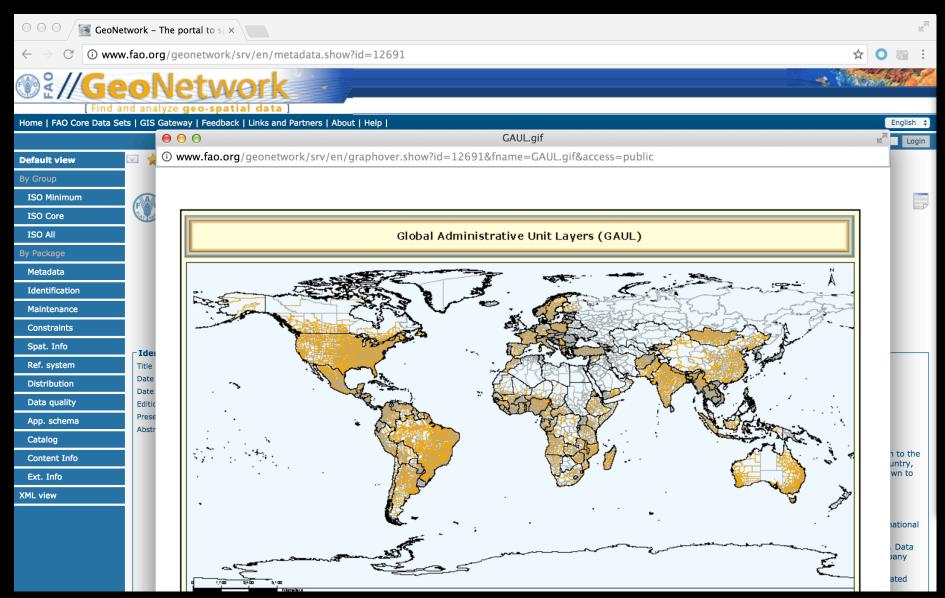


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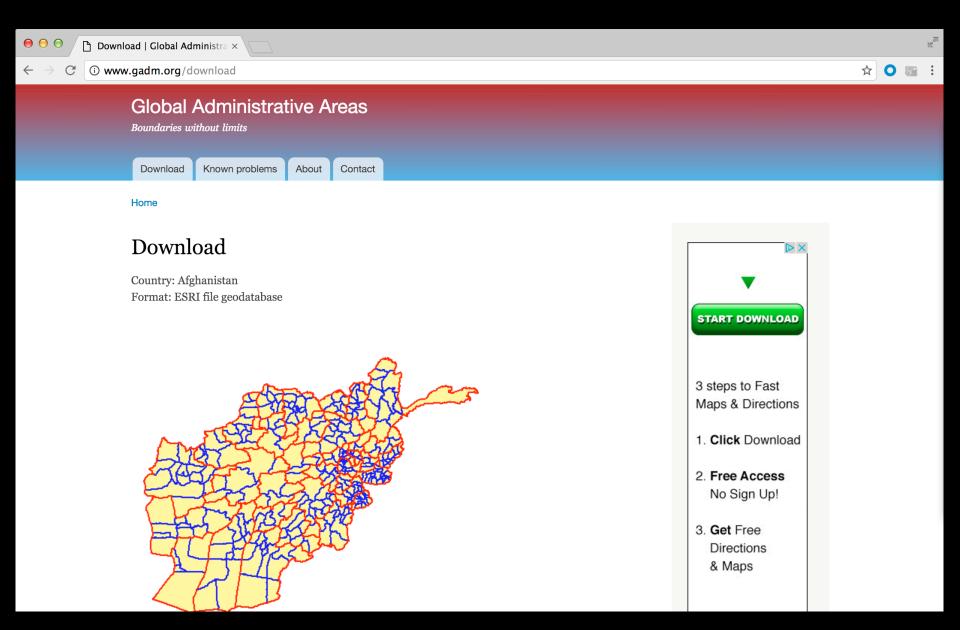
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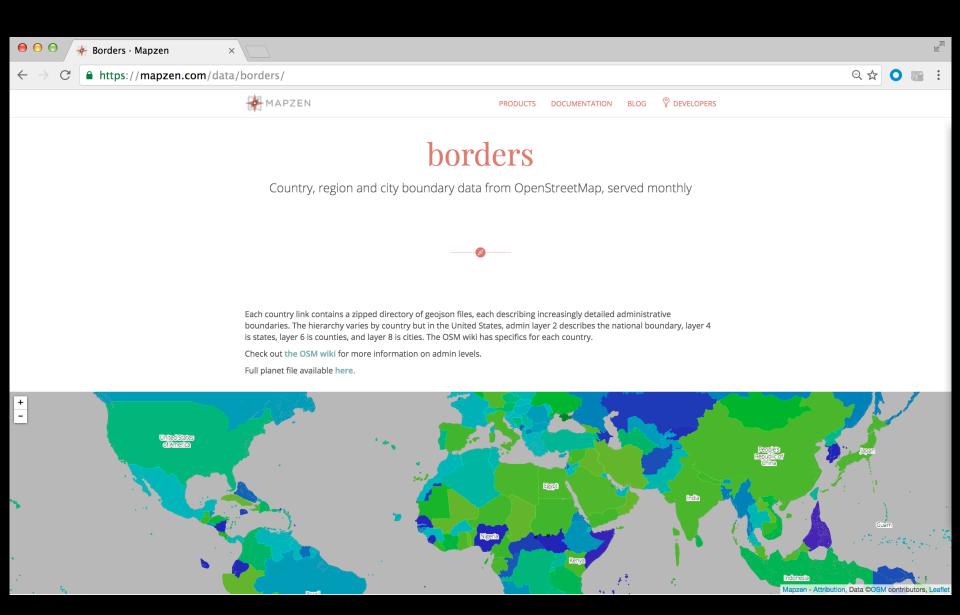
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#### http://www.gadm.org/download



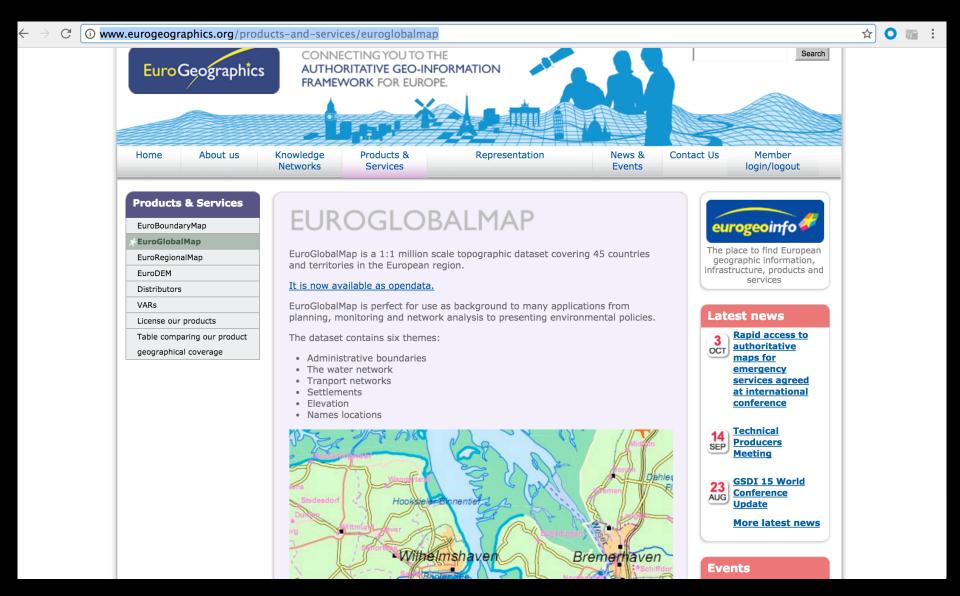
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https://mapzen.com/data/borders/



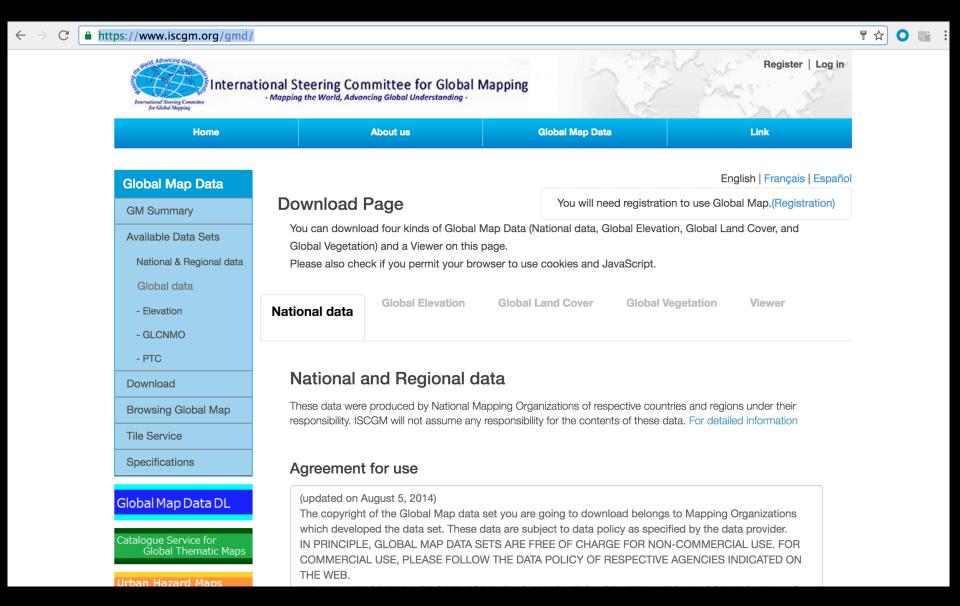
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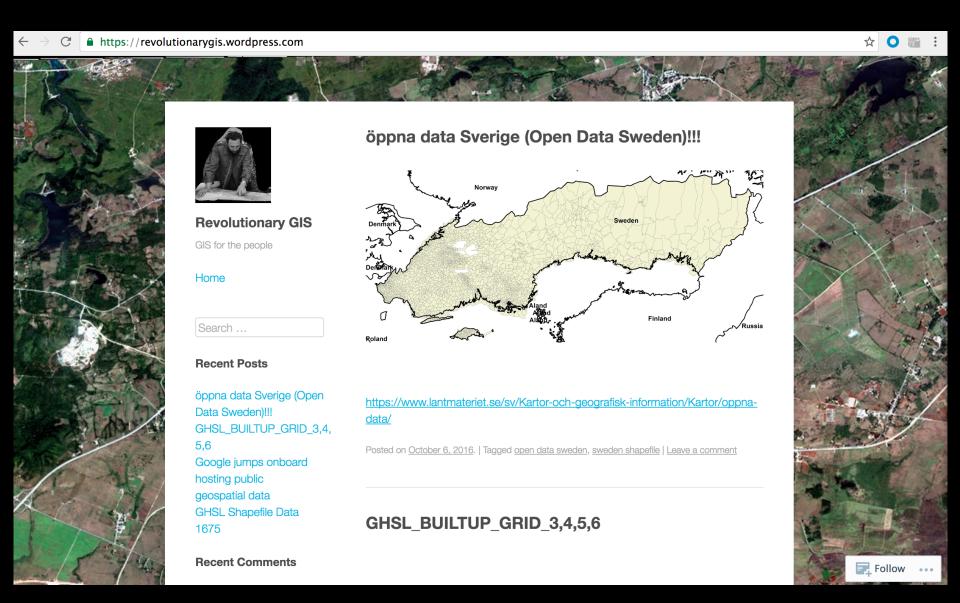
#### **International Steering Committee for Global Mapping**

https://www.iscgm.org/gmd/



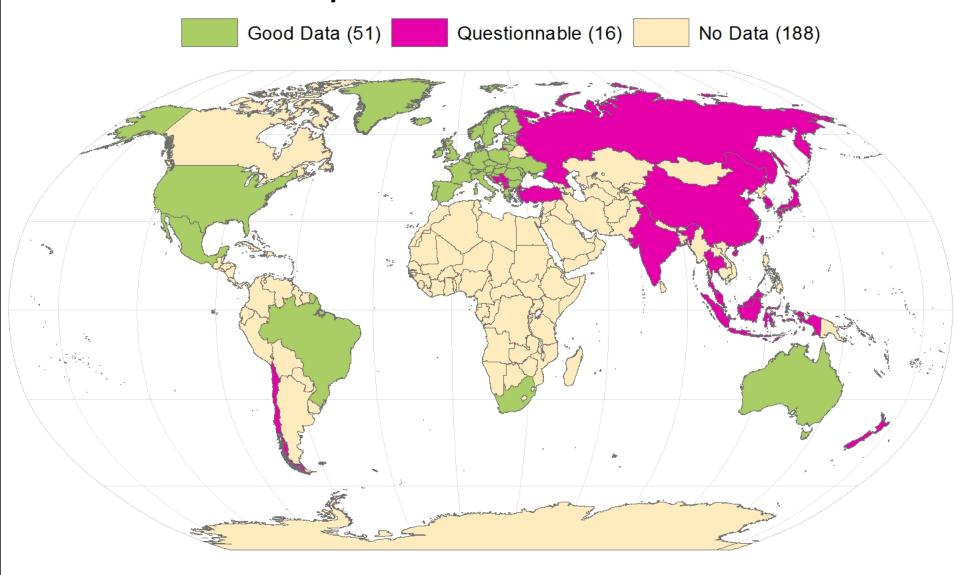
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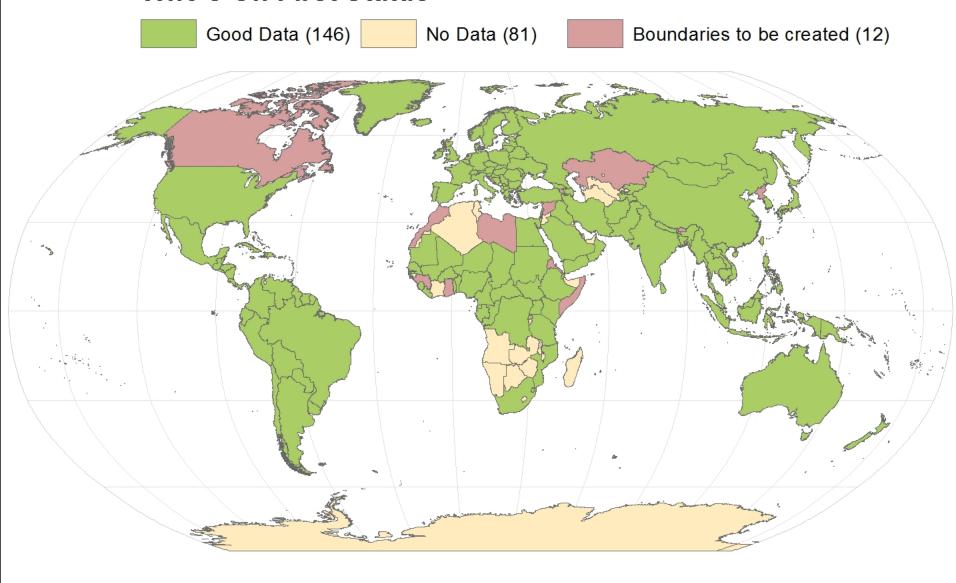


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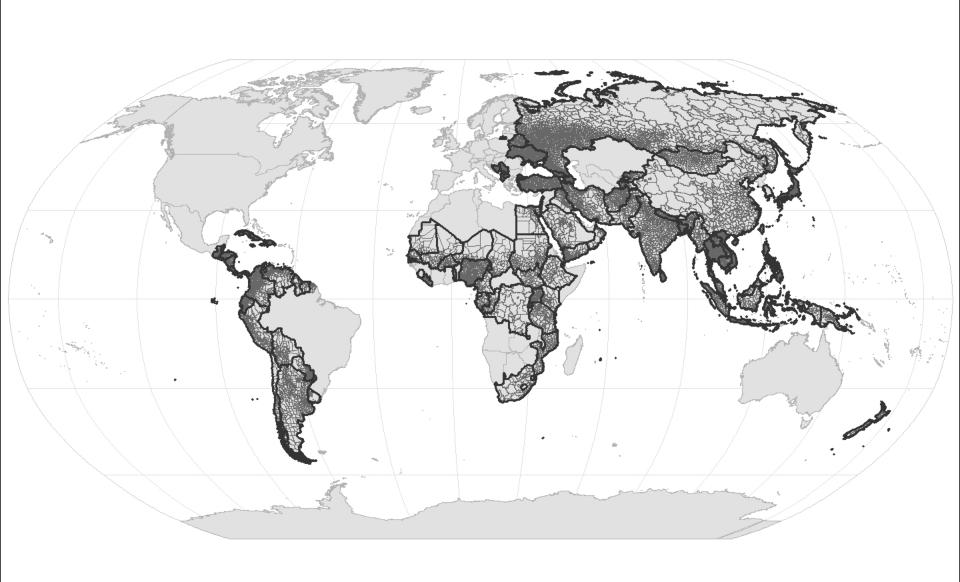


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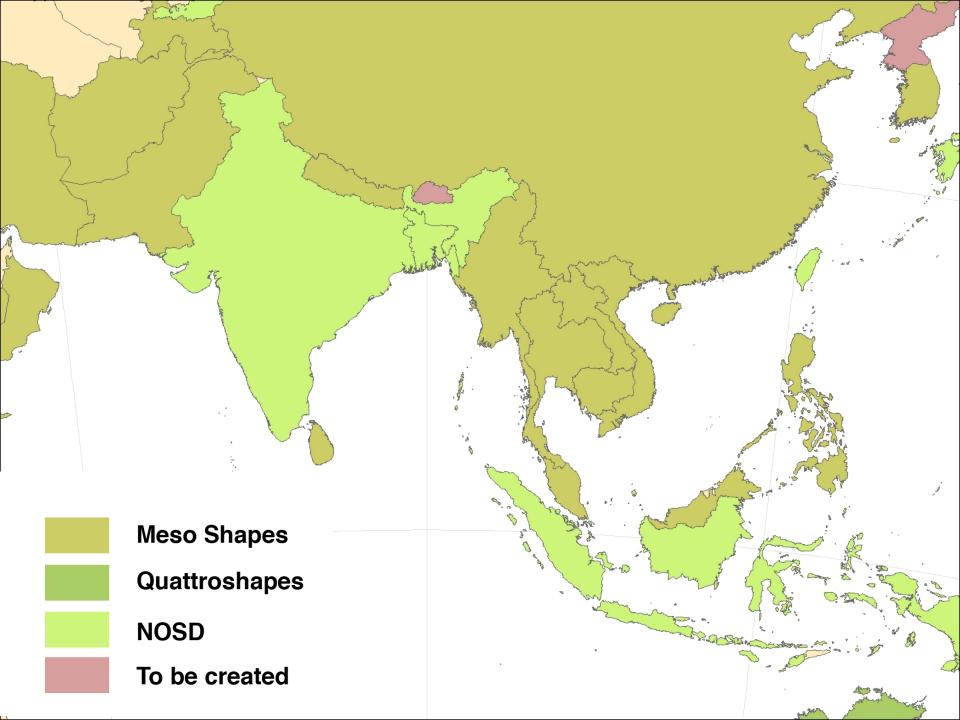
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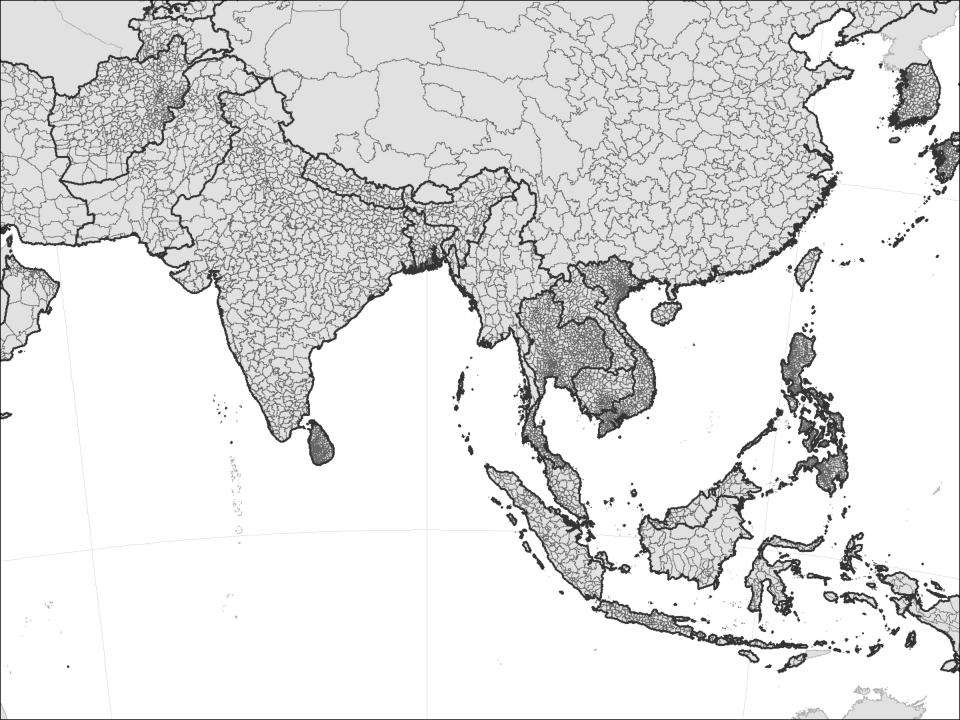
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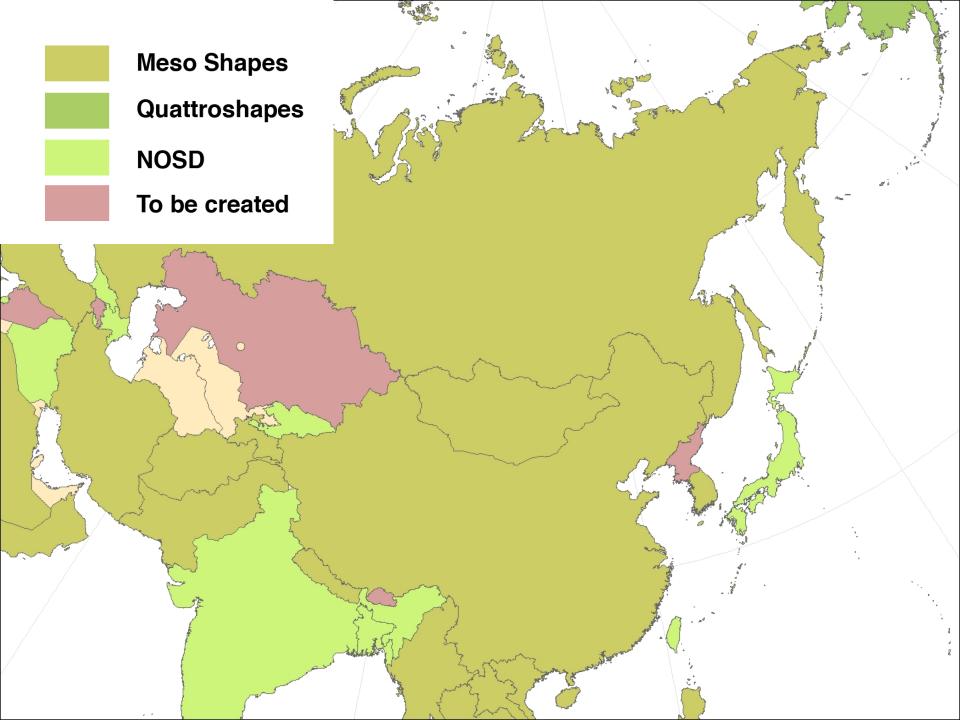




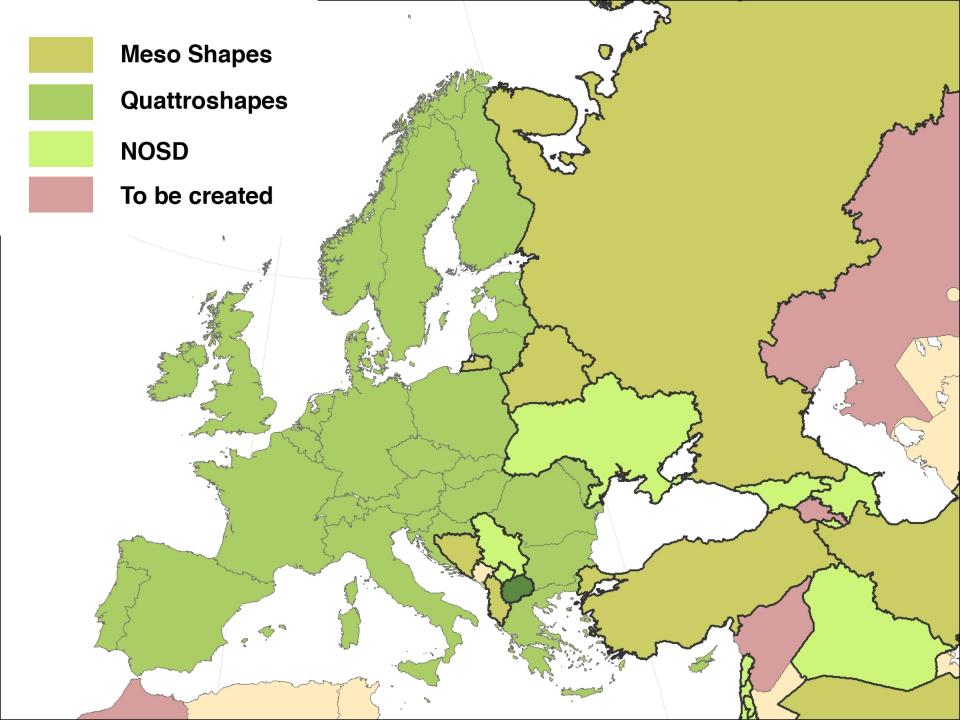




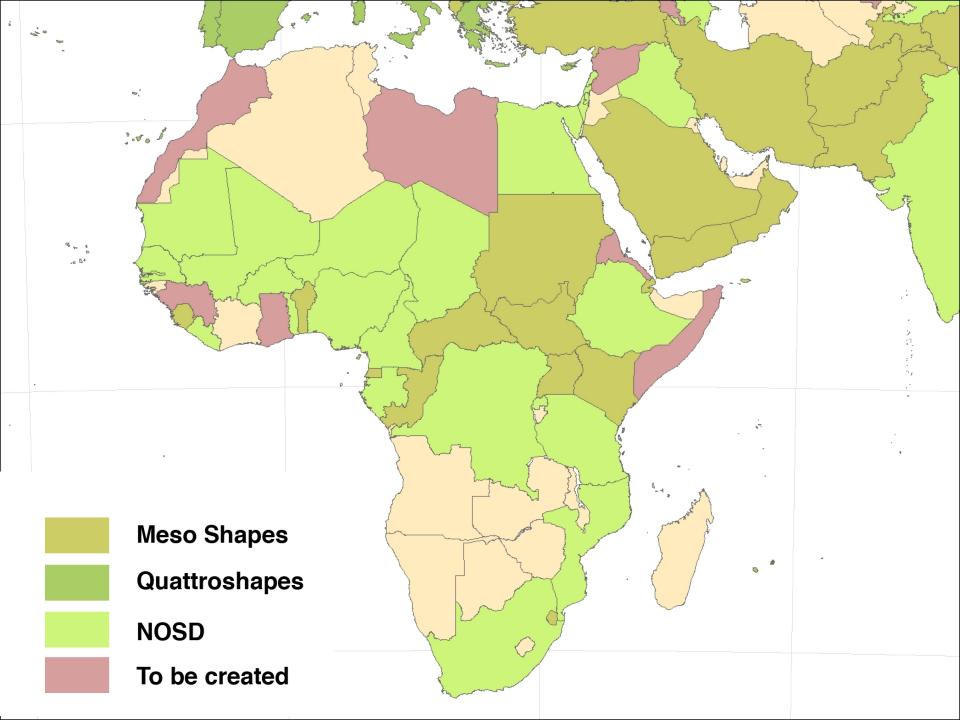


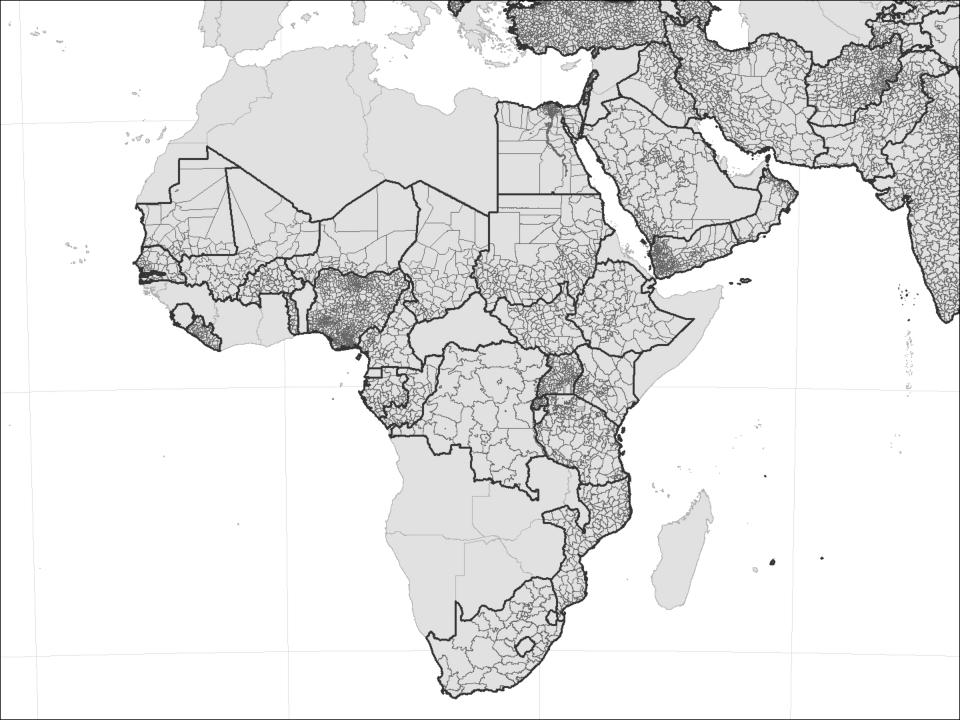
















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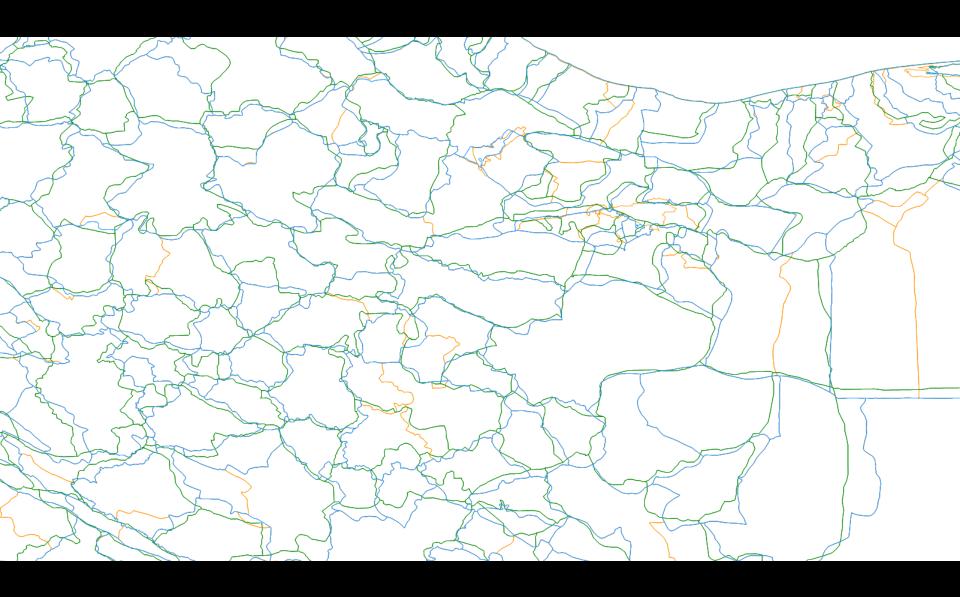
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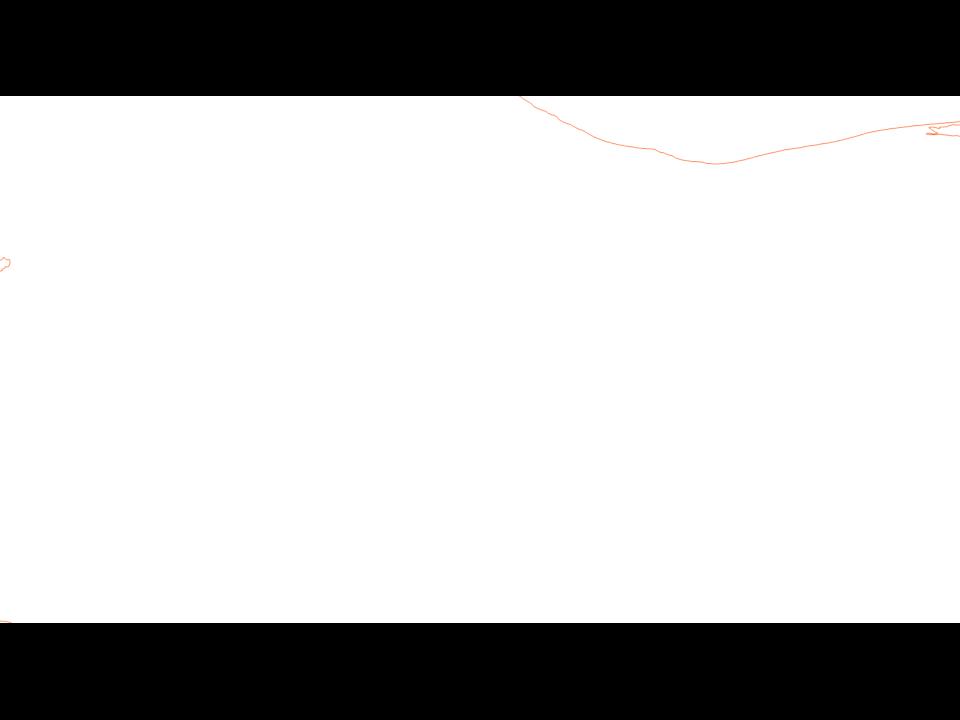
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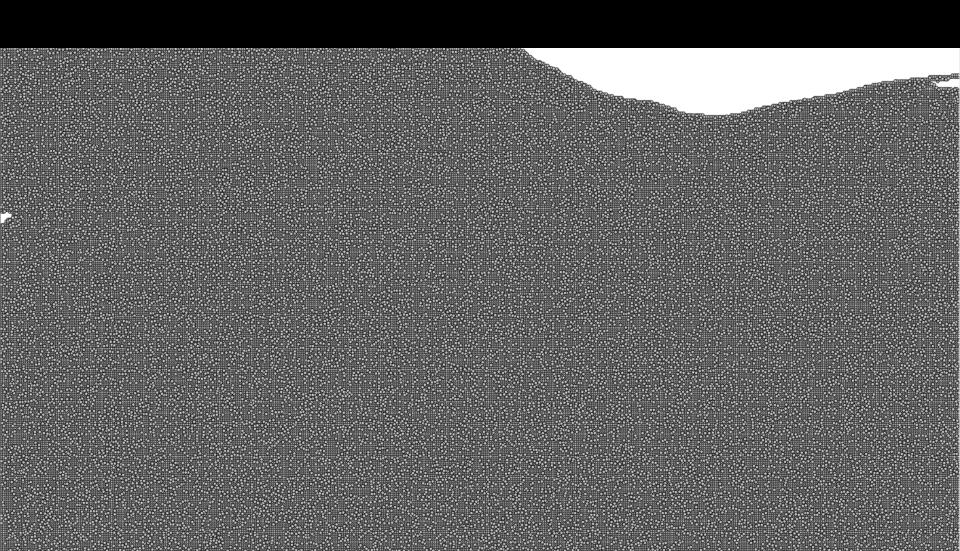
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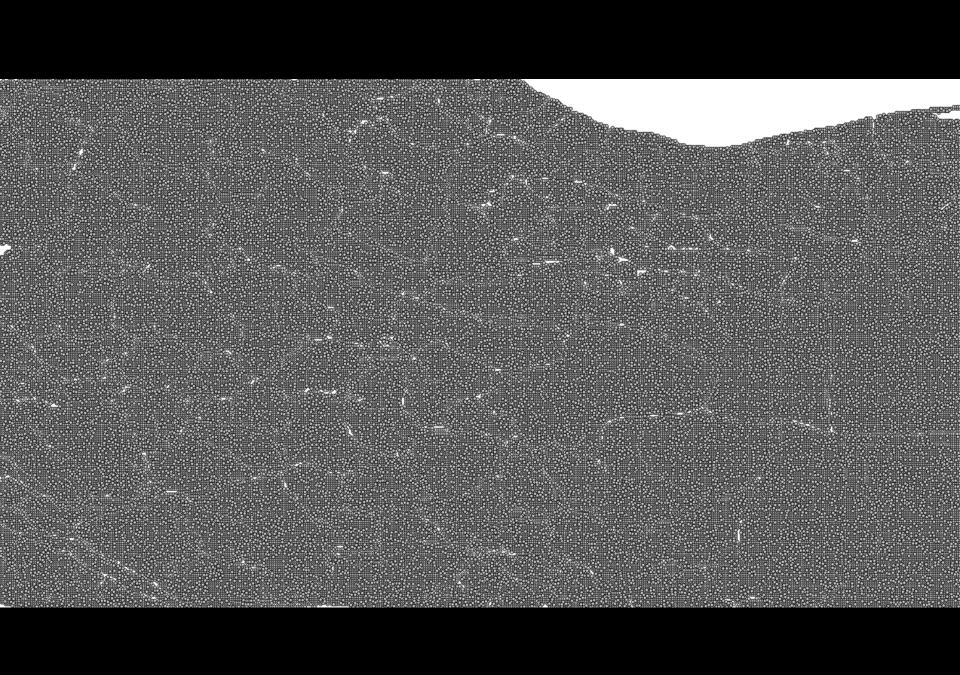
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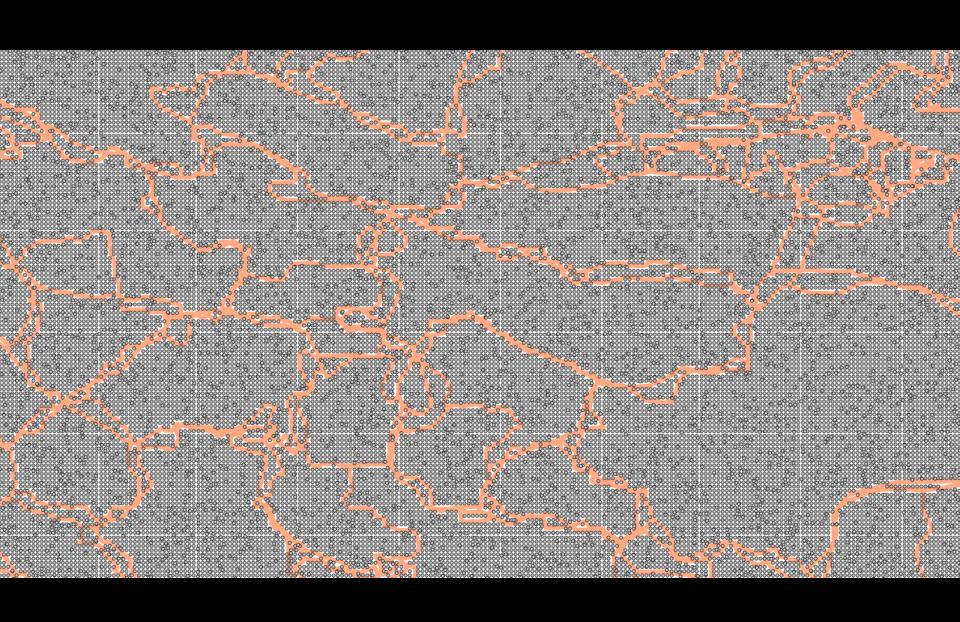


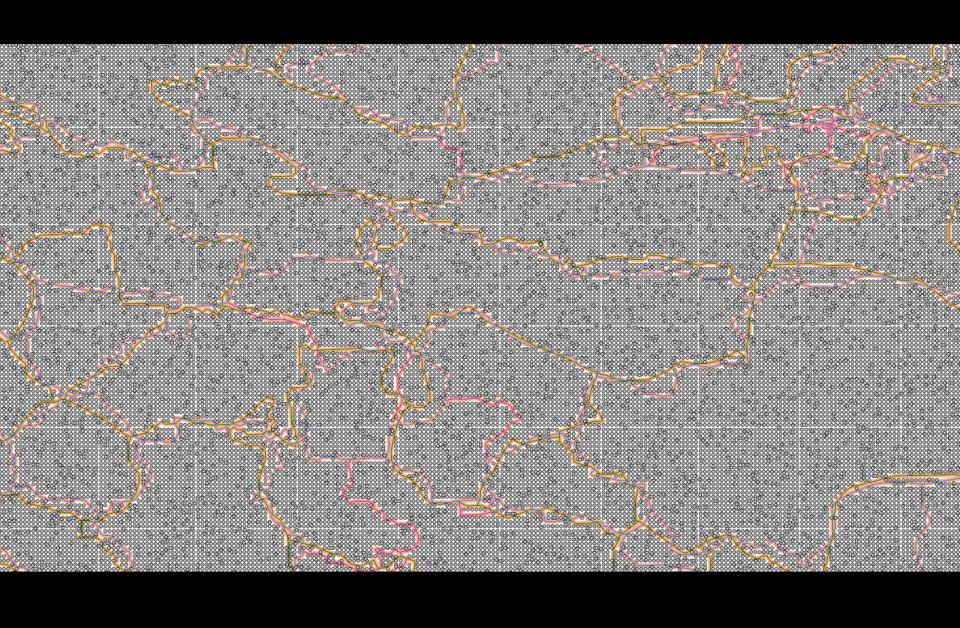


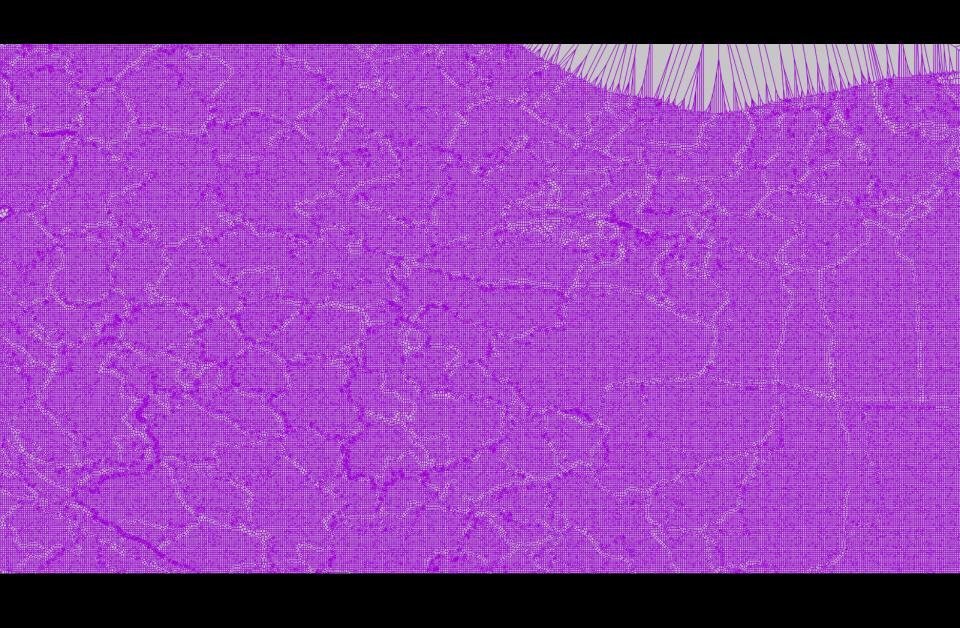


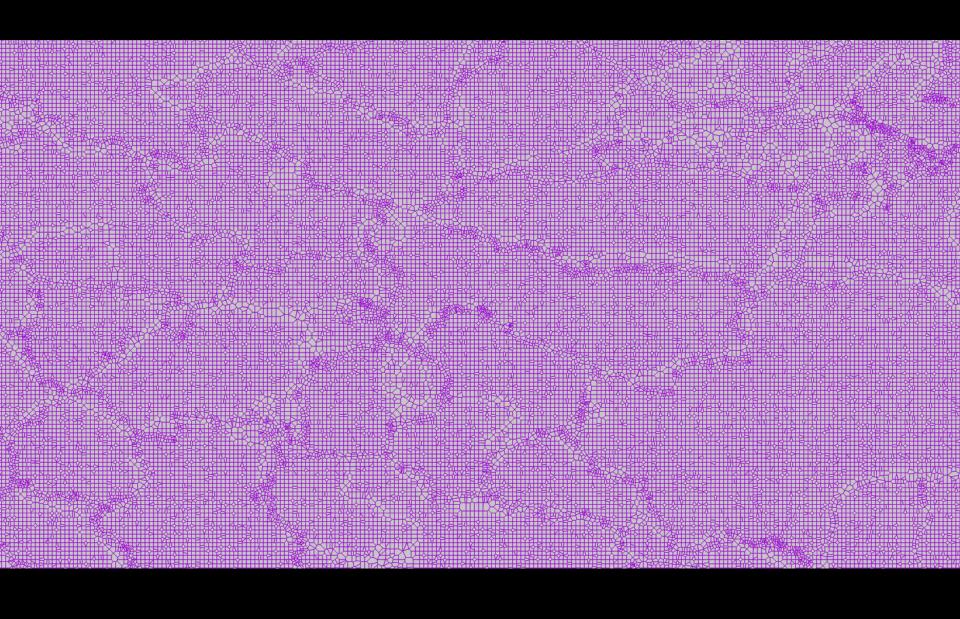


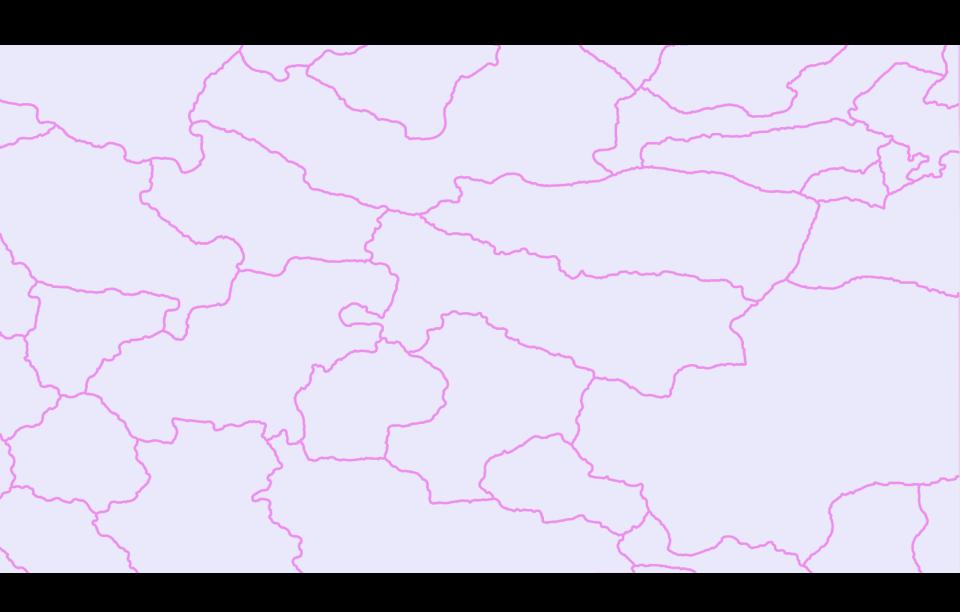


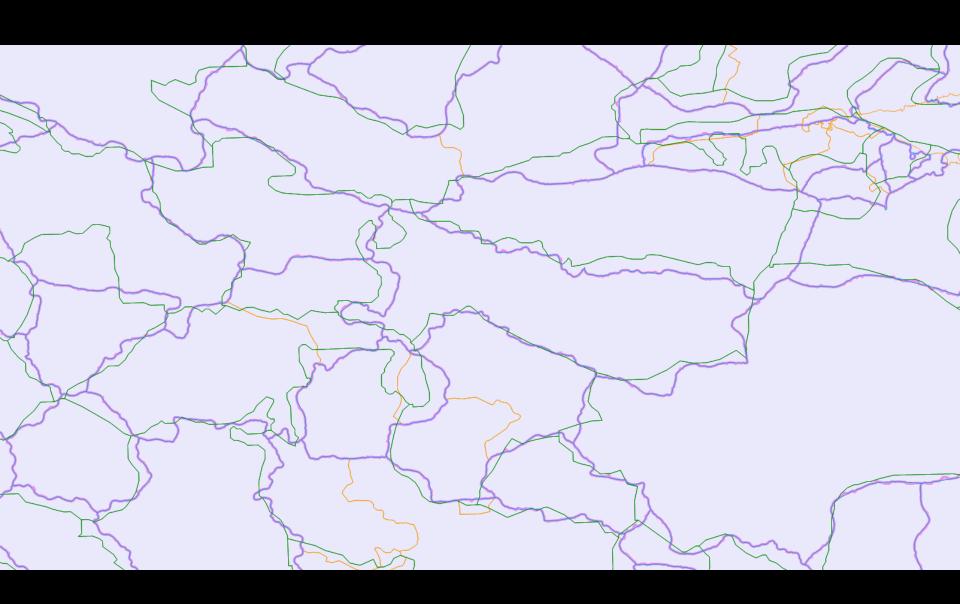


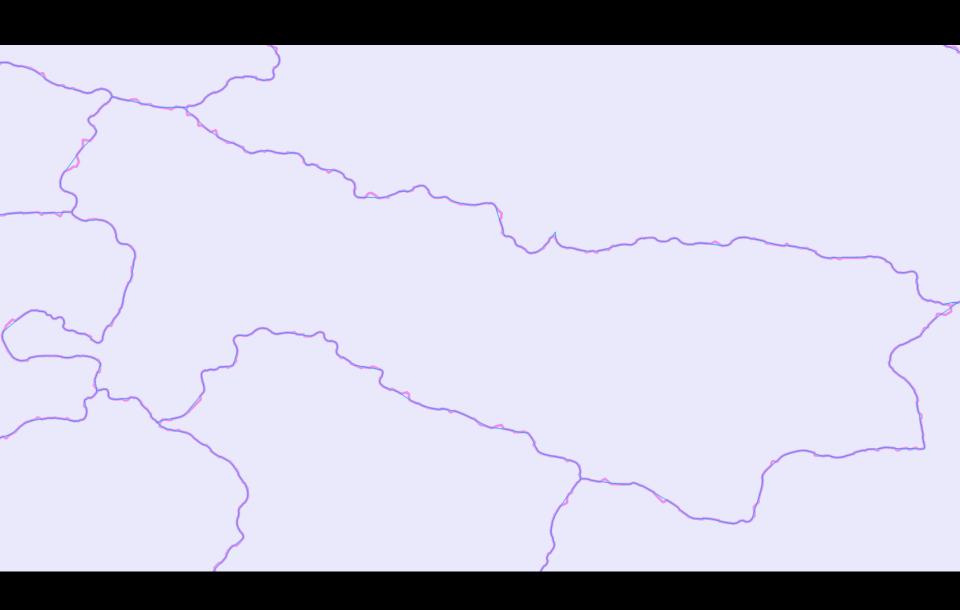


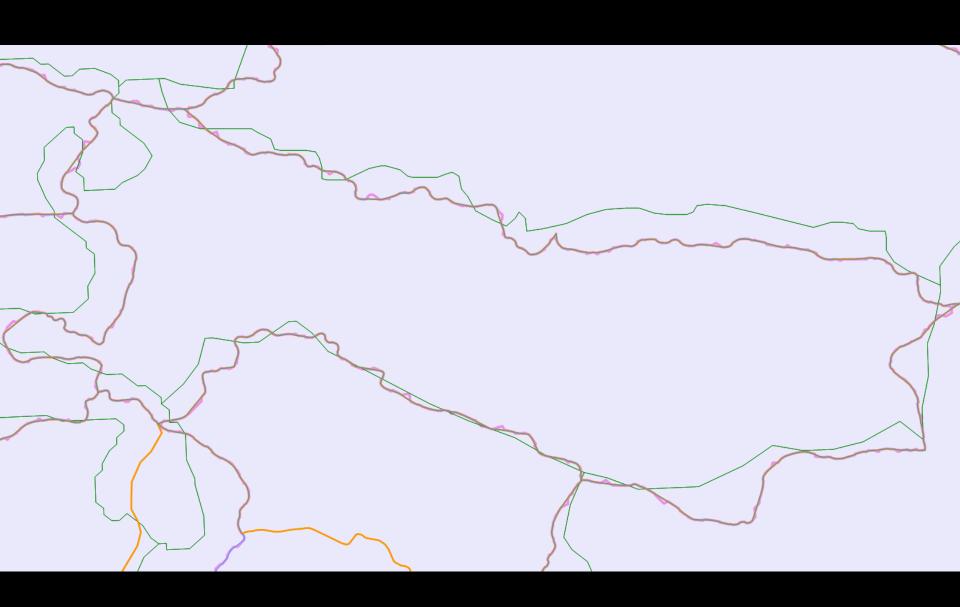


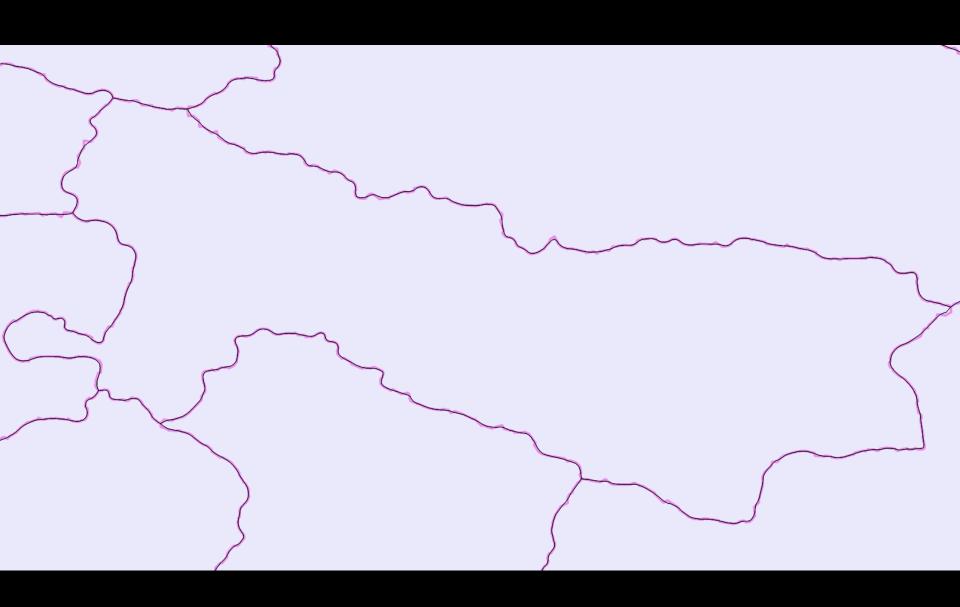


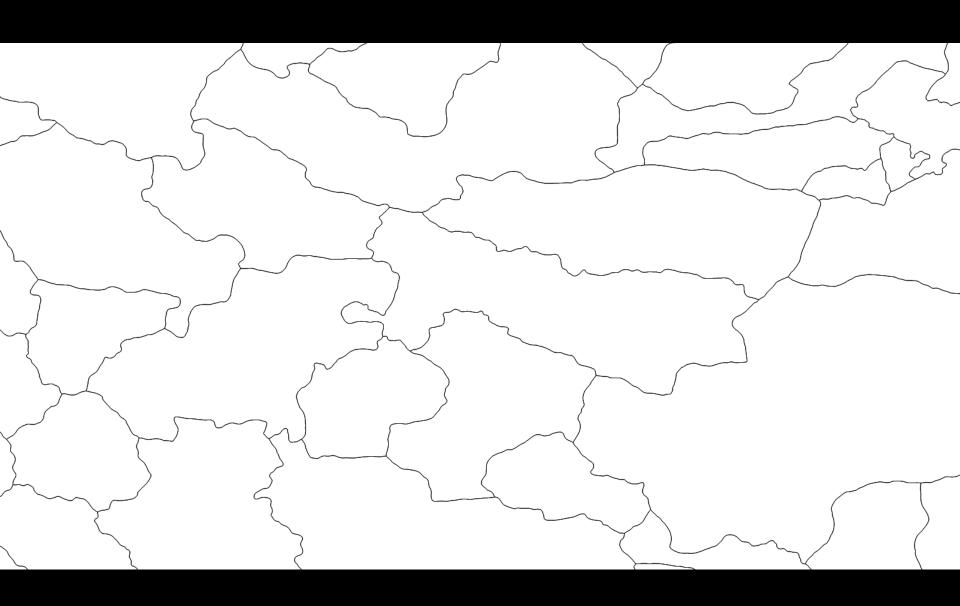














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