Country Profile: Albania

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Country Resources

Topographic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Greece 1:1,000,000 Scale Topographic Maps	HMGS	1:1,000,000		5
Albania 1:25,000 Scale Topographic Maps	ITU	1:25,000	1959 – 2004	366
Albania 1:50,000 Scale Topographic Maps	ITU	1:50,000	1952 – 1992	105
Albania 1:100,000 Scale Topographic Maps	ITU	1:100,000	1974 – 1989	35
Yugoslavia 1:750,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VGI	1:750,000	1968	2

Thematic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
The World 1:30,000,000 Scale Topographic Map Series 1145 (NGA)	DMA	1:30,000,000		2

Global Census Archive: GIS Census Data

East View Geospatial has an ongoing effort to add GIS census data to our Global Census Archive program. Please contact us for the status and availability of Albania census resources.

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Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Soviet Military City Plans	VTU GSh	Varies	1944 – 2003	3,021
Soviet Military 1:100,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:100,000	1947 – 1999	24,897
Soviet Military 1:200,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:200,000	1949 – 2009	17,799
Soviet Military 1:500,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:500,000	1953 – 1998	3,093
Soviet Military 1:1,000,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:1,000,000	1948 – 1994	1,089

Nautical

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
NGA Nautical Charts POD Certified (All Scales)	NGA	Varies	1943 – 2013	4,517

Aeronautical

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Joint Operations Graphic (JOG 1501A) 1:250,000 – Aeronautical	DMA	1:250,000	1958 – 2007	6,380
Tactical Pilotage Chart (TPC) 1:500,000 Scale – Aeronautical	DMA	1:500,000	1967 – 2006	618
Operational Navigation Chart (ONC) 1:1,000,000 Scale – Aeronautical	DMA	1:1,000,000	1969 – 2001	248
Jet Navigation Chart (JNC) 1:2,000,000 Scale – Aeronautical	DMA	1:2,000,000	1971 – 1999	117
Global Navigation and Planning Chart (GNC) 1:5,000,000 Scale – Aeronautical	DMA	1:5,000,000	1981 – 1999	27

Note: East View Geospatial is continuously sourcing new resources that may not yet be listed in Global Explorer. Please contact us if you have geodata needs beyond what is listed above and we will be happy to discuss available off-the-shelf and custom solutions.

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A basic topographic survey at 1:25,000 scale was started in the 1950s by the former USSR, and renewed and completed by the Chinese during the period 1965-75. 1:10,000 scale maps of the lowland areas were also compiled. The present government mapping organization is the **Army Topographic Institute**, (**Institutin Topografik të Ushtrisë** (**ITU**)), Tiranë, established in 1975.

The country is completely covered by topographic maps at scales of 1:25,000, 1:50,000, 1:100,000 and 1:200,000, and 1:10,000 scale mapping currently covers the western part of the country. Maps are in six colors, with contour intervals ranging from 80 m on the 1:200,000 scale series, via 40 m on the 1:100,000 and 20 m on the 1:50,000 to 10 m on the 1:25,000. Sheets are graticule-based with a 7.5′ x 5′ format for the 1:25,000 scale sheets, 15′ x 10′ for 1:50,000 scale and doubling again for 1:100,000 and 1:200,000 scales. The projection is Gauss, Krassovsky ellipsoid. Recently, **NIMA** and **NATO** made agreements with the Albanian government to aid revision of the 1:50,000 scale mapping.

Soviet military topographic mapping of Albania exists at the following scales: 1:1,000,000 (2 sheets, complete coverage, published in 1990); 1:500,000 (4 sheets, complete coverage, published 1982-1989); 1:200,000 (12 sheets, complete coverage, published 1978-1988); 1:100,000 (37 sheets, complete coverage, published 1976-1988); 1:50,000 (106 sheets, complete coverage, published 1974-1988) and city (1:10,000) topographic mapping of Durres and Tirana published between 1973 and 1975. These products are available in print, digital raster and digital vector GIS formats from **East View Geospatial**.

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Vegetation/Forestry

The **Forest and Pastures Research Institute**, (**Ministria e Bujkësisë**), produces forest management plans, and a general map was issued in 1988. A new project to produce more detailed forest inventories may go ahead with support from the German aid organization, **GTZ**.

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Thematic

Prior to the moves towards democracy, only small scale maps of the country were published. The main source of these was the government's educational publisher **Mjetve Mësimore Kultorore e Sportive 'Hamid Shijaku'**, established in 1950. This organization is now called **Byroja e Studimeve dhe e Projektimeve te Mjeteve Didaktike** (**BSPMD**), the (**Enterprise of the Production of Teaching, Sports and Cultural Means**). It continues to publish useful general and educational maps, and a number of thematic maps on environmental themes. The **Institute of Geology and Geodesy**, Tiranë, has been mainly concerned with urban rather than geological mapping. Other thematic mapping, including the climatic atlas, has been published by the **Academy of Sciences**, (**Akademia e Shkencave** (**ASh**)).

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Cadaster

A new national rural cadaster is in progress with funding from the European Union and USAID. It is called the *Immovable Property Registration System* (IPRS) ('immovable' because it is parcel-based, not owner-based), and is in the form of a GIS which will record information about ownership and property rights for about three million land parcels in order to effect and control the redistribution of land nationalized at the end of World War II by the communist government. In 1994, a company specializing in digital mapping and GIS, **GeoComp Company** (**GCC**), was established, and has been contracted to create a digital cadastral map and design a database to link cadastral records with the map.

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Tourist/Reference

A map of the rail network is published by the **Quail Map Company**, and tourist maps are published by **HarperCollins**, **Cartographia**, and **Ravenstein**.

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