

Country Profile: Niger

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Country Resources

Topographic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Niger 1:50,000 Scale Topographic Maps	IGN	1:50,000	1964 - 1967	207
Niger 1:200,000 Scale Topographic Maps (IGN)	IGN	1:200,000	1959 - 1982	116

Geoscientific

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Benin 1:1,000,000 Scale Geological Map	BRGM	1:1,000,000	1960	1
Burkina Faso 1:1,000,000 Scale Geological Map (2003 Edition)	BRGM	1:1,000,000	2003	1
Mali 1:1,500,000 Scale Geological Maps	BRGM	1:1,500,000	1980	2
Burkina Faso 1:1,000,000 Scale Mineral Resources Map	BUMIGEB	1:1,000,000	2012	1
Burkina Faso 1:1,000,000 Scale Mining Concessions Map	BUMIGEB	1:1,000,000	2012	1
Burkina Faso 1:1,000,000 Scale Geological Map	DGM	1:1,000,000	1976	1
Cote d'Ivoire 1:2,000,000 Scale Geological Map	AOF	1:2,000,000	1953	1
Cameroon 1:1,000,000 Scale Geological Maps	DMGC	1:1,000,000	1979	2
Niger 1:100,000 Scale Geological Maps (Aderdoutchi Province)	DGMG	1:100,000	1984 - 1994	26
Niger 1:100,000 Scale Geological Maps (Liptako Province)	DGMG	1:100,000	1998	16
Niger 1:200,000 Scale Geological Maps	DGMG	1:200,000	1955 - 1998	8
Niger Maradi Region 1:200,000 Scale Geological Maps	DGMG	1:200,000		2
Niger 1:500,000 Scale Geological Maps	DGMG	1:500,000	1959 - 1994	8
Niger 1:1,000,000 Scale Geological Maps	DGMG	1:1,000,000	1961 - 1963	3
Niger 1:2,000,000 Scale Geological Maps	DGMG	1:2,000,000	1965	1
Nigeria 1:3,000,000 Scale Geology and Mineral Deposits Map	FSN	1:3,000,000	1967	1
Nigeria 1:1,000,000 Scale Geological Maps by Zone	NGSA	1:1,000,000	2006	6

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

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Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Soviet Military City Plans	VTU GSh	Varies	1944 - 2003	3,020
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
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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	598
Operational Navigation Chart (ONC) 1:1,000,000 Scale - Aeronautical	DMA	1:1,000,000	1969 - 2001	243
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

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Topographic

Formerly part of French West Africa, Niger became an independent republic in 1960. Topographic survey was undertaken by the French **Institut Géographique National (IGN)**, and its predecessors, and **IGN** mapping support continued after independence in cooperation with the **Service Topographique et du Cadastre**, Niamey. The responsible organization in Niger is now the **Institut Géographique National du Niger (IGNN)**.

The principal topographic series is at 1:200,000 scale, and this began as a provisional, planimetric map in 1922, but was progressively replaced after 1955 by a four-color *Carte régulière*, derived from 1950s air photography. The projection is UTM, Clarke 1880 ellipsoid, and contours are at 40 m intervals. There is a complete cover of the country in 119 one-degree sheets at this scale, although some sheets of the northern desert areas are still in a provisional format (*Fonds topographiques or planimétriques*). A new edition of some sheets has appeared since 1982.

A limited amount of 1:50,000 scale mapping has been completed, covering the southern areas close to the border, and a small area to the north of, including Agadez. Some sheets are photomaps, and recently a few SPOT image maps (*spatiocartes*) have been produced. A number of sheets in the east of the country form part of the cross-border Lake Chad Basin Commission series of photomaps produced by the British **Directorate of Overseas Surveys** (now **Ordnance Survey International (OSI)**). The **Japanese International Co-operation Agency (JICA)** provided aid in 1992-95 for the production of 36 1:50,000 scale sheets.

Some 1:500,000 scale mapping appeared between 1939 and 1968, but only 12 sheets were published.

Soviet military topographic mapping of Niger exists at the following scales: 1:1,000,000 (9 sheets, complete coverage, published 1979-1991); 1:500,000 (29 sheets, complete coverage, published 1977-1988); 1:200,000 (187 sheets, complete coverage, published 1979-1986) and a city (1:10,000) topographic map of Niamey published in 1976. These products are available in print, digital raster and digital vector GIS formats from **East View Geospatial**.

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Geological/Scientific

Earth science mapping is the responsibility of the **Direction de Recherches Géologiques et Minières (DRGM)**, Niamey. Mapping was compiled in the 1960s and 1970s with assistance of the French **Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières (BRGM)**, the German **Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe** and the **Canadian Geological Survey**. Reconnaissance series were published at scales of 1:500,000 and 1:200,000, but only partial cover of the country was achieved. In 1984, a number of 1:100,000 scale geological quadrangle sheets were issued for the regions of Liptako-Nord and Ader Doutchi. In the late 1990s, further mapping began in the west of the country within the framework of a cooperative project between France and Niger, *Prospection Minière dans le Liptako*. Maps are being created in ARC/INFO from digital data, and are published in scales of 1:200,000 and 1:100,000.

Small-scale earth science maps include a 1:1,000,000 scale mineral deposits map, and gravity maps produced by the French **ORSTOM**.

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Soil

Soil mapping and other environmental programs have been carried out by the French agency **Institut Français de Recherche Scientifique pour le Développement en Coopération (ORSTOM)**, which also maintains an office in Niamey (**ORSTOM Niamey**). A three-sheet, 1:500,000 scale reconnaissance soil map of the southern area was published in the 1960s. In 1992, **ORSTOM Niamey** completed an experimental classification of soil surface conditions for the degree-sheet incorporating Niamey using SPOT imagery.

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Vegetation/Forestry

A pastoral atlas of central Niger (*Élevage et potentialités pastorales sahéliennes*) was prepared by the University of Niamey with the aid of the **Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Co-operation (CTA)**, Wageningen, The Netherlands and the French **Département d'Élevage et de Médecine Vétérinaire (DEMVT)** and published in 1986. It has 29 atlas plates including an 8-sheet 1:500,000 scale map showing the potential for pastoral agriculture.

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Tourist/Reference

The best general map of the country was issued in 1993 by **IGN** and **IGNN** at 1:2,000,000 scale in the *Pays et villes du monde* series, and replaces an earlier 1:2,500,000 scale map. It includes an index, road distance chart and small inset maps of Niamey and administrative areas. City street maps include a 1:15,000 scale of Niamey published by **IGNN**, and one of Agadez published by the **Office National de Tourisme**. A contoured map of Niamey at 1:20,000 scale was published by **IGN** in 1978.

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