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Topographic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Uganda 1:50,000 Scale Topographic Maps (DMA Y737)	DMA	1:50,000	1994	8
Tanzania 1:50,000 Scale Topographic Maps (DMA Y745)	DMA	1:50,000	1994	11
Rwanda 1:50,000 Scale Topographic Maps (Z721)	IGNB	1:50,000	1961 – 1989	43

Geoscientific

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Tanzania 1:2,000,000 Scale Geological Map	BRGM	1:2,000,000	2004	1
Uganda 1:500,000 Scale Geological Maps	DGSM	1:500,000	2009	2
Rwanda 1:100,000 Scale Geological Maps	IGM	1:100,000	1964 – 1979	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

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 Rwanda 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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Prior to its independence in 1962, Rwanda was mapped by Belgian colonial authorities. Plane table survey was carried out in the 1920s by the **Ministère des Colonies**. A series of form-lined 1:100,000 scale sheets were produced covering Rwanda-Burundi, and a set of six 1:200,000 scale sheets. The 15 monochrome 1:100,000 scale sheets covering Rwanda were reissued by the **Belgian Musée Royale de l'Afrique Centrale (MRAC)** in the late 1960s and early 1970s, together with dye-lines of 1:50,000 scale mapping which had been surveyed in the 1930s.

The responsible organization for topographic and cadastral mapping is now the **Service de Cartographie du Rwanda (SCR)**, Kigali. In the late 1980s a new multi-coloured series in 74 sheets at 1:50,000 scale began with the help of the **Belgian Institut Géographique National**.

The country is also covered by a 235-sheet series of 1:20,000 scale commune maps prepared by an Italian survey company **Technosynesis**.

Soviet military topographic mapping of Rwanda exists at the following scales: 1:1,000,000 (2 sheets, complete coverage, published 1958-1977) and 1:500,000 (4 sheets, complete coverage, published 1962-1964). 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 **Service Géologique du Rwanda (SGR)** of the **Ministère de l'Artisanat, des Mines et du Tourisme (MAMT)**, and new geological maps have also appeared in recent years, with the help of **MRAC**. A new series at 1:100,000 scale in 12 sheets was issued in 1991, replacing an earlier, uncompleted series, and a derived 1:250,000 scale geological map was published in 1992. A mineral deposits map at 1:250,000 scale was prepared by the French **Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières (BRGM)**.

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Soil

Improved land management and conservation are important priorities in this densely populated country, and the **Direction Générale des Forêts** embarked in the 1980s on a series of land use strategy maps based on the 1:20,000 scale commune maps. In 1979, the **Projet**

Carte Pédologique was established, with the task of classifying and inventorying soil according the USDA 7th Approximation, and preparing a series of color-printed 1:50,000 scale soil maps with Belgian funding and technical aid. This comprehensive mapping program was intended for completion in the early 1990s.

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Tourist/Reference

A general map of the country including Burundi was published in 1998 by **International Travel Maps (ITM)**. Small-scale reference maps were published in the 1980s by the **Office Rwandais du Tourisme** and by **Ruanda-Archiv**.

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