

Country Profile: Somalia

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Country Resources

Topographic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Somalia 1:100,000 Scale Topographic Maps (DMA Y629)	DMA	1:100,000	1988 - 1989	31
Somalia 1:100,000 Scale Topographic Maps (DMA Y630)	DMA	1:100,000	1982 - 1992	146
Ethiopia 1:1,000,000 Scale Topographic Maps	EMA	1:1,000,000	1982 - 1999	10
VMAPO 1:1,000,000 Scale Vector Data	NIMA	1:1,000,000	1992	4

Geoscientific

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Tanzania 1:2,000,000 Scale Geological Map	BRGM	1:2,000,000	2004	1
Ethiopia 1:2,000,000 Scale Geological Map	EGS	1:2,000,000	1996	1

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 Somalia census resources.

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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

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	4,204
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

Geoscientific

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Soviet Military 1:1,000,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:1,000,000	1948 – 1994	1,089

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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Somalia comprises the former territories of Italian and British Somaliland which merged to form the Somali Republic in 1960. Prior to independence British and Italian authorities compiled topographic and geological mapping of their colonies. A 1:125,000 scale uncoloured and single color series prepared by the British **Directorate of Overseas Surveys (DOS)** (now **Ordnance Survey International (OSI)**) covered the whole of British Somaliland in 68 sheets. This series was on the Transverse Mercator projection, and UTM grid, Clarke 1880 ellipsoid, and was also used as a base for a full color geological map compiled in the early 1970s and covering coastal areas of the territory. Italian series included 1:200,000 scale coverage and 1:50,000 scale mapping of settled areas.

After independence the **National Cartographic Directorate (Hoggaanka Kartografiyada Wasaaradda Gaashaand-higga)** was established and using Russian aid produced new mapping of the country. 1:50,000; 1:100,000 and 1:200,000 scales were set up. The 1:200,000 scale maps were completed for the whole country, and following Soviet practice are on the Gauss-Krüger projection, Krassovsky ellipsoid, but with Somali placenames.

Soviet military topographic mapping of Somalia is available at the following scales: 1:1,000,000 (10 sheets, complete coverage, published 1958-1983); 1:500,000 (23 sheets, complete coverage, published 1963-1980); 1:200,000 (111 sheets, complete coverage, published 1978-1983); 1:100,000 (383 sheets, complete coverage, published 1978-1982) and a city (1:10,000) topographic map of Berbera published in 1978. These products are available in print, digital raster and digital vector GIS formats from **East View Geospatial**.

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Nautical

The best available hydrographic charting of Somali coasts is also Soviet in origin, compiled by **Glavnoe Upravlenie Navigatsii i Okeanografii (GUNIO)** and available through **East View Geospatial**.

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Geological/Scientific

Small-scale geological mapping of Somalia and Ethiopia was compiled by the Italian **Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR)**. The

Geological Survey Department in Mogadishu is currently responsible for earth science activities in the country. Some resources mapping of Somalia has been compiled for the British **Land Resources Development Centre (LRDC)** (now **Natural Resources Institute (NRI)**), including land use, land capability, and livestock distribution surveys of tsetse affected areas of the country, published at 1:500,000 scale and issued with a report and other thematic mapping.

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Tourist/Reference

A useful small scale tourist map of Somalia was issued by **Magna Carta** in 1993, and a 1:18,000 scale town map of Mogadishu was compiled by **Clyde Surveys** in 1986.

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