

Country Profile: Tanzania

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Country Resources

Topographic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Tanzania 1:50,000 Scale Topographic Maps (DMA Y745)	DMA	1:50,000	1994	11
Malawi 1:250,000 Scale Topographic Maps (Metric)	MW-DOS	1:250,000	1994 - 1996	10
Zanzibar 1:10,000 Scale Topographic Maps (DOS 208)	DOS	1:10,000	1982 - 1986	58
Tanzania 1:50,000 Scale Topographic Maps Y742 Series	SMD	1:50,000	1954 - 1994	1,250
Tanzania 1:250,000 Scale Topographic Maps	SMD	1:250,000	1960 - 2000	64

Nautical

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Bathymetric Charts of Zambia	SD	Varies	1974	3

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
Uganda 1:250,000 Scale Bouguer Gravity Geological Maps	DLS	1:250,000	1961	10
Malawi 1:1,000,000 Scale Geological Map	GSD	1:1,000,000	1966	1
Malawi 1:1,000,000 Scale Mineral Resources Map	GSD	1:1,000,000	1990	1
Tanzania 1:100,000 and 1:125,000 Scale Geological Maps	GST	Varies	1953 - 2014	306
Tanzania 1:100,000 Scale Geological Maps	GST	1:100,000	1967 - 2014	279
Tanzania 1:125,000 Scale Geological Maps	GST	1:125,000	1953 - 1999	157
Tanzania 1:250,000 Scale Geological Maps	GST	1:250,000	1999 - 2000	4
Malawi 1:1,000,000 Scale Aeromagnetic Map	HGG	1:1,000,000	1986	1
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

Year	Questions / Answers	ADM Level	Polygons at ADM	Data Points
2012	62 / 3,327	5	108,465	360,863,055

Global Geography Library

Collection Name	Item Count	Published	Index Map / Title List
Tanzania Topographic 50K	1,250	1954-2019	title list
Tanzania Topographic 250K	64	1960-2000	index map / title list

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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

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

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The first accurate mapping of the mainland of Tanzania and offshore islands Pemba and Zanzibar was carried out when the state was administered as a trust territory by Great Britain. The **Directorate of Colonial Surveys** (later **Directorate of Overseas Surveys (DOS)** and now **Ordnance Survey International (OSI)**) started a photogrammetric 1:50,000 scale series in 1947, which like other British African mapping was based upon the Transverse Mercator projection, Clarke 1880 ellipsoid, and quarter-degree quadrangles. Early editions were planimetric. **DOS** established full-color topographic mapping on the same sheet lines, with 50 ft contours. The national mapping agency in Tanzania, the **Surveys and Mapping Division (SMD)** founded after independence in 1964, has continued to maintain and revise this series as the basic scale for most of the country. The current specification shows relief with a 20 m contour interval and is available for the whole country in 1,250 sheets. **SMD** has received technical aid from Japan, Poland, France, Britain, Italy and Canada to enable completion and updating of this map, which is used to derive smaller-scales.

A 1:250,000 scale map covers the country in 49 sheets, conforming to **DOS** East African specifications in Series Y503. Since 1970 these have been compiled from 1:50,000 scale data to show relief with metric layer tinting, but earlier editions used imperial contours. Smaller-scale maps include six sheets of the *International map of the World*, dating from the 1960s. A single map on these sheet lines was produced by **DOS** in the mid-1980s as an experimental LANDSAT-based image map. 1:2,000,000 scale coverage from **SMD** is regularly revised and a series of district maps is also published, with the scale varying according to the size of the administrative unit. About 60 settlements in Tanzania are mapped at 1:2,500 scale, and 1:5,000 scale coverage is derived from this source for some areas. A full-color

1:20,000 scale map of Dar-es-Salaam was published with Norwegian aid in 1995. This is derived from 1992 aerial photographs, also includes 1:10,000 scale mapping of the city centre, and shows relief with 10 m contours.

The island of Zanzibar has its own survey authority, the **Department of Surveys and Urban Planning** in the Ministry of Water Construction Energy Lands and Environment, and Zanzibar and Pemba are mapped in greater detail than most of the mainland. A seven-color 1:10,000 scale series was compiled by **DOS** to cover Zanzibar in 58 sheets and issued between 1982 and 1986. This is on the UTM projection and shows relief with 5 m contours. Pemba was covered to similar specifications in 44 sheets from 1985 to 1987. 1:50,000 scale maps were derived from this source material. **DOS** urban mapping of towns on the islands was also revised in the 1980s.

Soviet military topographic mapping of Tanzania is available at the following scales: 1:1,000,000 (7 sheets, complete coverage, published 1958-1977); 1:500,000 (22 sheets, complete coverage, published 1962-1985); 1:200,000 (46 sheets, primarily southern country coverage, published 1983-1984) and a city (1:10,000) topographic map of Dar es Salaam published in 1980. These products are available in print, digital raster and digital vector formats from **East View Geospatial**.

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Nautical

Hydrographic charting of Tanzanian waters is carried out by the British **Hydrographic Office (HO)**.

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Geological/Scientific

Earth science maps of Tanzania have been produced by the **Ministry of Energy and Minerals (MEM)**. A 1:125,000 scale series on quarter-degree sheet lines is available for about half the country, with full colour depiction of litho-stratigraphy. Some of the maps in this series were compiled with German aid. A 1:500,000 scale coverage of the Lake Victoria goldfields was compiled in 1990. Other smaller-scale mapping includes maps produced to accompany a five-volume summary of the geology of the country, including 1:2,000,000 scale mineral and structural maps, as well as larger scale more local coverage.

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Soil

A limited amount of resources mapping of Tanzania has been published, notably by the British **Natural Resources Institute (NRI)** and its predecessors, and the Dutch **ITC**. A soil atlas of the country was compiled in the early 1980s giving very small-scale thematic coverage.

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Tourist/Reference

Small-scale tourist maps of Tanzania are published by **Freytag-Berndt**, **Macmillan**, **Nelles Verlag** and **New Holland**. Double-sided maps of national parks in Tanzania are compiled by **Giovano Tombazzi**, and **OSI**, **ITM** and **West Col** produce larger scale special sheets to cover Mount Kilimanjaro. An image map of the mountain has been compiled by **Nigel Press** and published with **Stanfords**, London.

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Census/Demography/Statistics

The **Central Bureau of Statistics** in Dar es Salaam assists **SMD** to map the results of censuses, as well as carrying out pre-census mapping showing census divisions in districts and regions.

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