

Read-Me

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The dataset of GAUL 2007 includes:

1. the document **GAUL_Doc01_Ver15.pdf**, which describes the GAUL Project and its methodology (download “documentation.zip”);
2. the document **GAUL_Set.pdf**, which describes what is the GAUL Set and which layers it includes ((download “documentation.zip”);
3. the document **GAUL_disclaimer.pdf** which is a “Disclaimer of Warranty” including also some rules in the use of the GAUL dataset (download “documentation.zip”);
4. the document **Read-Me.pdf** which is this document
5. The zip files of the GAUL Set each including the related geospatial data in ESRI ArcInfo format (coverages) and shapefiles:
 - **G2006_X**: these layers refer to years from 2006 onwards (download “G2007_2006_X.zip”).
 - **G2005_X**: these layers refer to year 2005 (download “G2007_2005_X.zip”).
 - **G2004_X**: these layers refer to year 2004 (download “G2007_2004_X.zip”).
 - **G2003_X**: these layers refer to year 2003 (download “G2007_2003_X.zip”).
 - **G2002_X**: these layers refer to year 2002 (download “G2007_2002_X.zip”).
 - **G2001_X**: these layers refer to year 2001 (download “G2007_2001_X.zip”).
 - **G2000_X**: these layers refer to year 2000 (download “G2007_2000_X.zip”).
 - **G0000_X**: these layers refer to years before 2000 (download “G2007_0000_X.zip”).

Of which:

- GXXX_0 files refer to the global layers at country level;
 - GXXX_1 files refer to the global layers at first level’;
 - GXXX_2 files refer to the global layers at second levels;
 - **Lower_levels_XXXX.zip**: these files include the available layers at lower administrative levels (e.g. Level 3, 4, etc.) on country-by-country basis for each Reference Year of the GAUL Set (e.g. lower_levels_2006.zip)
3. Attribute tables in dbf format (download “attributes.zip”):
 - **International_country_attributes.dbf**: this table includes the international coding systems and their attributes. The table below describes each item in details. The field “UNREG_NOTE” is set to “Not classified in the UN classification 2005” for those countries falling within the geographic region, but not present in the UN classification 2005.

Field Name	Description	Data Type	Length
ADM0_NAME	UN country name	String	100
ADM0_CODE	country code	Long Integer	
UN_CODE	UN code	Long Integer	
ISO3	Iso3 code	String	20
STATUS	It gives information on the attribution of territories (i.e the status of Greenland is DK territory).	String	100
CAPITAL	Capital of the country	String	50
COLOR_CODE	It helps the user with the colorization of territories and therefore with the attribution of territories. It is based on the ISO code. For instance, Greenland has the color_code of Denmark, even though Greenland has its own ISO code.	String	20
FAO_CODE	The former FAO Country code	Long	

		Integer	
UN_REG	Region defined according to the UN classification 2005	String	100
UNREG_NOTE	Note that refer to the UN_REG field	String	100
CONTINENT	It includes the Continent at which the country belongs to.	String	50

- **Disputed_areas.dbf:** this table includes the necessary information for the management of disputed areas (for instructions on how to use it, please refer to the document Gaul_Doc01_Ver15.pdf stored in the file “documentation.zip”).

Field Name	Description	Data Type	Length
DIS0_NAME	Name of the disputed area (e.g. Jammu Kashmir). It matches with the ADM0_NAME of the GAULSet	String	100
DIS0_CODE	Country code of the disputed area (e.g. for Jammu Kashmir, 40781). It matches with the ADM0_CODE of the GAULSet	Long Integer	
ADM0_NAME	Name of the country that claims the disputed area (e.g. for Jammu Kashmir, Pakistan or India)	String	100
ADM0_CODE	Code of the country that claims the disputed area	Long Integer	
DIS_1_CODE	Code of administrative units at first level of the disputed area. It matches with the ADM1_CODE of the GAULSet	Long Integer	
ADM1_CODE	Code of administrative units at first level of the country that claims the disputed area.	Long Integer	
ADM1_NAME	Name of administrative units at first level of the country that claims the disputed area (e.g. for Jammu Kashmir, for Pakistan, province “AJK”)	String	100
DIS_2_CODE	Code of administrative units at second level of the disputed area. It matches with the ADM2_CODE of the GAULSet	Long Integer	
ADM2_CODE	Code of administrative units at second level of the country that claims the disputed area	Long Integer	
ADM2_NAME	Name of administrative units at second level of the country that claims the disputed area. (e.g. for Jammu Kashmir, for Pakistan, district “Poonch”)	String	100

- **Countries_updated.dbf:** this table includes the list of the countries that have been updated/modified respect to the previous release (GAUL 2006).