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# Global Wetlands Map

## Help us map the world's wetlands

### A data-sharing initiative

Wetlands play a fundamental role in climate change mitigation, and provide essential ecosystem services. Yet there is still a lot we don't know about their precise distribution, extent and inter-annual variability around the world, particularly in the tropics.

The Global Wetlands Map is a new initiative to collect and share information on tropical wetlands in a visual format. Users can access data and contribute their own, using standard geographic information systems software such as ArcGIS.

Access the interactive web-based map, or download the data to conduct your own analysis.

### Join our global research community



Visit:

[www.cifor.org/global-wetlands](http://www.cifor.org/global-wetlands)

Launching at the 15th International Peat Congress, **15-19 August** in **Sarawak, Malaysia**





### Comprehensive database

First global online database on wetlands area and carbon stocks.



Improve the database by **verifying the data or sharing your own.**



### View in ArcGIS

View data in ArcGIS to do further work.



## Explore

*Access maps and data on wetlands, histosols and carbon stocks*

Visitors can freely access and explore maps and data without a login. Scroll or use the buttons provided to zoom in and out, click on a point for more information, or click and drag to move the map in any direction. Select **Show Datasets** to view data on wetlands, histosols or carbon stocks. Select **Legend** for more information on each layer.



## Contribute

*Verify data or add your own*

Registered users are invited to review the datasets and submit new data. Create a login to give feedback on the accuracy of points on the map, or add areas that haven't been mapped yet. Simply use the **Click to Verify** function to select the type of feature you would like to submit, then fill in a site name, verification type and comment regarding your contribution. Click **Save** to add your point to the map.



## Download

*Download datasets to conduct your own analysis and do further work*

Download the data in a GeoTIFF format in its original resolution (approximately 236 m) to conduct further work using ArcGIS. Just use the **Download Data** buttons at the bottom of the map to access datasets from CIFOR's research data repository website. Click **Data & Analysis**, fill in the **Guest Book**, and agree to the **Terms of Use** to proceed with your download.

## Get Started

Visitors are welcome to explore the map freely, but will need to register and log in to validate or add data. Use an existing Google account or create a new account using the **Register** button at the top of the screen. All personal information will be treated as confidential and will not be used for any purposes outside the Global Wetlands Map project.