

13. MAP RESOURCES

13.1 Map suppliers

Details are provided below of the official map offices in South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland. Please contact these offices should you wish to purchase hardcopy maps or would like more information on maps and mapping.

South Africa

Chief Directorate: Surveys and Mapping
Department of Land Affairs
Van der Stel Building
Rhodes Avenue
Private Bag X10
Mowbray
7705 South Africa

Tel: +27 21 658 4400
Fax: +27 21 686 9884
Email: sales@sli.wcape.gov.za
Web: <http://w3sli.wcape.gov.za>

Commercial outlets

A few provincial vendors are listed below but please note that they will probably be more expensive than the State suppliers and availability may be limited. Some vendors supply maps for the whole of South Africa while others may be limited to provincial boundaries.

Limpopo

Geoland Surveys
Tel. 015 516 1313
scorbett@mweb.co.za

Mpumalanga

GEO3 cc
Tel. 013 758 1226
geo3@iafrica.com

Eastern Cape

CSS Geographical Information
Tel. 046 622 4526
bcobbing@cssgis.co.za
www.cssgis.co.za

Gauteng

Maps 4 Africa
Tel. 011 787 2751
maps4africa@iburst.co.za

Gauteng

Madmappers.com
Tel. 011 442 5155
maurizio@madmappers.com
www.madmappers.com

Western Cape

One Stop Mapping Shop
Tel. 021 374 7268
abigaildee@new.co.za

(1: 50 000 maps can be downloaded for free from website)

Kwazulu-Natal

Map Centre
Tel. 033 342 5580
mapcentre@futurenet.co.za

Kwazulu-Natal

Map Finders
Tel. 083 856 3192
jsteenkamp@polka.co.za

North West

Maxim Planning Solutions
Tel. 018 462 1756
michelle@maximplanningsolutions.co.za
www.maximplanningsolutions.co.za

Northern Cape

Noordkaap Geokon
Tel. 053 832 0040
cvisser@gibb.co.za

Lesotho

Land Surveyor
Lands, Surveys and Physical Planning
P.O. BOX 876
Maseru
100
LESOTHO

Tel. +266 22323062
Fax. +266 22324830
Email: matela@lspp.gov.ls

Swaziland

Assistant General Surveyor
Surveyor General's Dept
P.O. BOX 4700
Mbabane
SWAZILAND

Tel. +268 404 6410
Fax. +268 404 9357
Email: simelanesyd@gov.sz
Web: <http://www.gov.sz/home.asp?pid=1097>

13.2 Additional map resources

Another option is to make use of Google Earth™, which you can download for free from <http://earth.google.com/>. Google Earth™ is a broadband, 3-D application that displays satellite imagery maps and other geographic information allowing you to zoom from space to street level in matter of seconds. Please note, however, that not all computers can run Google Earth™ so it will be important to make sure that your computer meets the necessary minimum installation and operating requirements (see <http://earth.google.com/download-earth.html>) before you download the software and run the programme. It is also important to remember that you have to be connected to the Internet if you want to use Google Earth™.

One way that Google Earth™ can assist you with your atlasing surveys is that you can view the landscape that covers a particular pentad and obtain a broad overview of the location and extent of general habitats present in the area to be surveyed.