



**MYANMAR's National  
Geospatial data policy,  
Legislation and  
Standards;  
Some examples and  
lessons**

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# Some policies and underlying conditions

**Right to Know:**

**Information  
Disclosure:**

**Concerns to  
individual life**

**None-national  
security matter**



# Policy-Making Guidelines

## Data Classification by org owners

**Public Domain**

**Private Domain**

**Security Domain**

**Generated using  
public budget**

**Generated by self  
funding**

**Generated for  
security**



# Policy-Making Guidelines

## Data Classification by accessibility

**Public Domain**

**Private Domain**

**Security Domain**

**Limited by  
availability**

**Protected by  
Copyright ©**

**Restricted by laws**



# Policy-Making Guidelines

## Data Classification by quality/scale

**Public Domain**

**Private Domain**

**Security Domain**

**Small scale but  
global coverage**

**Large scale but  
limited coverage**

**1:50K, 1":1Mile,  
topographic maps  
Contour maps**



# Policy-Making Guidelines

## Data Classification by locality

**Public Domain**

**Private Domain**

**Security Domain**

**Not for border region, restricted zones.**

**Not for all infrastructures**

**Not for urban zone, business zones etc.**



# Policy-Making Guidelines

## Data Classification : Reality!

**Alternatives**

**Technologies**

**Needs**

**Google earth**  
**Bing**  
**OpenStreetMap**  
**Drones, Laser**  
**RangeFinder,**  
**TotalStation**  
**Population,**  
**urbanization,**  
**intensified farming**



# Legislative measures for GeoSpatial Data : Thematic Aspect

- **There is no specific legal instrument for GeoSpatial Development**
- **Some of the Government Agencies have right to generate, produce and disseminate the GeoSpatial data and related information**
- **Need to consider for future development along with Data Acquisition Tech**
- **Survey Dept**
- **Forest Dept**
- **Land Record Dept**
- **Road Dept**
- **Waterway Dept**
- **Municipal Authorities**





# Legislative measures for GeoSpatial Data: Custodianship

- **Some samples in other countries**
  
- **Myanmar one-stop service**

- **GISTDA – Thailand**
- **LAPAN – Indonesia**
- **MACRES – Malaysia**
- **CRISP - Singapore**
  
- **MIMU**



# Legislative measures for GeoSpatial Data: Sharing Platform

- **Introduced the prototype data sharing platform along with the regional projects**

- **Myanmar perspective**

- **GMS Platform**
- **ASEAN Platform**

- **No legitimate hub to share the data,**



# Standards: Spatial Data, Associated Attributes,

- **So far software dependent**
- **Donor sponsorship pathway**
- **Basic level**
- **Enterprise level**

- **ESRI style dominant**
- **Some use OGC,**
- **Some use Others**
- **ESRI Shape format**
- **So far none, may be later**



# Standards: Spatial Data, Associated Attributes,

- **DBMS**
- **GeoDataBase**
- **Rooted challenge**
- **Naming convention**

- **MS Excel, Access**
- **None, may be Oracle format?  
ESRI Geodatabase format?**
- **Myanmar characters (Unicode?)**
- **Not in place yet.**



# Standards: Key challenges

- **Metadata**
- **Verification flow**
- **Data Catalogue**
- **Data Clearance House**

- **Almost none**
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- **None**
- **None**



# Standards: Other challenges

- **Consistency**
- **Routine update**
- **Interoperability**
- **Process and handling method**

- ??
- ??
- **Software dependent**
- ?



# Other GeoSpatial experience to share with Myanmar

- **UNESCAP - Space Technology Applications Section**
- **ADB - Hq GIS installation**
- **Thailand on CD**
- **SEMIS-I**
- **SEMIS-II**
- **SEF-EWIS**
- **GLOF by ICIMOD**
- **Forest Fire by ASEAN**

- **Satellite database**
- **Webportal**
  
- **Map View Project**
  
- **UNEP**
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# Thank you

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