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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## DATA & FILE OVERVIEW

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Directory of Files:

A. CASCF.zip

Description: The geospatial data of countries/territories that have joined CASCF up until August 2022.

The zip file contains five shapefile ([what is a shapefile?](#)) extensions that record the geometry and attributes of geographically referenced features. To open the shapefile properly, the following three files are needed to be stored under the same directory:

CASCF.shp: Geometry for all features

CASCF.shx: Index of the geometry

CASCF.dbf: Features' attributes in tabular format

Optional files:

CASCF.prj: Information on projection format including the coordinate system and projection information.

CASCF.cpg: Description of the encoding (e.g., utf-8) applied to create the shapefile

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## DATA DESCRIPTION

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### A. CASCF.zip

1. Number of columns: 168
2. Number of rows: 258
3. Dataset reference date: 10/8/2022
4. Spatial Reference System: WGS 84 (EPSG:4326) (CRS:84)
5. Spatial Data Type: polygon (vector)
6. Polygons and boundaries: The polygons are collected from [Natural Earth, Admin 0 – Countries](#) version 5.1.1 (Published on 12 May 2022).
7. Attributes
  - A. Field: CASCF  
Format: Text  
Description: Whether the country/territory has joined the CASCF  
  
Y = The country/territory that has joined the CASCF  
N = The country/territory that is not a member of the CASCF  
  
For descriptions of the rest of the fields, please refer to [Natural Earth](#)

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## METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Software-specific information:

Geospatial features (.shp) in this dataset can be read and edited by using GIS software, such as QGIS and ArcGIS. Geospatial attributes in tabular format (.dbf and .xlsx) can be separately read and edited by using spreadsheet software, such as Microsoft Excel and OpenOffice spreadsheet.