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GENERAL INFORMATION

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DATA & FILE OVERVIEW

Directory of Files:

A. NATO.zip

Description: The geospatial data of countries that have joined NATO as member states 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:

NATO.shp: Geometry for all features

NATO.shx: Index of the geometry

NATO.dbf: Features' attributes in tabular format

Optional files:

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

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

DATA DESCRIPTION

A. NATO.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: NATO
 - Format: Text
 - Description: Whether the country is a member state of NATO

Member = Member state

N = The country is not a member state of NATO

For descriptions of the rest of the fields, please refer to [Natural Earth](#)

METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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.