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DATA & FILE OVERVIEW

Directory of Files:

A. China&Pakistan_Polygon.zip

Description: The geometry of China and Pakistan

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:

China&Pakistan_Polygon.shp: Geometry for all features

China&Pakistan_Polygon.shx: Index of the geometry

China&Pakistan_Polygon.dbf: Features' attributes in tabular format

Optional files:

China&Pakistan_Polygon.prj: Information on projection format including the coordinate system and projection information.

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

B. CPEC_Hubs.zip:

Description: Five shapefile extensions that record the geometry of strategic locations in CPEC.

C. Existing_Major_Highways.zip:

Description: Five shapefile extensions that record the geometry of existing major highways in CPEC

D. Existing_Railway.zip:

Description: Five shapefile extensions that record the geometry of existing railways in CPEC

E. New_Railway.zip:

Description: Five shapefile extensions that record the geometry of new railways in CPEC

DATA DESCRIPTION

A. China&Pakistan_Polygon.zip

1. Number of columns: 168
2. Number of rows: 2
3. Dataset reference date: 12/5/2022
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

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

B. CPEC_Hubs.zip

1. Number of columns: 1
2. Number of rows: 23
3. Dataset reference year and month: 31/8/2020
4. Spatial Reference System: WGS 84 (EPSG:4326) (CRS:84)
5. Spatial Data Type: point (vector)
6. Positional Accuracy: The geospatial data was collected from public sources; they may be prone to locational errors.
7. Attributes
 - A. Field: Name
Format: Text
Description: The name of the location

C. Existing_Major_Highways.zip

1. Number of columns: 199
2. Number of rows: 3183
3. Dataset reference year and month: 12/2021
4. Spatial Reference System: WGS 84 (EPSG:4326) (CRS:84)
5. Spatial Data Type: line (vector)
6. Source: The geometry of existing highways is sourced from [Natural Earth, Road](#) version 5.0.0 (Published on 7 December 2021)
7. Attributes

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

D. Existing_Railway.zip

1. Number of columns: 180
2. Number of rows: 2980
3. Dataset reference year and month: 10/2017
4. Spatial Reference System: WGS 84 (EPSG:4326) (CRS:84)
5. Spatial Data Type: line (vector)
6. Source: The geometry of existing highways is sourced from [Natural Earth, Railroad](#) version 4.0.0 (Published on 15 October 2017).
7. Attributes

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

E. New_Railway.zip

1. Number of columns: 8

2. Number of rows: 13
3. Dataset reference year and month: 8/2021
4. Spatial Reference System: WGS 84 (EPSG:4326) (CRS:84)
5. Spatial Data Type: line (vector)
6. Positional Accuracy: The geospatial data was collected from public sources; they may be prone to locational errors due to the ambiguity of the information disclosed by authorities and news agencies.
7. Attributes
 - A. Field: Name
Format: Text
Description: The name of the new railway
 - B. Field: Status
Format: Text
Description: The status of the new railway
 - C. Field: Detail
Format: Text
Description: The detail status of the new railway
 - D. Field: Info
Format: Text
Description: Brief descriptions of the new railway
 - E. Field: From
Format: Text
Description: The start year of the project
 - F. Field: To
Format: Text
Description: The estimated finish end of the project
 - G. Field: Origin
Format: Text
Description: The origin of the new railway
 - H. Field: Destination
Format: Text
Description: The destination of the new railway
8. Missing data codes:

N/A = Missing data

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.