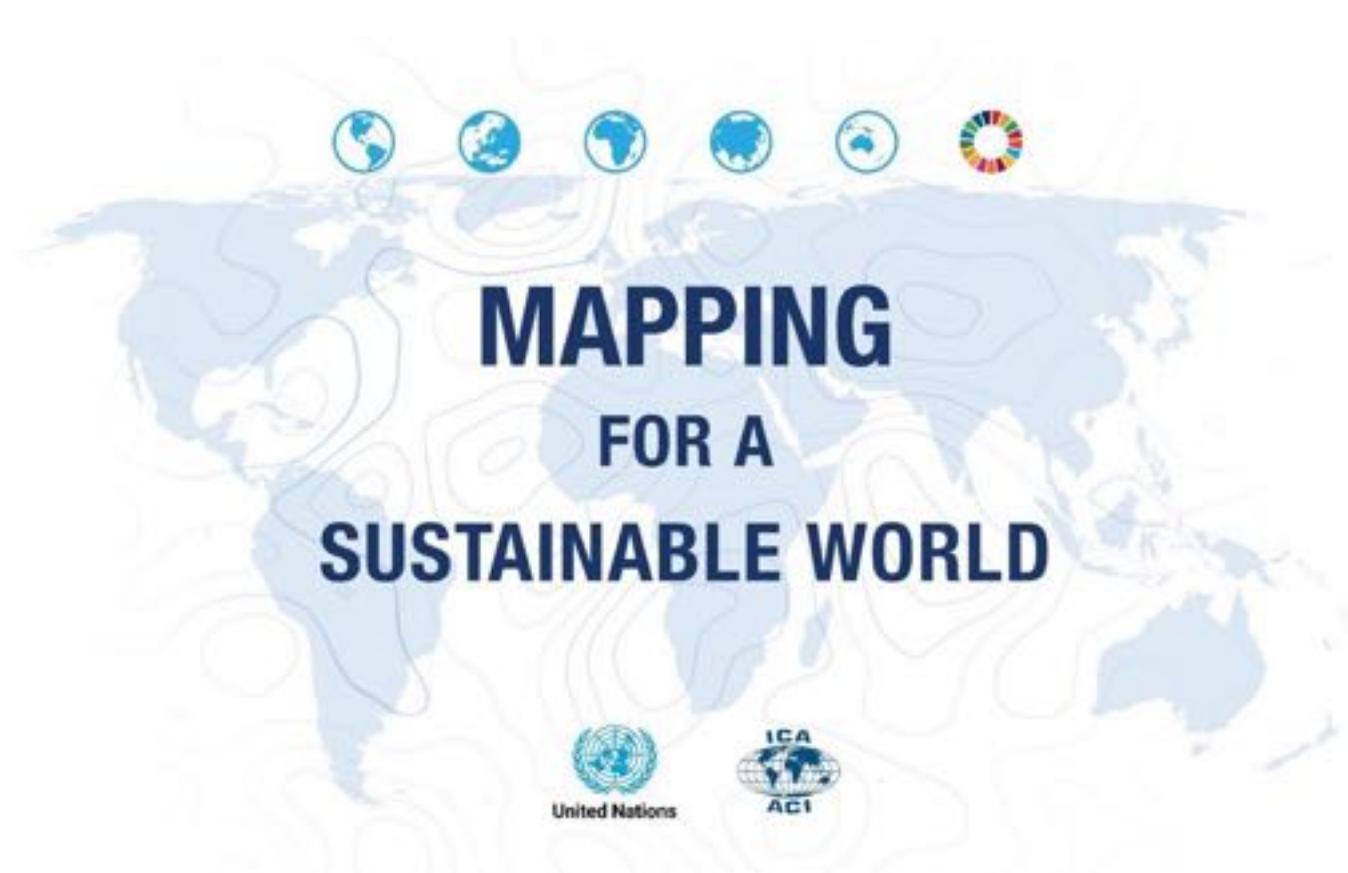


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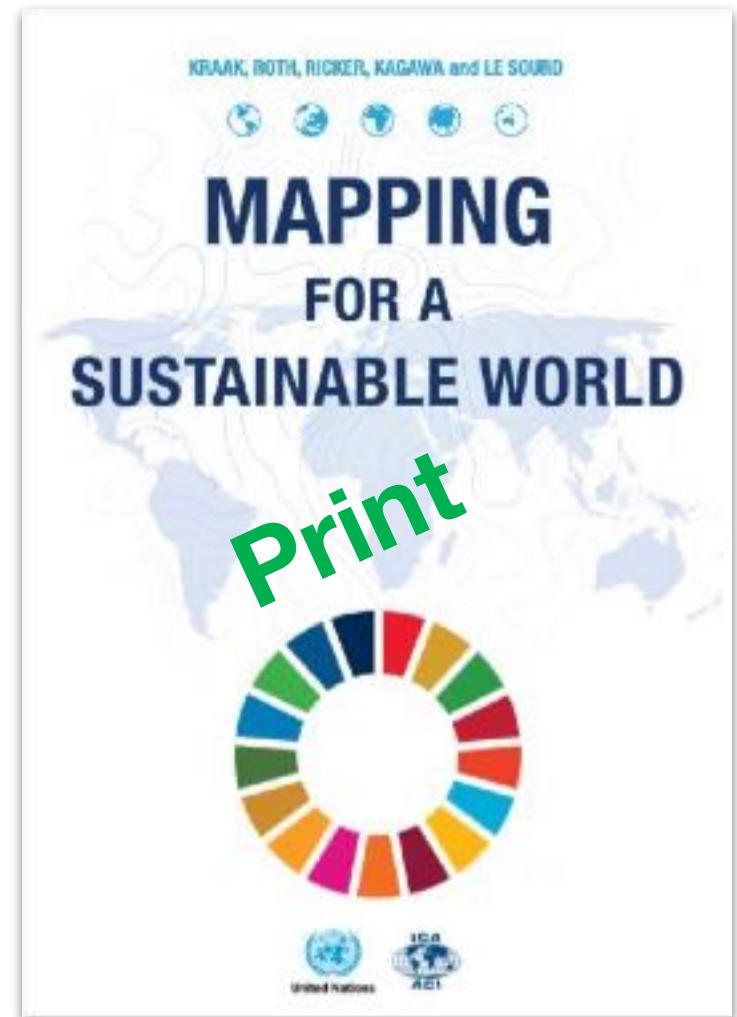


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What we did before

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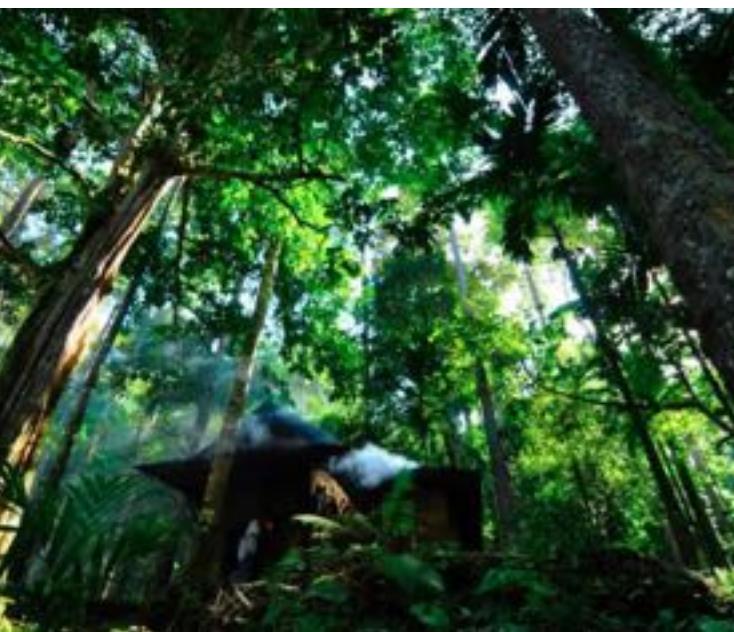
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Content

- SDGs & Geospatial Data
- Map design considerations
- Maps & diagrams
- Map Use Environments

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOWWATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



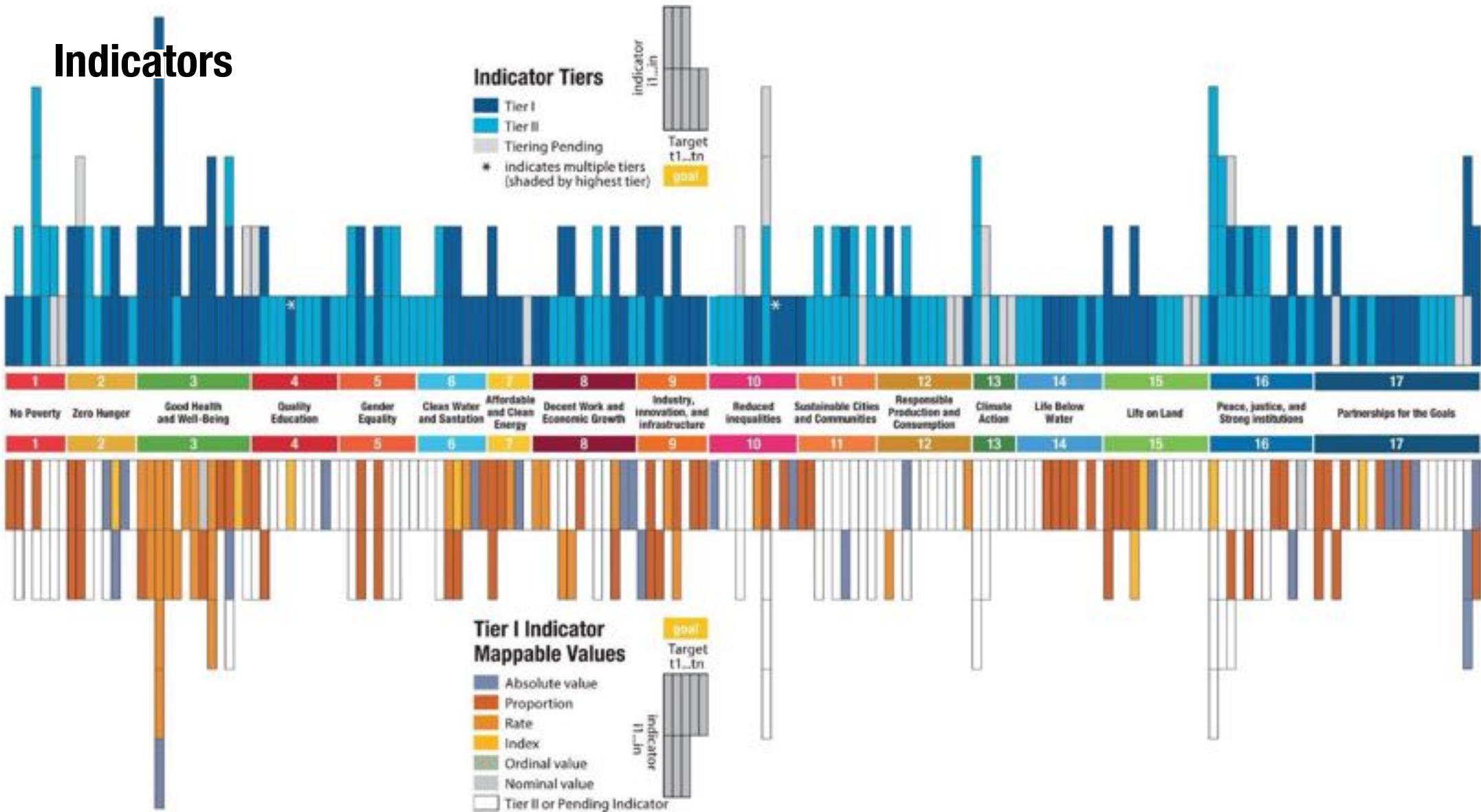
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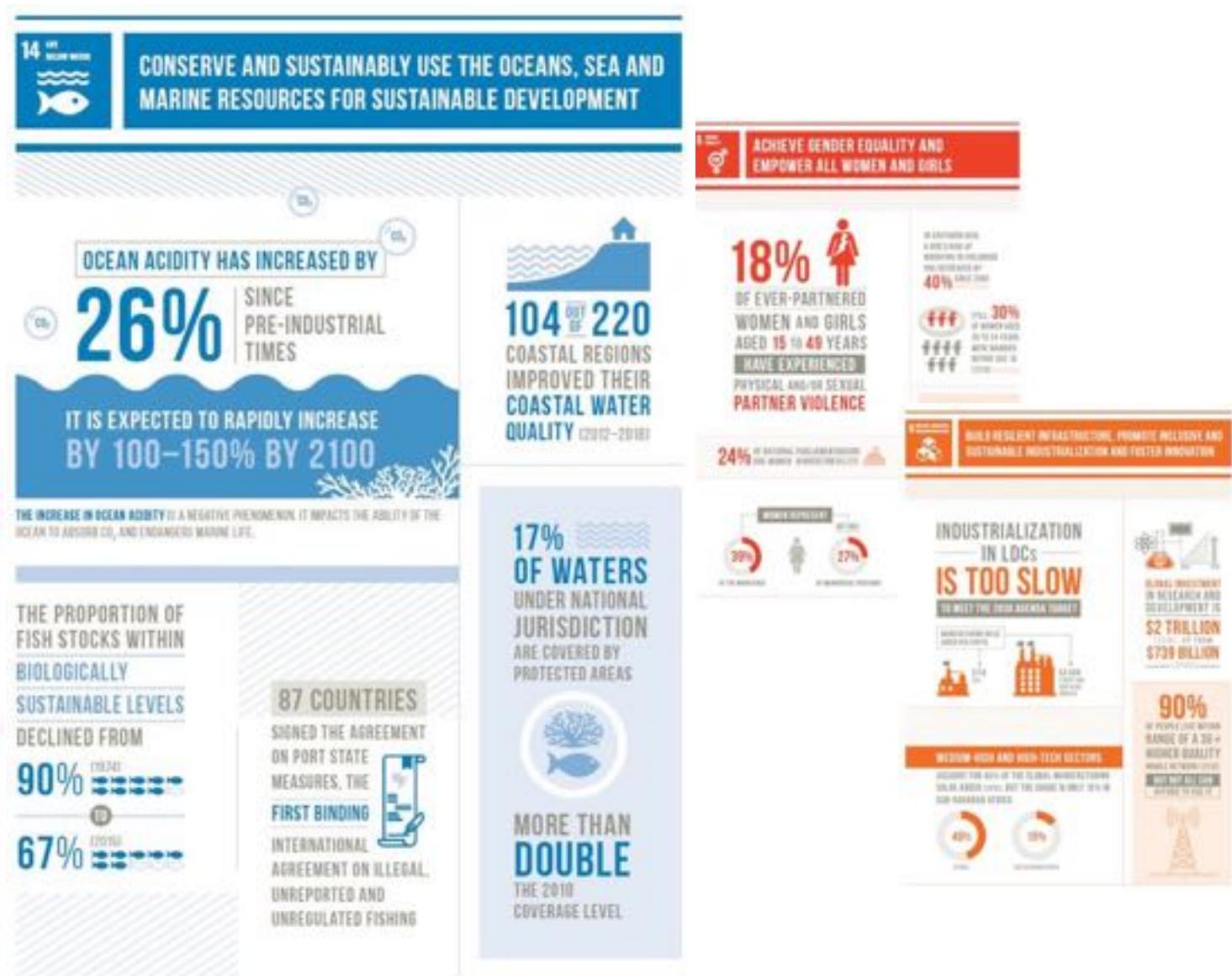
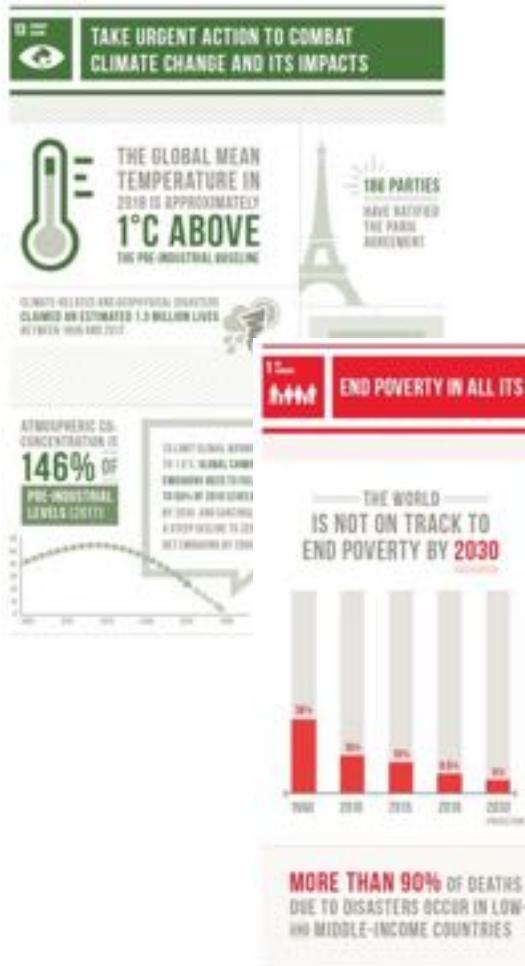
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Indicators



Present the data



GOAL 5: ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

- ▶ Only 24% of parliamentary leaders were women in 2020



- ▶ Only four national parliaments have 50% or greater representation by women

Proportion of Seats held by Women in National Parliaments
(Per cent of Total Seats; 2020)

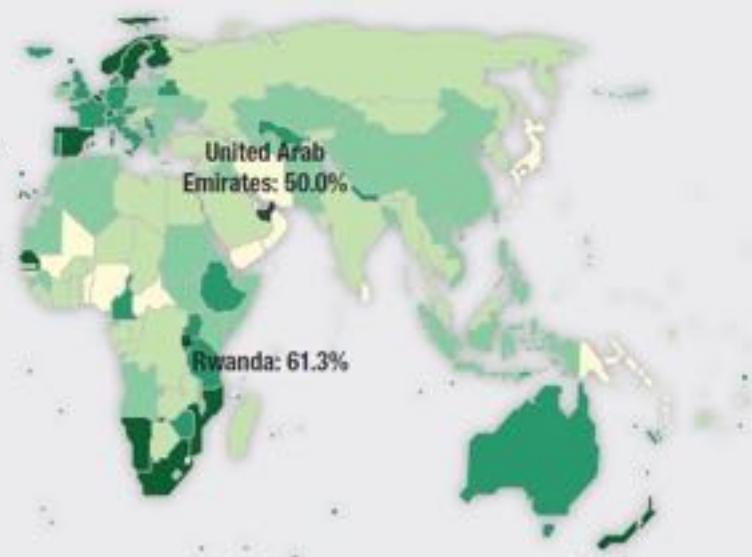
The legend is identical to the one provided for the world map, showing six categories from 'Above 40%' (dark green) to '50% or above' (white).



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Wide view of the opening meeting of the sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Member States adopted a political declaration in which they pledged to step up action to fully implement the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on gender equality, agreed to 25 years ago. (Source: UN Photo/Loey Felipe, 2020)

SDG Target 5.5

Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making

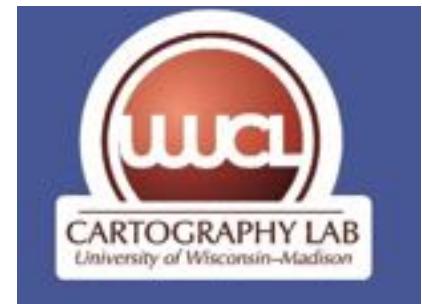


▲ The map depicts Indicator 5.5.1 (2020) on the proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments as a choropleth map. Countries for the choropleth map are highly generalized to show only the overall thematic patterns, simplifying the message. This style also increases the visual weight of smaller nations. UN Women promotes this basemap for its publication on "Women in Politics."

Although simplified, the map remains projected in the Eckert IV equivalent projection used throughout the book, allowing for comparison of areas in the choropleth. The choropleth map uses an equal interval classification for the uniform attribute distribution and a sequential colour scheme that crosses yellow to green colour hues but primarily relies on the ordered visual variable colour value.



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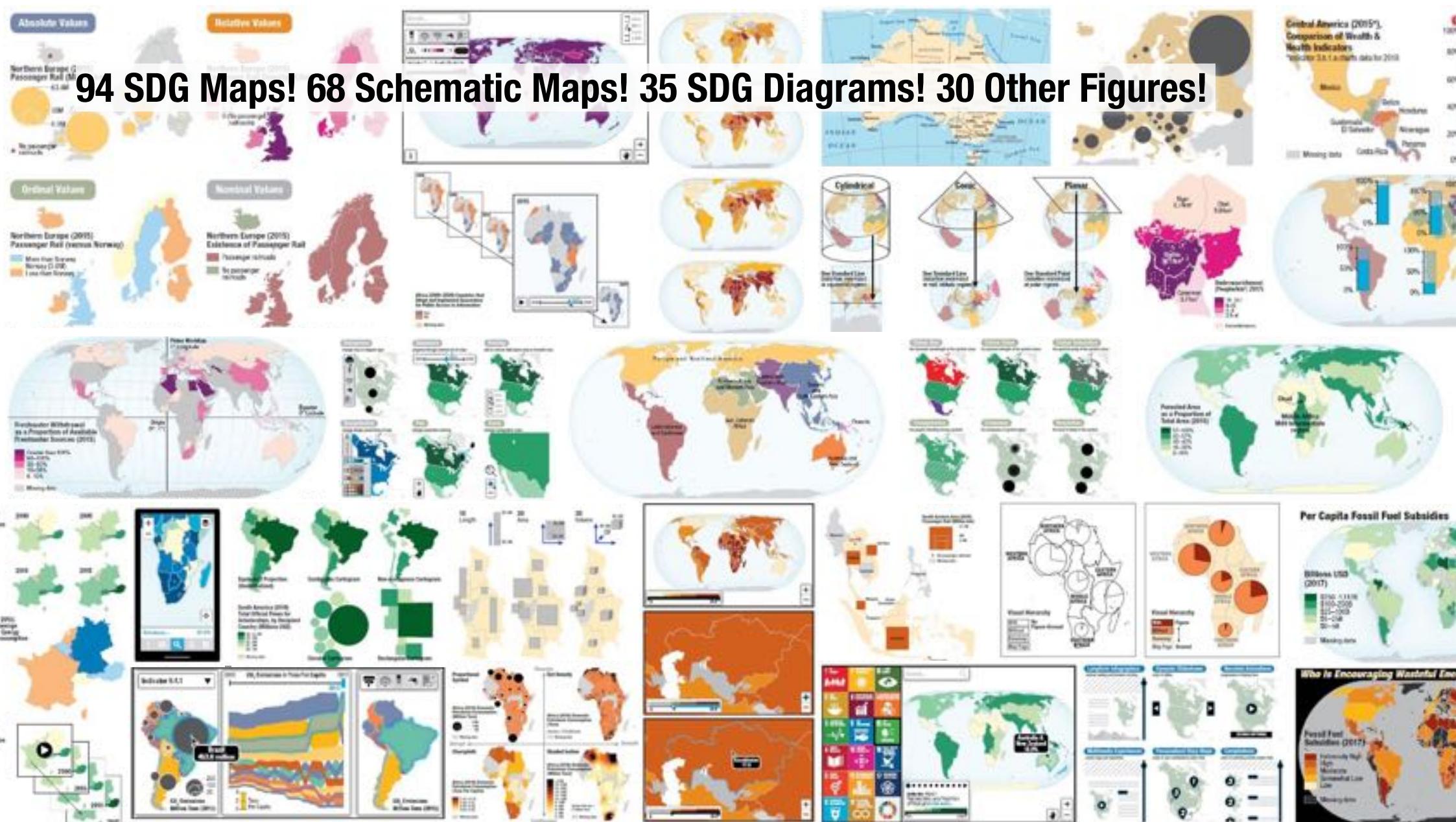
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94 SDG Maps! 68 Schematic Maps! 35 SDG Diagrams! 30 Other Figures!



GOAL 1: END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

► 736 million people lived in extreme poverty in 2015

413 Million
Sub-Saharan Africa

323 Million
Rest of the World

► Most people that earn less than 1.90 USD per day live in Sub-Saharan Africa

Proportion of Population Living Below the International Poverty Line (Most Current Value; 2012–2018)



The UN Secretary-General meets people living in a camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the town of Bangassou, Central African Republic. (Source: UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe, 2017)

SDG Target 1.1
Eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere



► The map depicts Indicator 1.1.1 (most current value for 2012–2018) on the proportion of population living below the international poverty line (set at 1.90 USD per day) as a choropleth by SDG groupings. The M49 standard is a multi-level, global set of region, sub-region, and intermediate region groupings for obtaining greater homogeneity in sizes of demography. The SDG groupings are derived from the M49 methodology and use a combination of regions and sub-regions.

Indicator 1.1.1 is a ratio level, relative value (a proportion) and, thus, is normalized for choropleth mapping to mitigate effects from the modifiable areal unit problem. The choropleth map uses an arithmetic classification for the left-skewed attribute distribution and a sequential colour scheme for an apparent increase from low to high.



GOAL 1: END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

► 736 million people lived in extreme poverty in 2015

413 Million
Sub-Saharan Africa

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327 Million
Rest of World

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► Most people that live on less than \$1.90 a day live in Sub-Saharan Africa

Proportion of Population Living Below the International Poverty Line (most current value 2012–2018)



The UN Secretary-General meets people living in a camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the town of Bangassou, Central African Republic. (Source: UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe, 2017)

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SDG Target 1.1

Gradually eliminate extreme poverty for all people everywhere



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1 NO POVERTY



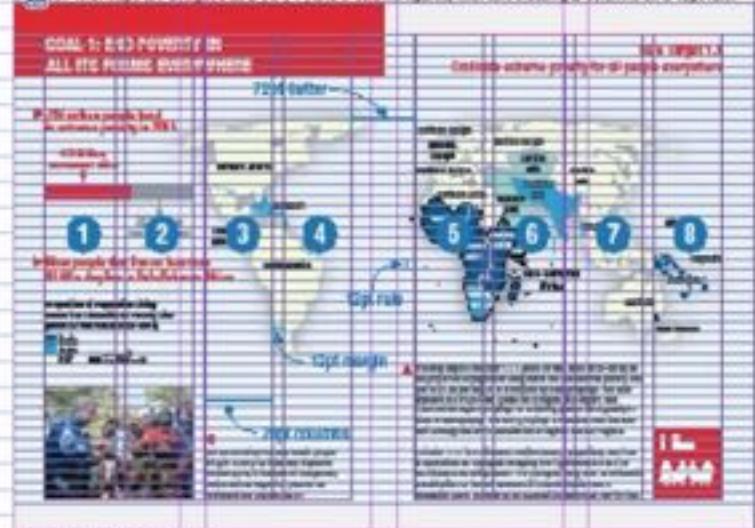
4.11 Atlases

An *atlas* is an intentional sequence of maps, text, and other graphic elements depicting different dimensions of geographic phenomena and processes. Many atlases focus into a specific subject, such as a particular thematic domain (who/what), time period (when), or location (where) (see [Section 2.1](#)). Atlases serve a variety of purposes, including general reference or geographic education as well as awareness and outreach. An atlas's editorial board contributes to its authority, especially for national atlases.

Atlas design depends heavily on the presentation medium. Traditional atlases are published as printed books. Here, each map is arranged as a two-

page layout for folded printing, called a *spread*, with a vertical gap, or *gutter*, in the centre to account for the book-fold ([Figure 4.11-1](#)). Projections should be centred so that the gutter slices the map in negative space (see [Section 2.5](#)), such as the ocean for a world map on land-based SDG indicators. The atlas spread also should be organized into a regular grid of columns and/or rows, such as the 8-column grid used in this smaller A5-size book or a 12-column grid for larger print publications and responsive design for mobile maps (see [Section 4.6](#)). Using a grid improves the layout and balance of maps, text, and negative space in more complex atlas spreads (see [Section 2.11](#)).

Figure 4.11-1: traditional atlas spread. The 8-column grid used in this book is shown beneath the [Section 1.3](#) two-page spread. Each column is 72pt with a 12pt margin, with a 72pt gutter expanding the Atlantic Ocean to account for the book-fold. Maps are designed as 2-, 3-, 4-, and 6-column figures, with text crossing 2-columns on a 12pt rule.



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Figure 4.11-2: interactive atlas. Like a traditional atlas, an interactive atlas organizes datasets and maps by themes, such as individual SDG indicators. The audience first selects an SDG (here, SDG 15, Life on Land) and then scrolls through a slideshow sequence of maps (here, the indicators that constitute SDG 15). Users can activate additional information about a specific indicator based on their interest. Because the atlas is interactive, users also can search for specific indicators or places as well as pan, zoom, retrieve details, and possibly perform additional operators.

Digital atlases can take a number of alternative forms, such as a series of unique web pages hyperlinked from a table of contents or a set of map layers toggled onto the same central basemap. Digital atlases typically include interactivity, particularly the overlay, search, and sequence operators in addition to the more common pan, zoom, and retrieve operators (see [Section 4.4](#)). Digital atlases also can serve as the spatial catalogue to a rich array of multimedia about mapped topics, including text, photographs, animations, and videos.

The order of the atlas pages shapes the overall atlas narrative (see [Section 4.7](#)). A paper atlas has a fixed narrative, although users often browse pages out of this or-

der. A digital atlas provides more opportunity for breaking from a pre-defined narrative path based on audience backgrounds and interests (see [Section 4.1](#)).

An interactive atlas of the SDGs is increasingly possible as more SDGs indicators attain Tier 1 status ([Figure 4.11-2](#)). The World Bank published an initial compendium on the SDGs using their world development indicators as proxies to the indicators. Creation of an atlas of the SDG indicators has many challenges, such as global distribution, multilingual translation, and regular updates. However, it could be a centerpiece for supporting local and national decision-making as well as public education and advocacy.

2.8 Dimensionality

Dimensionality describes the minimum number of coordinates needed to specify an object's location. In a vector data model, geospatial data can be specified as points (conceptually "zero" dimensions, one X,Y coordinate), lines (1D, minimum two coordinates to connect the arc), polygons (2D, minimum three coordinates to enclose area), or volumes (3D, with a minimum of four coordinates to enclose the volume) (see [Section 1.3](#)). Maps often contain a mixture of features at multiple dimensions ([Figure 2.8-1](#)).

In the map shown in the bottom-right of [Figure 2.8-1](#), the buildings are resized based on a height classification, an individual level attribute of the building. Such statistical use of the third dimension sometimes is described as "2.5D" because it only depicts the

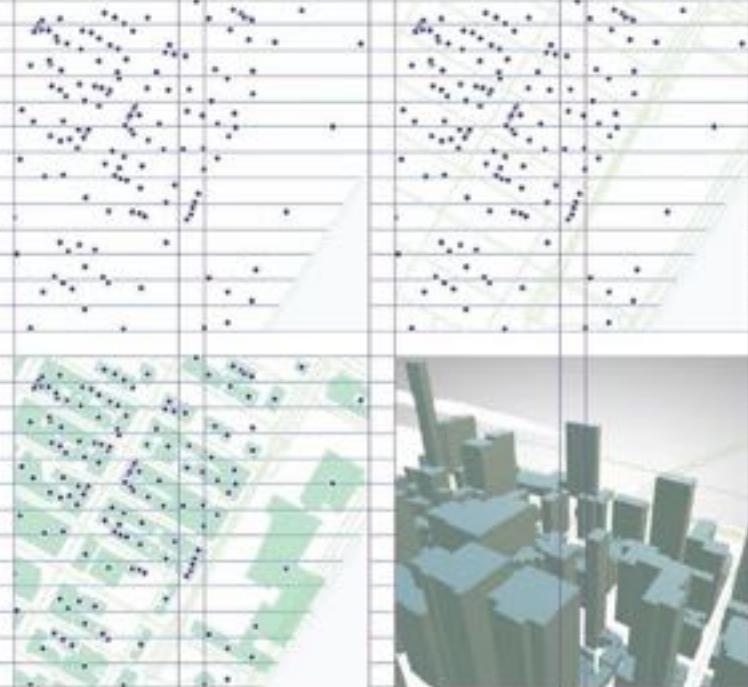


Figure 2.8-1: Symbol dimensionality. The series of figures builds up the [Figure 1.2-2](#) reference map showing the United Nations headquarters. Top-left: Address location points (0D). Top-right: Street centre lines (1D). Bottom-left: Building footprints polygons (2D). Bottom-right: Changes in oblique perspective to depict building heights (2.5D).

top surface of the volume in a static map rather than complete 3D information within the volume. The third dimension also can be used to express temporal data (see [Section 3.9](#)).

Consideration of dimensionality is important during generalization, as the same map features may be represented at different dimensionalities to reduce visual complexity when moving from larger to smaller cartographic scales (see [Figure 2.7-1](#)). Collapse describes a decrease of dimensionality, such as replacement with a city boundary with a single point at smaller scales. Aggregate describes an increase in dimensionality, such as enumeration of individual people into a single administrative polygon. Finally, merge describes a combination of many features into one feature while maintain-

ing dimensionality, such as merging individual countries into larger M49 regions.

Dimensionality is important to thematic mapping (see [Section 3.1](#)), as humans perceive lines, polygons, and volumes differently when encoding attribute or temporal information ([Figure 2.8-2](#)). Lines symbols (1D), such as proportional bars, require visual estimation in a single direction and are largely reliable when used to encode numerical data. However, areal proportional symbols (2D) require estimation in two directions, producing a systematic underestimation as polygon sizes grow larger that can be mitigated through perceptual scaling (see [Section 3.4](#)). Underestimation of volumes (3D) is even more severe, and 3D representations usually require interactivity (see [Section 4.3](#)).

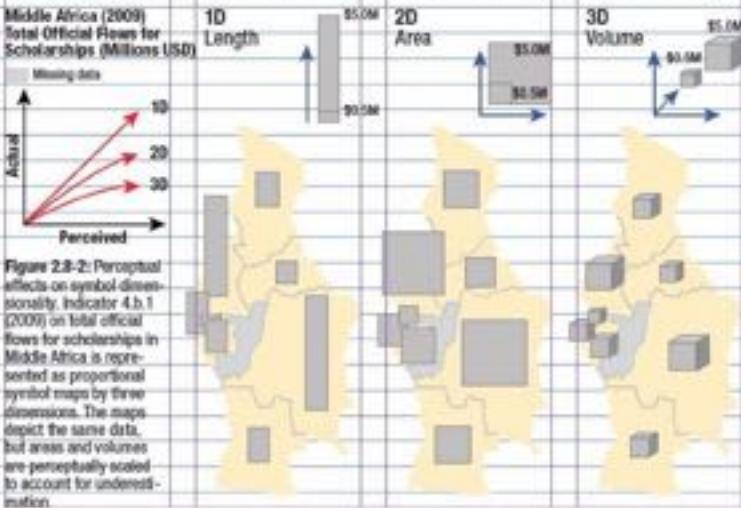


Figure 2.8-2: Perceptual effects on symbol dimensionality. Indicator 4.b.1 (2009) on total official flows for scholarships in Middle Africa is represented as proportional symbol maps by three dimensions. The maps depict the same data, but areas and volumes are perceptually scaled to account for underestimation.

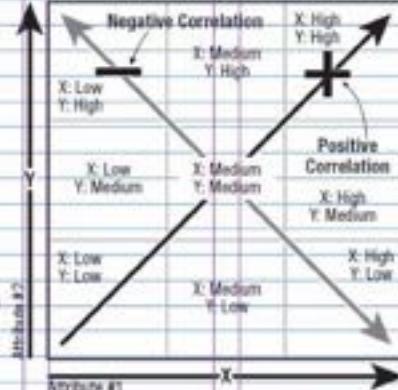
3.7 Bivariate Maps

A **bivariate map** (bi=two, variate=variables) depicts two data attributes in a single thematic map. Bivariate maps can be powerful for visual interpretation of spatial patterns, particularly for comparing the spatial distribution of two potentially related SDG indicators as well as for identifying outlier locations that do not conform to an expected relationship between SDG indicators. However, bivariate maps can be confusing and even misleading because they exhibit increased information complexity and are found less frequently in popular media.

In practice, it is useful to consider three kinds of bivariate maps based on combinations of the visual variables: separable (e.g., thematic map combinations, shaded cartograms, shaded proportional symbols), integral (e.g., bivariate choropleth maps), and configural (e.g., split symbol maps). Bivariate map legends should be plotted with X- and Y-axes to show all possible symbol combinations (Figure 3.7-1) and, thus, inform how each symbol combination should be read in the resulting map.

A **separable** bivariate map preserves reading of both original X and Y indicators in the map, with a separable map functionally serving like two different maps on a single page (Figure 3.7-2). Use separable maps for independent indicators with different attribute units, such as

Figure 3.7-1: Reading bivariate maps. Bivariate map legends should be arranged in two dimensions to show example symbol combinations. Different bivariate map types then vary by how the X- and Y-axes and positive (+) correlation are presented.



comparing an absolute frequency to a relative percentage or an unnormalized indicator to a normalized variant.

An **integral** bivariate map restricts reading of the original X and Y indicators but promotes reading of the + relationship between indicators, making it easier to infer correlations and identify places that do not conform to the expected relationship (Figure 3.7-3). Use integral maps for dependent indicators in the same attribute units for visual correlation. Avoid integral maps when there is no known correlation as they can be misleading and infer a causal relationship.

A **configural** bivariate map maintains reading of the original X and Y attributes while including a visual hint about the + relationship that can be used for visual correlation (Figure 3.7-4). Use configural maps for independent indicators in the same attribute units. These are useful for comparing temporal changes, such as before versus after, or subsets within

Figure 3.7-2: Separable bivariate map. Indicator 4.3.1 (2016) on the percent of women in formal and non-formal education and training is mapped as a choropleth and indicator 5.5.2 (2016) on the percent of women in managerial positions is mapped with proportional symbols. Separable maps preserve X and Y but do not have an emergent positive (+) dimension.

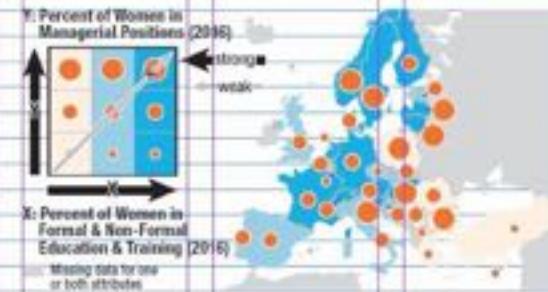


Figure 3.7-3: Integral bivariate map. Indicator 4.3.1 (2016) and 5.5.2 (2016) are remapped using a bivariate choropleth, which has an emergent positive (+) dimension. Because both indicators have the same attribute unit (percentage), the bivariate choropleth map is a better solution than the thematic map combination in Figure 3.7-2.

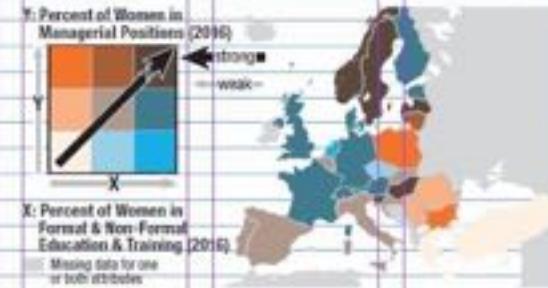
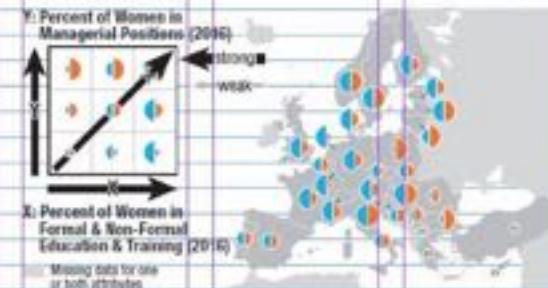


Figure 3.7-4: Configural bivariate map. Indicator 4.3.1 (2016) and 5.5.2 (2016) are remapped as a split proportional symbol map. Configural solutions preserve X and Y but also have an emergent + dimension. The split proportional symbol map is more appropriate than the Figure 3.7-3 bivariate choropleth if independence between attributes is assumed.



an indicator, such as rural versus urban,

Integral and configural bivariate maps usually are classified into just 2x2 or 3x3 classes to reduce complexity (e.g., 3x3 results in nine unique bivariate

symbols). Separable bivariate maps can include 4x4, 5x5, or even 7x7 classes much like univariate maps since it is possible to attend to the X and Y attributes separately (see [Section 1.9](#)).

Style sheet

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EXPORTS

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print setting

Water:
White polygon, exported to photoshop
Inner Glow:
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Legend items arranged
so "more equals up"

Gap for "Missing data"
suggests different data
state rather than zero value

Proportion of Women in Parliament (2016)



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Sequential colour schemes



Diverging colour scheme



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matching legend
item type size

Regional Groupings Used in SDG Monitoring

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Qualitative
colour scheme

Gaps between
legend items suggest
discrete categories

- Australia and New Zealand
- Central and Southern Asia
- Eastern Asia and South-Eastern Asia
- Europe and Northern America
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Northern Africa and Western Asia
- Oceania
- Sub-Saharan Africa

Categories ordered
alphabetically, by higher-
level categories, or
domain convention

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between legend items
to create gaps

Three to four representative
symbols depending
on data range & layout

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Legend items arranged
so "more equals up"

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Missing data

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"Missing data" and "Zero"

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common baseline to
conserve layout space

3.6 Map Legends

A **legend** or **key** provides a description of each kind of symbol included in the map. The legend clarifies the primarily visual map symbols with text, which might include qualitative category names or quantitative numbers. Not all maps require legends, and proper use of the visual variables enable audiences to see immediately the broader map patterns without first referencing specific symbol values (see [Section 2.9](#)).

Effective legend design is important for maps made for general audiences that may have little background knowledge in the mapped phenomena, such as SDG maps designed for awareness and outreach. The legend provides an opportunity to introduce and explain the broader SDG as well as frame the narrative by marking critical values such as the current average or future desired level (see [Section 4.7](#)). In this way, the legend is an exercise in education, providing instructions in how to interpret and, therefore, make use of the map itself. To this end, the legend title for SDG maps should restate the full location, attribute, and temporal context (see [Section 1.2](#)) rather than or in addition to listing a specific indicator number to prevent look-up. Effective legend design and legend titles are particularly important for SDG maps distributed across diverse audiences, as specific symbols and phrasings may have variable cross-cultural meanings requiring translations (see [Section 4.1](#)).

General guidance suggests that all point, line, and polygon symbols included in the map should be included in the legend. However, it is common

to exclude symbols at the lowest level of the visual hierarchy (see [Section 2.13](#)), serving more as basemap reference (e.g., political borders, water versus land).

Thematic map legends often include just the symbols that encode the thematic layer (see [Section 3.1](#)). For thematic maps, every symbol in a classed scheme should be included in the legend, but only three to five representative symbols need to be included for an unclassed scheme (see [Section 1.9](#)). Nominal thematic maps depicting qualitative data should include gaps between legend items to evoke a metaphor of discrete categories, while choropleth, proportional symbol, etc., maps depicting quantitative values should not include gaps to evoke a metaphor of a continuous number line, even when classed. Quantitative thematic maps also should evoke a “more equals higher” metaphor by placing the lowest value on the bottom when legend items are stacked vertically. [Figures 3.6-1](#), [3.6-2](#), and [3.6-3](#) display the legend specifications used for this book for nominal maps (see [Section 3.2](#)), choropleth maps (see [Section 3.3](#)), and proportional symbol maps (see [Section 3.4](#)) respectively.

Finally, nearly all legend designs can be improved by combining the design with a diagram (see [Section 3.10](#)), such as a histogram showing the distribution of map features in each class (see [Figure 1.9-1](#)). Legends also can be reinforced or completely replaced with interaction (see [Section 4.3](#)), bringing the legend or exact data value into the map as the user probes or selects a specific feature.

Figure 3.6-1: Nominal map legend. The nominal map legend specifications for this book use a qualitative colour scheme adapted from the SDG icon colours. There is a gap between legend items to suggest discrete categories. Each legend item is the same height as the legend label type size, with 1.5 line spacing to create the discrete gaps. Nominal legend items are arranged alphabetically in this book.

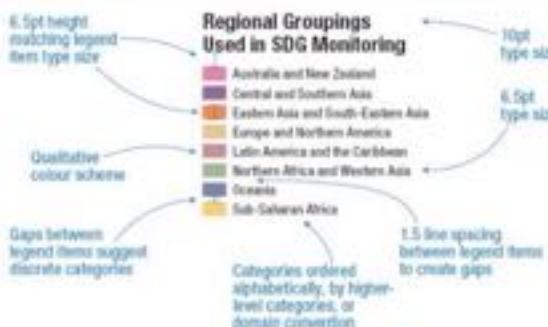


Figure 3.6-2: Choropleth map legend. The choropleth map legend specifications for this book rotate among five sequential and diverging colour schemes. No gap is included between legend items to suggest a continuous number line. The “Missing data” category is offset with a gap to suggest a different data state rather than zero value. Legend items are arranged so that “more equals up”.

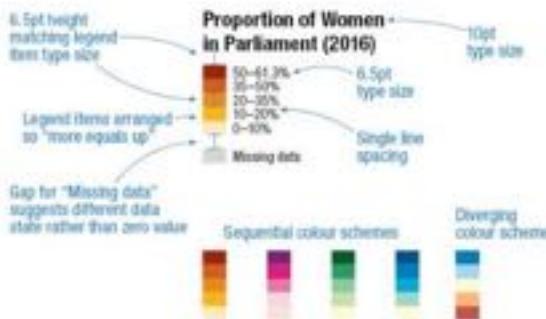
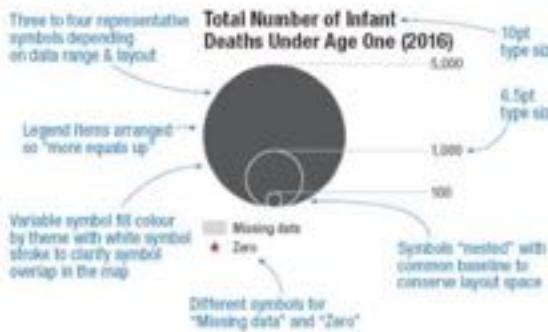


Figure 3.6-3: Proportional symbol map legend. The proportional map legend specification for this book includes three to four representative symbols depending on the data range and layout. Symbols are arranged so that “more equals up” and “nested” with a common baseline to conserve layout space. Separate symbols are provided to clarify “Missing data” and “Zero”, when relevant to the mapped dataset.



Glossary

The following glossary presents terms as they are defined and used in this book:

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: see Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ([Section 1.1](#), pp. 2–3)

Absolute attribute: see Attribute ([Section 1.1](#), pp. 8–9)

Absolute location: see Location ([Section 1.3](#), pp. 6–7)

Absolute time: see Time ([Section 1.3](#), pp. 10–11)

Accessibility: the ability to obtain and benefit from a map, with the goal of supporting the widest possible range of audiences ([Section 1.7](#), pp. 92–93)

Accuracy: the correctness of the data ([Section 2.15](#), pp. 52–53); see also Uncertainty

Adjacent maps: the representation of multiple attributes, data with its uncertainty, or a time series on separate maps ([Section 2.15](#), pp. 52–53); also called Small multiples

Aggregate: an increase in dimensionality ([Section 2.6](#), pp. 38–39); see also Generalization operator

Analysis: the confirmation of hypotheses generated during exploration ([Section 1.10](#), pp. 108–109); see also Cartography Cube

Analytical dashboard: see Dashboard ([Section 4.9](#), pp. 106–107)

Animation: the use of digital system time to update the map display ([Section 1.8](#), pp. 104–105)

- **non-temporal animation:** an animation with frames ordered to facilitate understanding of the map
- **temporal animation:** an animation with display time representing real-world time

Arithmetic classification scheme: see Classification scheme ([Section 1.2](#), pp. 18–19)

Arrange: an interactive change to the layout of maps and diagrams ([Section 4.1](#), pp. 96–97); see also Interaction operator

Arrangement: the layout of graphic marks in the symbol ([Section 2.9](#), pp. 40–41); see also Visual variable

Aspect: orientation of the map surface to the globe ([Section 2.5](#), pp. 32–33)

- **normal aspect:** orientation of the map surface to the Earth's axis of rotation, resulting in standard parallels
- **oblique aspect:** all aspects that are not normal or transverse
- **transverse aspect:** orientation of the map surface 90° from the axis of rotation, resulting in standard meridians

Aspect ratio: horizontal versus vertical dimensions of the layout (e.g., portrait versus landscape) ([Section 2.13](#), pp. 48–49)

Atlas: an intentional sequence of maps, text, and other graphic elements depicting different dimensions of geographic phenomena and processes ([Section 1.11](#), pp. 110–111)

Attribute: the what or who of data ([Section 1.1](#), pp. 8–9); see also Geospatial data

- **absolute attribute:** an attribute measured or counted and reported without consideration of other attributes

Glossary

- **enumerated attribute:** an individual-level attribute that is aggregated or counted within a predefined space, or enumeration unit
- **individual-level attribute:** unique conditions or qualities of a specific place
- **relative attribute:** an attribute that is normalized based on one, two, or multiple other values

Attribute change: see Change ([Section 1.5](#), pp. 10–11)

Audience: the intended users of the map ([Section 2.1](#), pp. 24–25; [Section 4.1](#), pp. 90–91)

Azimuthal projection: see Projection ([Section 2.6](#), pp. 30–31)

Bar chart: a univariate diagram using rectangular bars to depict the distribution of an attribute across different nominal categories ([Section 3.11](#), pp. 78–79)

Binary map: a thematic map showing two categories such as presence/absence or yes/no ([Section 3.2](#), pp. 60–61)

Bivariate map: a thematic map depicting two data attributes ([Section 3.7](#), pp. 70–71)

- **configurable bivariate map:** a bivariate map that maintains reading of the original X and Y attributes while including a visual hint about the + relationship that can be used for visual correlation
- **integral bivariate map:** a bivariate map that restricts reading of the original X and Y indicators but promotes reading of the + relationship between indicators
- **separable bivariate map:** a bivariate map that preserves reading of both original X and Y indicators in the map

Bubble chart: a variant of a scatterplot that depicts a third attribute by resizing the point symbol ([Section 3.13](#), pp. 82–83)

Calculate: an interactive derivation of new information from the map ([Section 4.4](#), pp. 96–97); see also Interaction operator

Cartogram: a thematic map that scales the area of each enumeration unit by its attribute value ([Section 3.8](#), pp. 72–73)

- **configurable cartogram:** a cartogram that maintains topology between enumeration units while compromising on shape
- **non-configurable cartogram:** a cartogram that maintains shape completely by scaling each enumeration unit within its boundary

Cartography: the art, science, and technology of making and using maps ([Introduction](#), pp. v)

Cartography Cube: a framework that organizes broad map use cases according to three axes: map users, map use tasks, and map interactivity ([Section 1.1](#), pp. 90–91)

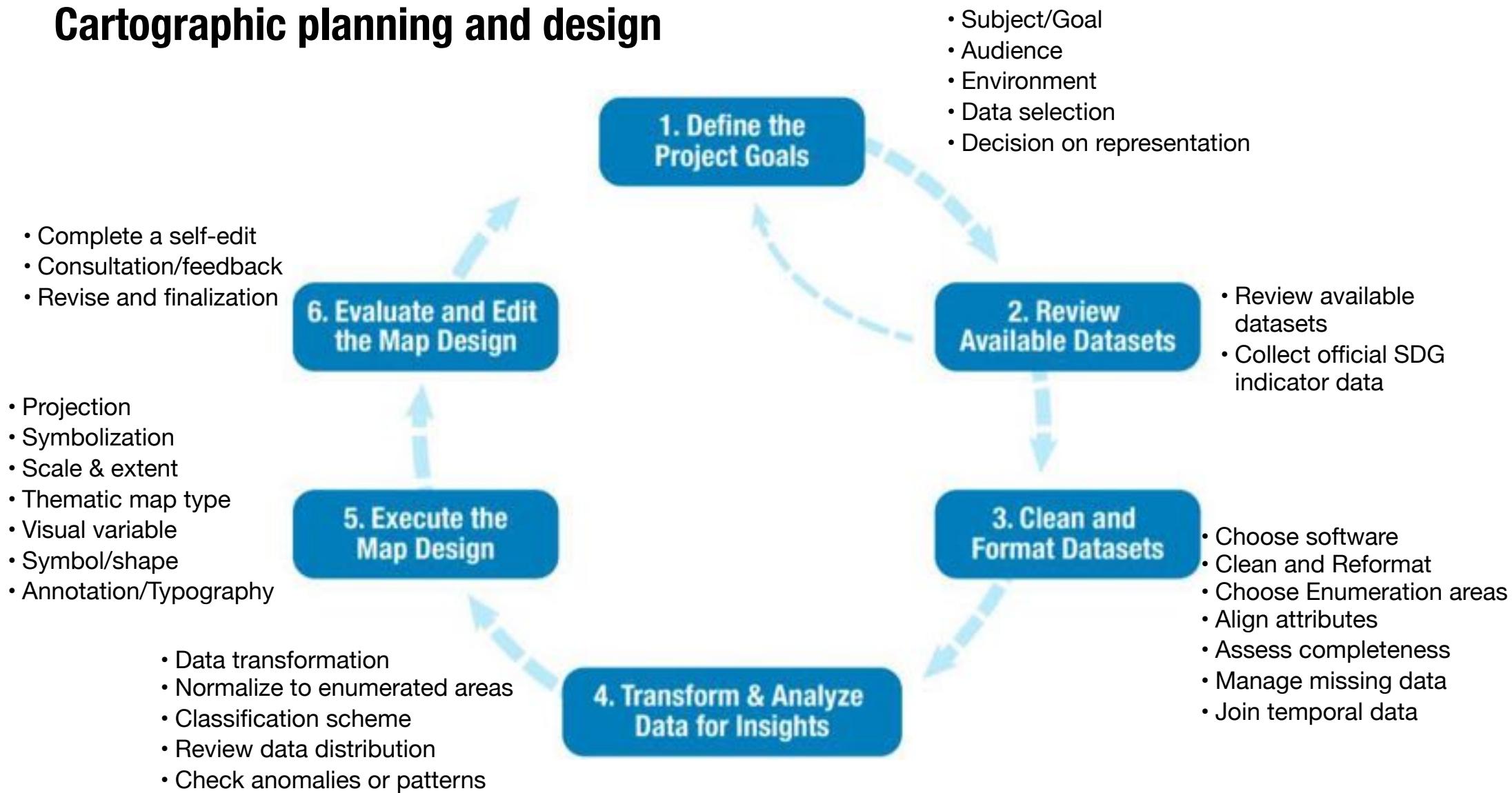
Cartographic scale: the ratio between a distance represented on a map and the corresponding distance in the real world ([Section 2.6](#), pp. 34–35)

- **large cartographic scale:** a representative fraction that computes to a relatively larger decimal number, resulting in a map depicting small geographic scale phenomena
- **small cartographic scale:** a representative fraction that computes to a small decimal number, resulting in a map depicting large geographic scale phenomena

Cascading Style Sheets (CSS): an open web standard used to style contents of a web document ([Section 4.5](#), pp. 98–99)

Central meridian: see Meridian ([Section 2.5](#), pp. 32–33); see also Projection

Cartographic planning and design



1

Mapping for the Goals

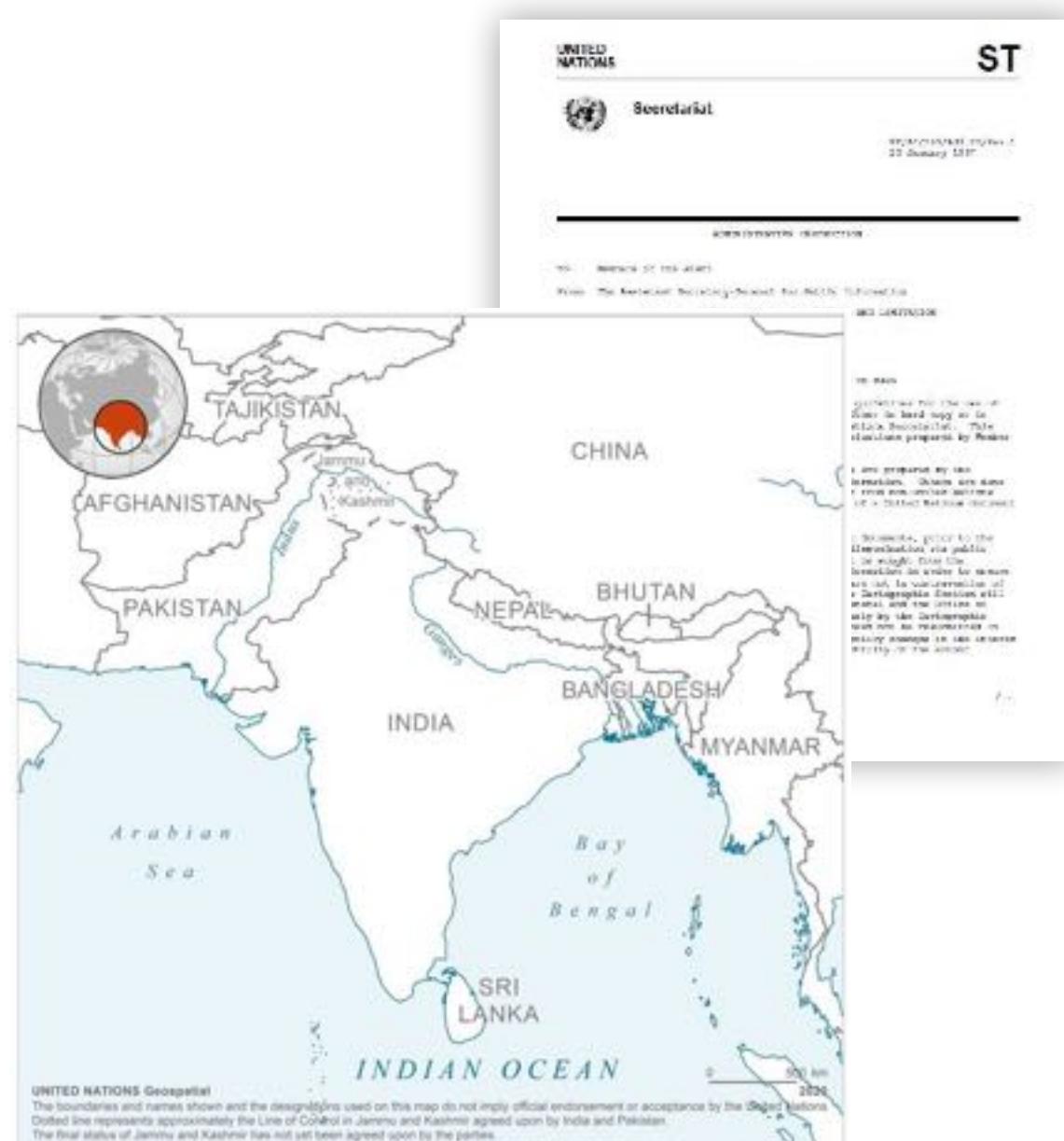
Publication

General public (policies)

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"In view of the sensitive nature of cartographic documents, prior to the issuance of any map at any duty station, including dissemination via [...] Internet, clearance must be sought [...] to ensure that maps meet publication standards and that they are not in contravention of existing United Nations policies.."



2

Statistical - SDG indicators Geospatial - UN Geodata



<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/>

Data Series (selected 0 of 531) Geographic Areas Years 0 observations

Select from all series
 Search and select indicators (1)

All

GOAL 1 End poverty in all its forms everywhere
 TARGET 1.1 By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than
 INDICATOR 1.1.1 Proportion of the population living below the international poverty line by sex, age, employment stat
 Employed population below international poverty line, by sex and age (%) SI_POV_EMP1
 Proportion of population below international poverty line (%) SI_POV_DAY1
 TARGET 1.2 By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its

SDG indicator data

Goal	Target	Indicator	SeriesCode	SeriesDescription	GeoArea	GeoAreaName	Nature	Reporting Type	Units	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
1	1.1	1.1.1	SI_POV_DAY1	Proportion of population	2	Africa	G	G	PERCENT		47		43		41		39		38		
1	1.1	1.1.1	SI_POV_DAY1	Proportion of population	8	Albania	G	G	PERCENT		2		1		0						
1	1.1	1.1.1	SI_POV_DAY1	Proportion of population	12	Algeria	G	G	PERCENT												1
1	1.1	1.1.1	SI_POV_DAY1	Proportion of population	19	Americas	G	G	PERCENT		8		7		5		4		4		4
1	1.1	1.1.1	SI_POV_DAY1	Proportion of population	24	Angola	G	G	PERCENT	32											30
1	1.1	1.1.1	SI_POV_DAY1	Proportion of population	32	Argentina	G	G	PERCENT	6	9	14	7	5	4	3	3	3	2	1	
1	1.1	1.1.1	SI_POV_DAY1	Proportion of population	51	Armenia	G	G	PERCENT	19	15	11	8	5	3	3	1	2	2	2	
1	1.1	1.1.1	SI_POV_DAY1	Proportion of population	142	Asia	G	G	PERCENT		30			23				19		15	12
1	1.1	1.1.1	SI_POV_DAY1	Proportion of population	36	Australia	G	G	PERCENT	1		1	1					0		0	
1	1.1	1.1.1	SI_POV_DAY1	Proportion of population	53	Australia and New Zealand	G	G	PERCENT		1			1				0		0	0
1	1.1	1.1.1	SI_POV_DAY1	Proportion of population	40	Austria	G	G	PERCENT	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0

2

Statistical - SDG indicators
Geospatial - UN Geodata

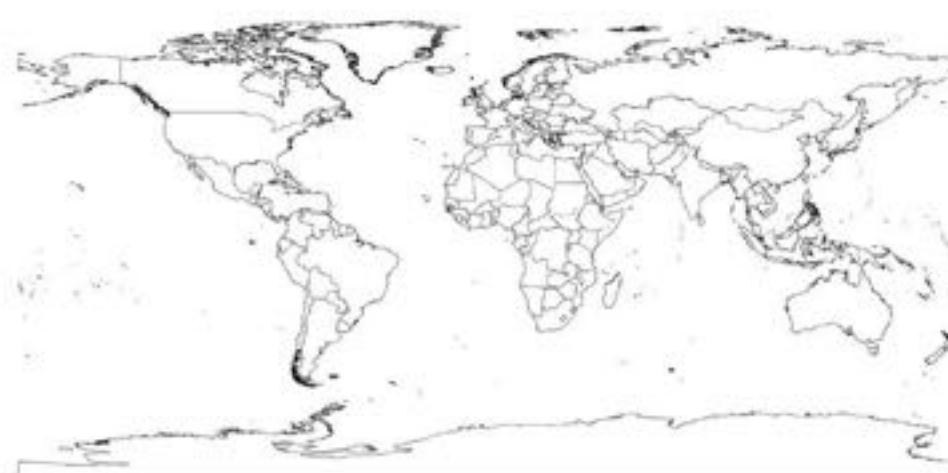
Global geodata: general country-based data



Geographic objects
249 rows

Estimated scale
N/A

Projection Robinson
World Geodetic System 1984



Geographic objects
270 rows

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World Geodetic System 1984

3

Enumeration areas



Countries



SDG groupings



Sub-regions



Intermediary regions



4

Transform & Analyze

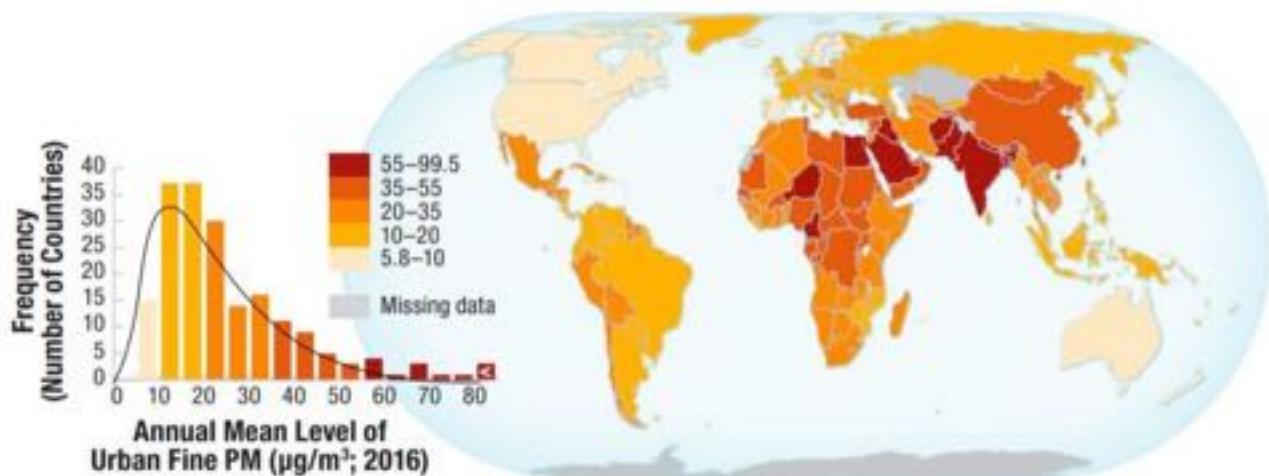


Figure 1.9-1: Data distributions and classification. **Left:** The histogram depicts the left-skewed attribute distribution for Indicator 11.6.2 (2016) on the annual mean levels of urban fine particulate matter. **Right:** The resulting arithmetic scheme increases distances between class breaks in a regular progression, here expanding each class width by 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to provide more detail for features in the clustered side of the distribution rather than emphasizing outliers.

Statistical distribution analysis and classification

Geographic transformation

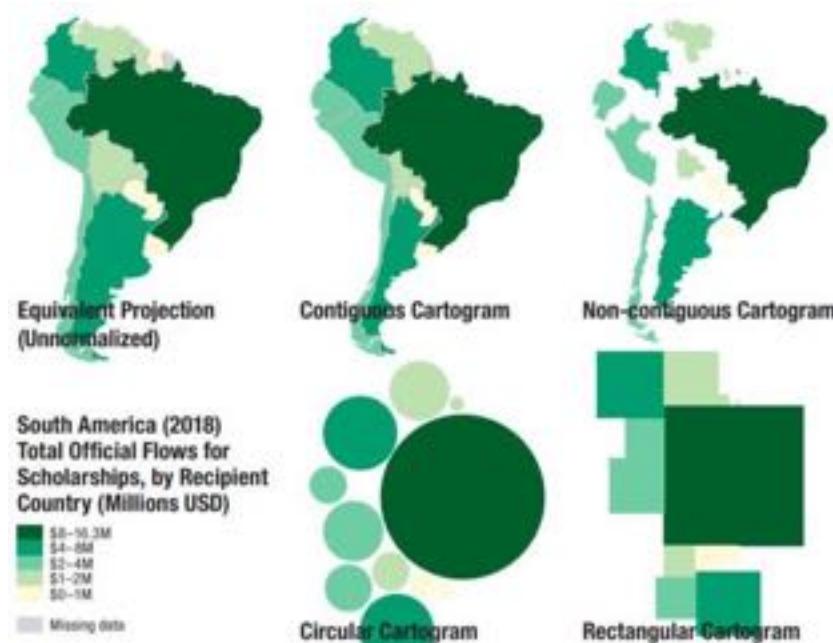


Figure 3-8-2: Types of cartograms. Indicator 4.b.1 (2018) on the total official flows for scholarships, by recipient country (Millions USD) is mapped for South American countries as a choropleth atop four different population-based cartograms. **Top-centre:** Contiguous. **Top-right:** Non-contiguous. **Bottom-left:** Circular. **Bottom-right:** Rectangular.

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Execute map design

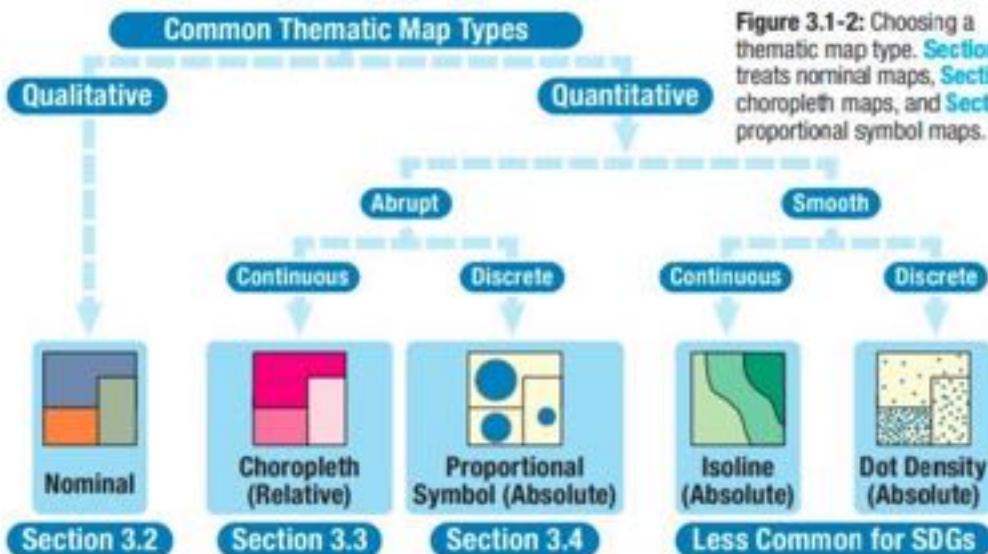


Figure 3.1-2: Choosing a thematic map type. [Section 3.2](#) treats nominal maps, [Section 3.3](#) choropleth maps, and [Section 3.4](#) proportional symbol maps.

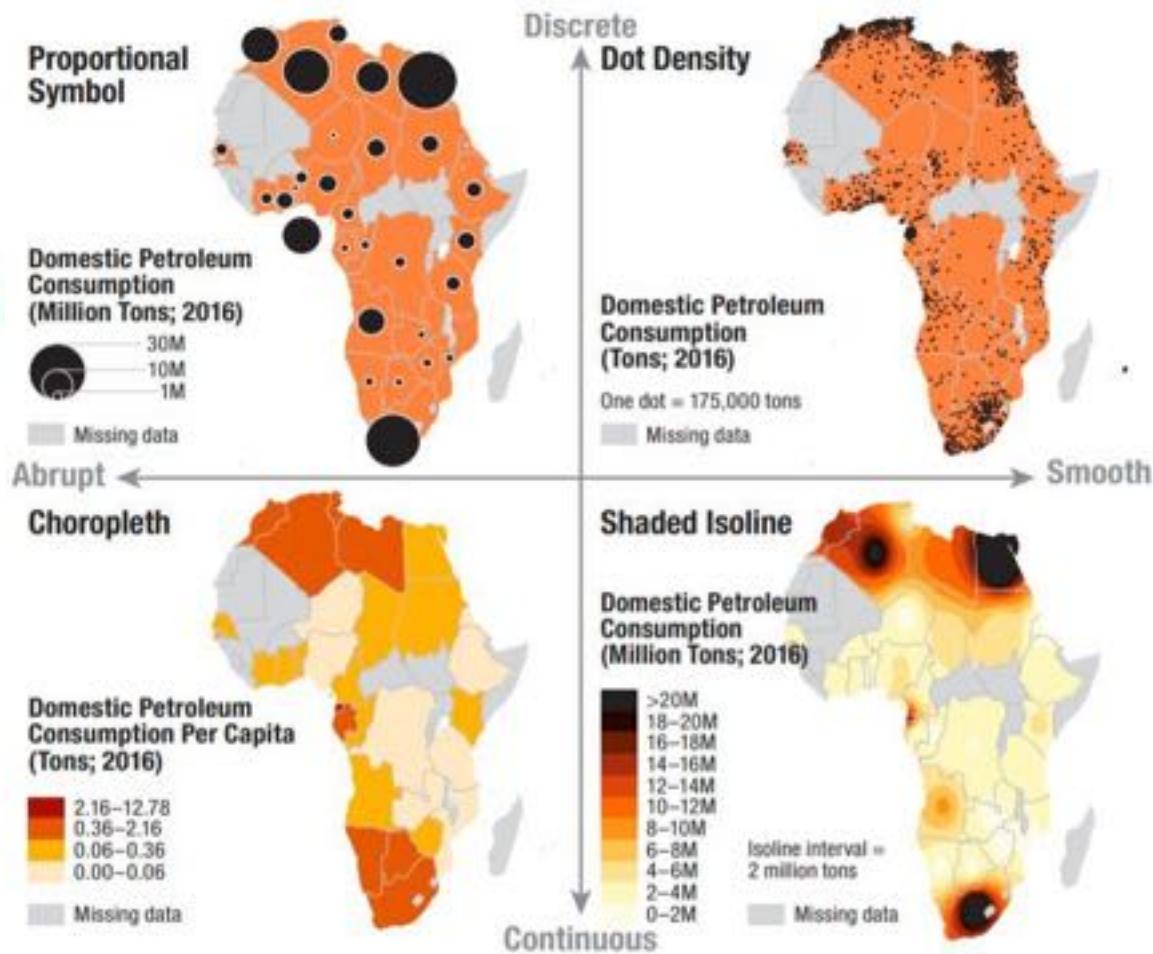
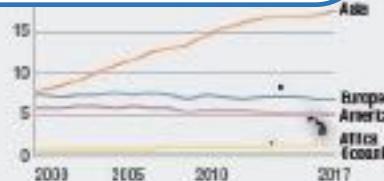


Figure 3.1-1: Thematic map types. The four maps depict Indicator 12.2.2 (2016) on domestic petroleum consumption. **Top-left:** Proportional Symbol. **Top-right:** Dot density. **Bottom-left:** Choropleth. **Bottom-right:** Shaded isoline.

GOAL 9: BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION, & FOSTER INNOVATION

1

Mapping for the Goals
Publication
General public



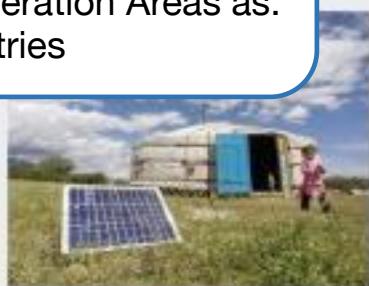
► The two largest national economies by GDP also emit the most CO₂ worldwide

Gross Domestic Product
Purchasing Power Parity
(Billions of USD; 2017)*
*Data source: IFC, estimates from the World Bank Group

Category	Value
U.S.	19,519B USD Economy
China	19,087B USD Economy
Germany	4,761B Tons of CO ₂
Japan	0,257B Tons of CO ₂
United Kingdom	0,1,000B

3

Enumeration Areas as:
Countries



4

Cartogram & Bivariate
Transform data to cartogram
Classification scheme
Review data distribution

A Mongolian family generates power from a solar panel in their traditional ger home in Mongolia. The solar panels are sponsored by the United Nations Development Fund to empower herder groups to use clean energy. (Source: UN Photo/Rikke Debebe, 2009)

2

Statistical - SDG indicators as:

CO₂ emissions (millions of tons)

Gross Domestic Product purchasing power (billions USD)

Geospatial - UN Geodata

SDG Target 9.4



5

Symbol and Color value
Scale and extent
Annotation and graphics

The map depicts Indicator 9.4.1 (2017) on CO₂ emissions as a contiguous cartogram. The indicator is a choropleth map of CO₂ emissions as an absolute attribute. The variables: countries are scaled by total CO₂ emission (size) and then then shaded by gross domestic product purchasing power parity (colour value).

Cartogram visually compares GDP by CO₂ emissions, showing a dramatic difference between the Global South and North. As temperatures rise an estimated 1.5°C by 2050, it is clear that the Global North has a disproportionate share of CO₂ emissions through sustainable infrastructure.



6

Review

GOAL 1: END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

1

Mapping for the Goals

Publication
General public



► Most people that earn less than 1.90 USD per day live in Sub-Saharan Africa

3

Enumeration Areas

as:

Sub- & intermediary regions



2

Statistical - SDG indicators as:

Proportion of pop. living below poverty line (most current values)

Geospatial - UN Geodata



5

Symbol and Color value
Scale and extent
Annotation and graphics

► The map depicts Indicator 1.1.1 (most current value) as a choropleth map. The map shows the proportion of population living below the international poverty line (1.90 USD per day) as a choropleth map. The map is at the global level, global set of regions. The map is used for obtaining greater homogeneity in SDG groupings are derived from the M40+ classification of regions and sub-regions.

Indicator 1.1.1 is a ratio level, relative value (a proportion) and, thus, is normalized for choropleth mapping to avoid artifacts from the modifiable areal unit problem. The choropleth map uses a classification for the left-skewed attribute values and a non-linear color scheme for an apparent increase in the color value.



6

Review

Planning

2.2 Project Planning &

the Cartographic Design



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Every cartographer has a plan until they actually look inside their dataset.

(Apologies to Mike Tyson, who's real quote is, "Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the mouth. ")

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Map Design

Format Datasets

4. Transform & Analyze Data for Insights

Figure 2.2-2 (Opposite side): A checklist for mapping SDG indicators. Adapt and reuse this project plan for specific mapping needs.

6. Evaluate & Edit the Map Design

- Compare the draft map design to your initial project plan and map goals.
- Complete a self-edit to identify misspelled place names, missing symbols, misaligned linework, etc.
- Invite relevant stakeholders and target audiences to provide input and feedback on the draft map design.
- Revise the map design based on internal and external feedback.

Which map type? Dasymetric map



Figure 3.5-1: Original choropleth map. Indicator 2.1.1 (2017) on the number of undernourished people per km² is mapped for four countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

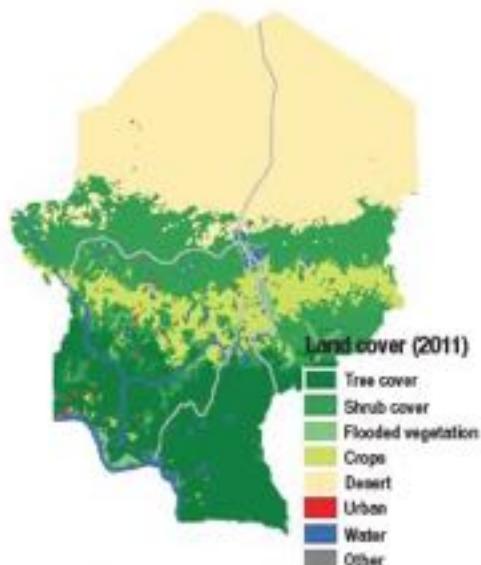


Figure 3.5-2: Exclusionary data. Classified land cover (2011) processed from satellite imagery is used to identify areas where people do not live: desert and water.



Figure 3.5-3: Vector math. Vector math is applied to remove the desert and water classes from the enumeration unit. Large areas in the north are removed due to the location of the Sahara Desert as well as smaller water bodies such as Lake Chad and the Niger River.

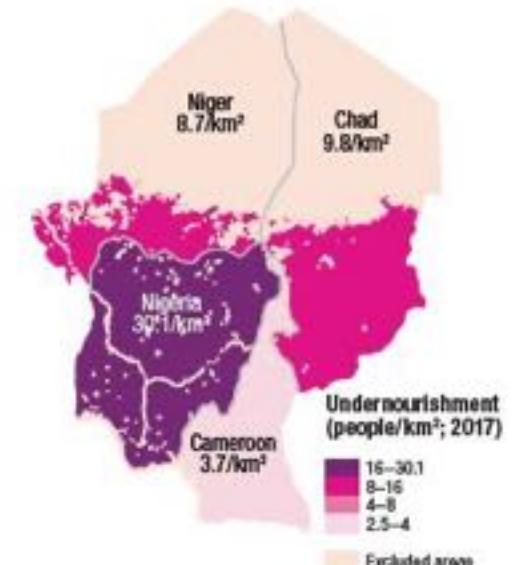


Figure 3.5-4: Resulting dasymetric map. Indicator 2.1.1 (2017) on the number of undernourished people per km² is remapped with a new area denominator. As a result, Niger and Chad have a much greater density, pushing them into higher choropleth classes.

The next steps

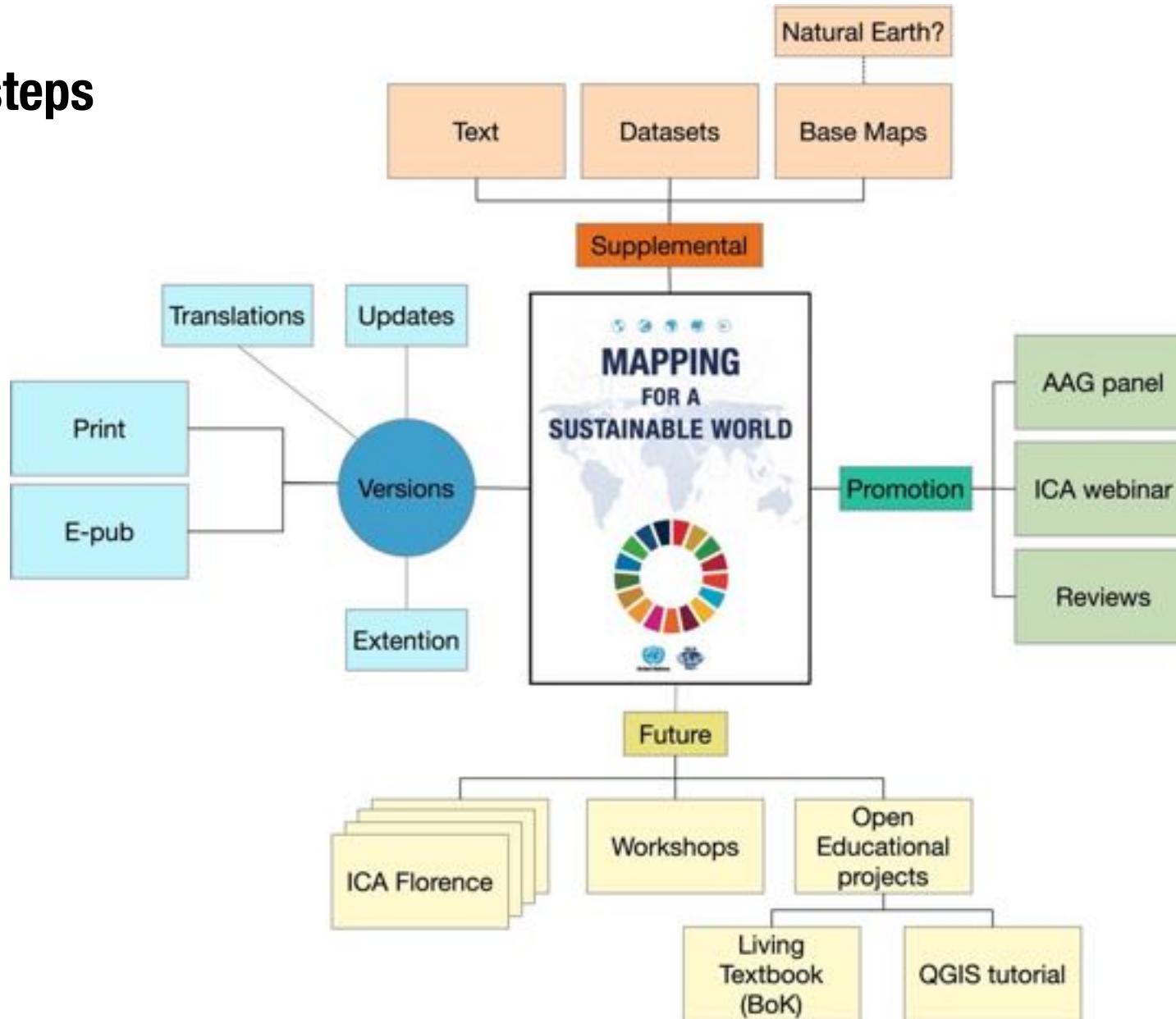


Figure Data & Design Archive

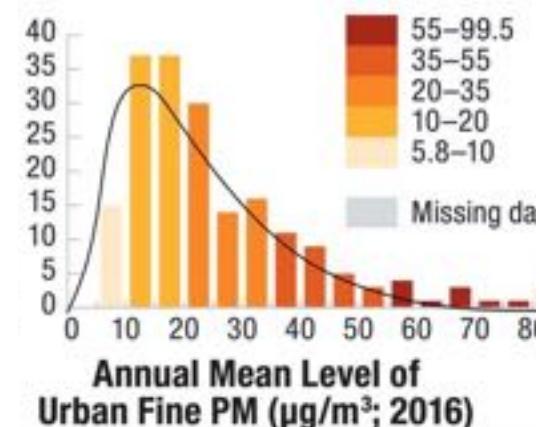
This repo archives UW Cart Lab data and design materials for the book as part of the open educational resource. Data were downloaded from the [United Nations SDG Indicators Database](#), which is continuously updated and maintained. Archived datasets reflect the version used for figures in *Mapping for a Sustainable World* to enable their exact replication from the book.

The UW Cart Lab also provides the [Mapping for a Sustainable World: QGIS Technical Supplement](#) to walkthrough how to recreate these figures using the QGIS open source mapping software. All archived materials, including the QGIS Supplement and contents of the Mapping for a Sustainable World cartography book, are available for classroom or workshop use following a CC BY-NC license.

[Summary of All Archived Datasets \(Excel download\)](#)

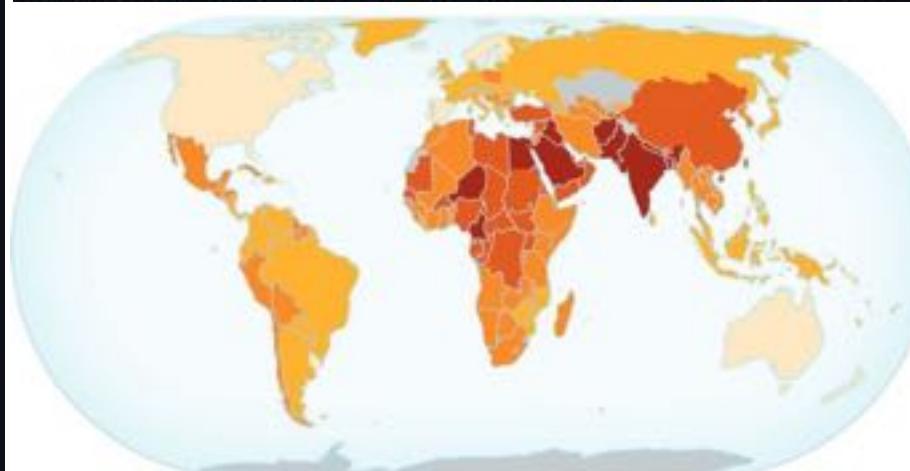
Section 1: SDGs & Geospatial Data

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Annual Mean Level of Urban Fine PM ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$; 2016)

11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	391	Panama
11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	398	Papua New Guinea
11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	400	Paraguay
11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	408	Philippines
11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	416	Poland
11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	418	Rwanda
11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	424	Angola
11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	424	Azerbaijan
11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	424	Nicaragua
11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	426	Australia
11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	431	Bahamas
11	71.6	118.2	UN_ATM_PM25	Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter in cities, urban population (micrograms per cubic meter)	434	Armenia



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About

These tutorials pair with the open-source book *Mapping for a Sustainable World*, which explores cartography through the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The tutorials were developed as a collaboration between the United Nations and the University of Wisconsin Cartography Lab supporting creation of the book, funded by a National Science Foundation CAREER Grant #1555267.

All tutorials demonstrate map design using the open access mapping concepts described in the book. The goal of these tutorials is to enhance the cartographic design thinking described in *Mapping for a Sustainable World* by providing hands-on map software training, putting concepts into practice.

Tutorial 2 – Proportional Symbol Map

- 2.1 - Overview and Setup
- 2.2 - Projecting Map and Adding Data
- 2.3 - Extracting European Countries and Centroids
- 2.4 - Setting Proportional Symbols
- 2.5 - Adjusting Style
- 2.6 - Creating the Legend
- 2.7 - Advanced Layout Styling

Tutorial 2.1: Overview and Setup

Summary

Tutorial 2.1 demonstrates how to make the proportional symbol map on page 66, which displays SDG Target 3.2: “By 2030, end preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age, with all countries aiming to reduce neonatal mortality to at least as low as 12 per 1,000 live births and under-5 mortality to at least as low as 25 per 1,000 live births” (Figure 2.1-1).

This is the second in a set of tutorials paired with *Mapping for a Sustainable World*. The first tutorial teaches you how to project a map and add data. This tutorial will teach you how to make a proportional symbol map. Completion of the previous tutorial is not required to complete the proportional symbol map tutorial. However, this tutorial is specific, step-by-step tutorial. The proportional symbol map tutorial is less specific and asks you to refer to the book for “how to”, rather than describing each step in absolute detail.

Proportional symbol map: a thematic map that uses the visual variable size to scale point symbols by their attribute values (Section 3.4)



4.4 Interaction Operators

An interaction operator describes generic interactive functionality that enables users to manipulate the map display (Figure 4.4-1). As with symbology and the visual variables (see Section 2.9), interaction operators form the basic building blocks of interactive maps. Every operator can be implemented using any interface style (see Section 4.3), so it often is more helpful to consider generic operators rather than their graphic user interfaces when planning an interactive map design.

Some operators change the map design itself, allowing the user to **reexpress** a thematic map type (see Figure 4.4-1).

Section 3.1) or diagram (see Section 3.16) using the same data; **resequence** through an ordered set of maps or with an animation (see Section 4.5); **overlap** layers atop the base map and underlay different basemaps, or **resymbolize** within a given thematic map type such as changing the classification (see Section 3.9) or colour scheme (see Section 3.10).

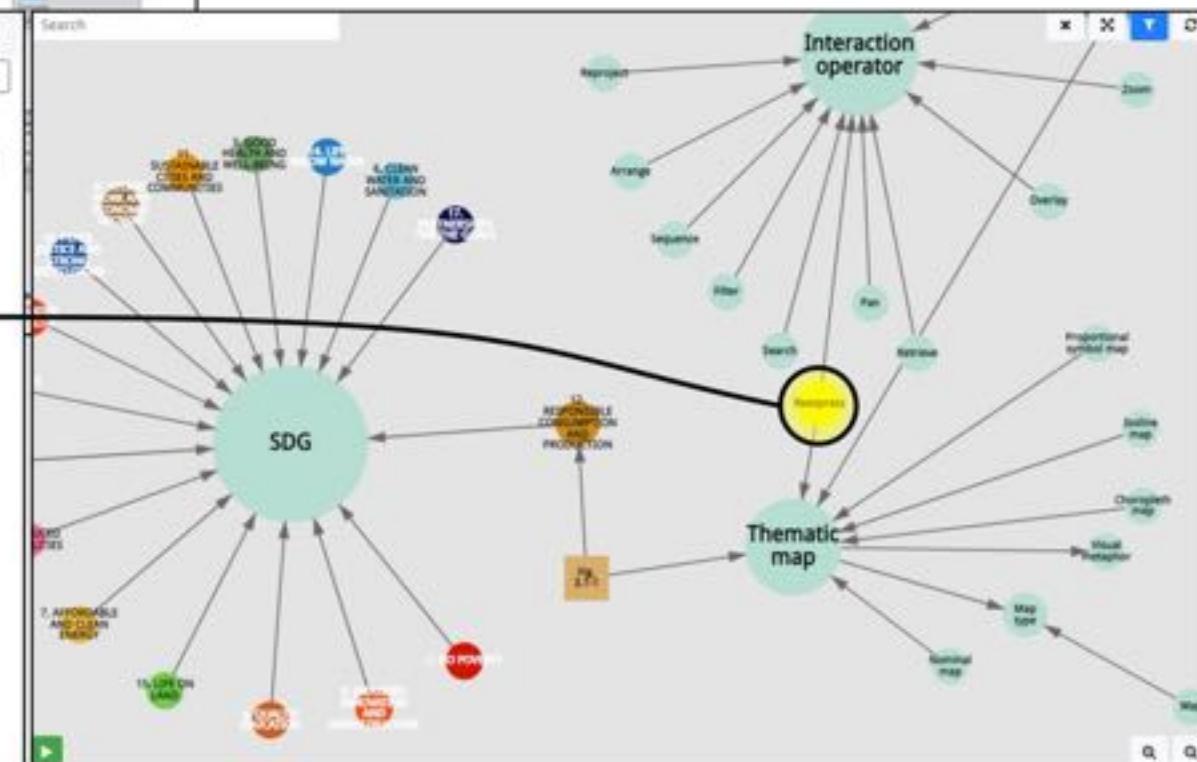
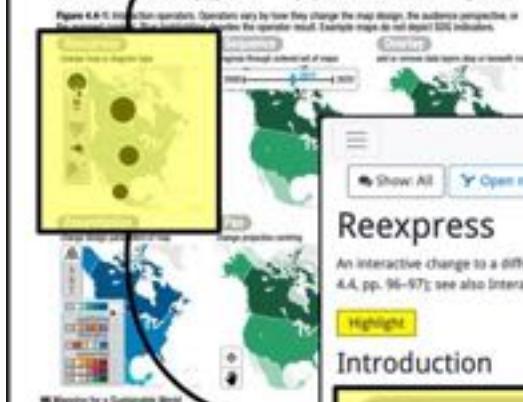
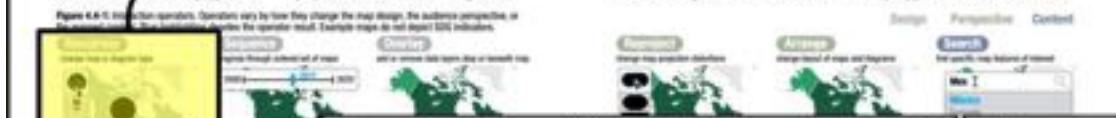
Other operators change the user's viewpoint to the map, allowing the user to pan away from the projection centring (see Section 2.9), zoom to a more local or global cartographic scale (see Section 2.6), **reproject** to change the map projection distortions (including rotate

from "north" as "up" for mobile maps; see Section 4.8), and **arrange** the layout of maps and diagrams (see Section 3.13). A final set of operators change the data content in the map, allowing the user to **search** for specific map features of interest, filter the depicted map features by given criteria, retrieve additional details on-demand for specific map features, or calculate new information from the map.

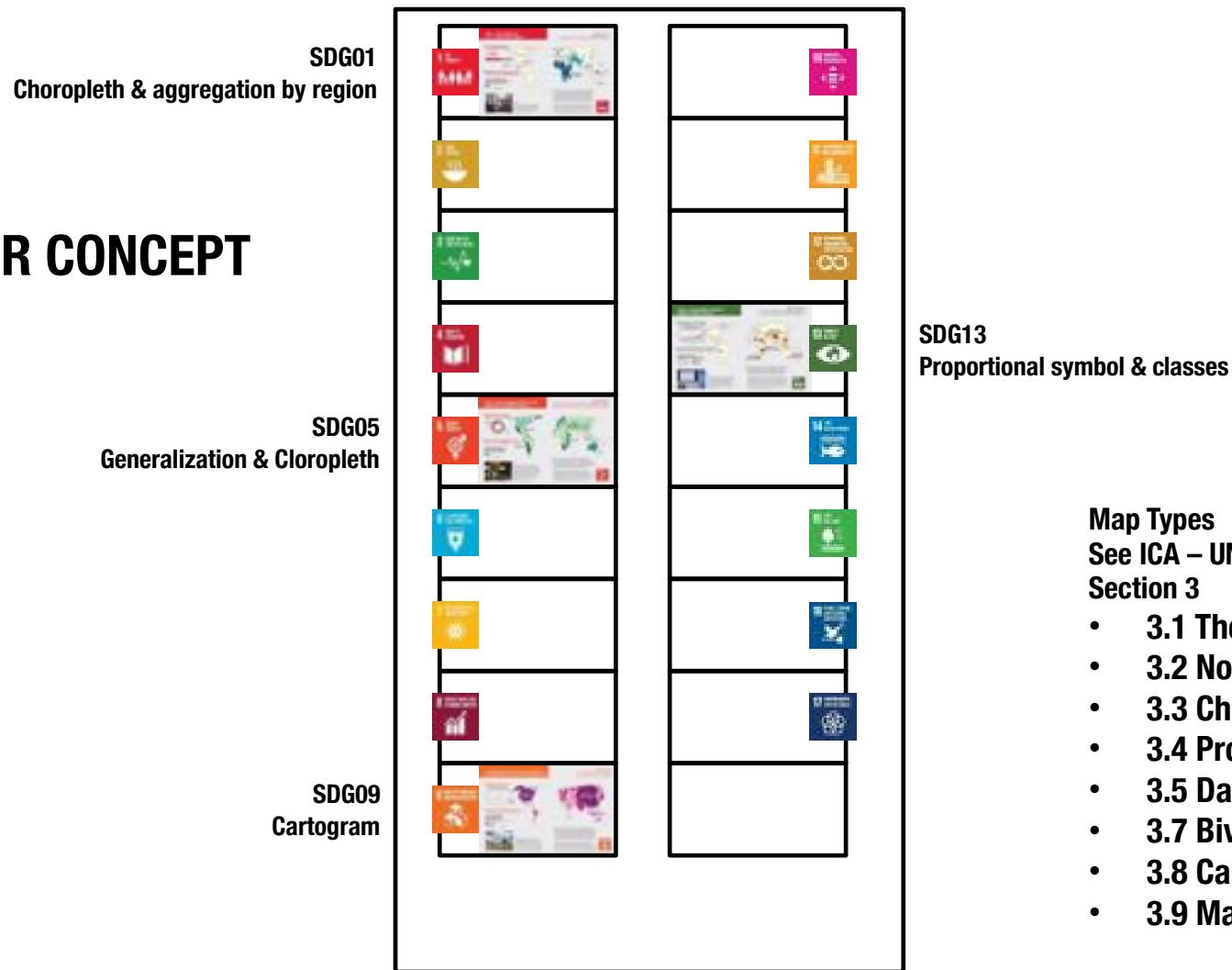
As shown in Figure 4.4-2, the number of implemented operators depends on the audience and their goals. Maps for exploration may contain many or all of the interaction operators. Exploratory interactive maps coordinate interactions

across multiple views, with particular emphasis on the **zoom**, **pan**, **filter**, and **retrieve** operations (see Section 4.10). For presentation, constrain interaction and provide a form fill-in search box to locate previously known map features of interest. General audiences also now expect pan, zoom, and retrieve by convention for web maps.

Most maps of the indicators do not require complex interactivity, and indeed many interaction operators may lead to misleading maps when implemented without intention. Only implement a given interaction operator when it clearly supports an identified user need.



POSTER CONCEPT



Map Types

See ICA – UN co-publication
Section 3

- 3.1 Thematic maps
- 3.2 Nominal maps
- 3.3 Choropleth
- 3.4 Proportional symbol
- 3.5 Dasymetric
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- 3.9 Maps & Time

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