

Dear Dr. Taylor,

As you are going to participate in the SCAR meeting, I would like to inform you about the status of preparation of the Global Map of Antarctica, just for your information.

The ISCGM secretariat received source data of Antarctica from SCAR WG-GGI in April, 2000. We have converted the data according to Global Map Specifications 1.1 into VPF. This vector data was checked by Mr. Paul Cooper at British Antarctic Survey and he gave us several comments on the draft Global Map data of Antarctica. We think we could come to agreement with Mr. Cooper for the distribution of the Global Map data although there remain issues of specifications for Antarctic map data to be solved in the long run.

Besides the vector data, we are still at work about raster data, especially elevation data, regarding map projection transformation.

We anticipate the data will become available in not so far future.

These are the outline of the preparation of Antarctic Global Map.

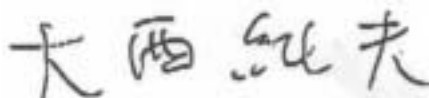
Yours sincerely,

Hiroshi Masaharu  
Secretariat of ISCGM

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We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,



Sumio Onishi  
Secretariat