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Preface

This document is based upon the AS/NZS ISO 19131:2008 Geographic information - Data product specifications standard\(^1\). The document provides a framework for the completion of a Data Product Specification (DPS) for geographic data product produced as part of the Geofabric project.

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1 Overview

1.1 Data product specification title
Geofabric Surface Cartography

1.2 Reference date
2012-08

1.3 Responsible party
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1.4 Data product specification language
English

1.5 Terms and definitions
Please refer to the Glossary on the Geofabric website.

1.6 Abbreviations and acronyms
AHGF       Australian Hydrological Geospatial Fabric
ANU        Australian National University
ANUDEM     Australian National University Digital Elevation Model
ANZLIC     Australian and New Zealand Land Information Council
Bureau     Bureau of Meteorology
DEM        Digital Elevation Model
DEM-9S     GEODATA 9 Digital Elevation Model
DPS        Data Product Specification
ESRI       Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc.
1.7 Informal description of data product

Geofabric Surface Cartography is largely based on feature classes extracted from AusHydro Version 1.7.2 as supplied by Geoscience Australia (GA). The GA supplied data products were integrated into the Geofabric Maintenance Geodatabase using a series of scripted procedures that created additional features and unique IDs – HydroIDs – that are created during the data post-processing load procedures carried out by the Bureau. The data product is delivered as a series of related feature classes as an ESRI File Geodatabase.

This product is intended for cartographic map production at a variety of scales. Specifically, the product is intended for production of maps to present hydrological features within a defined area that are used in hydrological modelling and analysis.

Phenomena represented in the product were captured at a variety of spatial scales ranging from 1:250,000 to 1:50,000. They should only be relied upon at the lowest common scale (1:250,000). The product is intended for map production at scales smaller than or equal to 1:250,000.

The data product extent is Geographic Australia (as defined by Acts Interpretation Act 1901).
2 Specification scope

2.1 Scope identification
   Global

2.2 Level
   Dataset

2.3 Level name
   Global scope

2.4 Level description
   This is the default root level global scope used by this data product and relates to all data within the product.

2.5 Extent

   2.5.1 Description
   Data for this scope relates to Australia, excluding external territories - Geographic Australia (as defined by Acts Interpretation Act 1901).

   2.5.2 Geographic extent

   West bound longitude
   112.8 °

   East bound longitude
   154.1 °

   South bound latitude
   -44.0 °

   North bound latitude
   -8.9 °
2.5.3 Temporal extent

Start date
1992-01-01

End date
Now
3 Data product identification

3.1 Title
Geofabric Surface Cartography

3.2 Alternate title
Geofabric Surface Hydrology Cartography 1:250,000 scale 2012

3.3 Product ID
ANZCW0503900103

3.4 Abstract
Geofabric Surface Cartography provides a set of related feature classes to be used as the basis for the production of consistent hydrological cartographic maps. This product contains a geometric representation of the (major) surface water features of Australia (excluding external Territories). Primarily, these are natural surface hydrology features, but the product also contains some artificial features (notably reservoirs, canals and other hydrographic features).

The product is fully topologically correct which means that all the stream segments flow in the correct direction.

This product contains fifteen feature types including: Waterbody, Mapped Stream, Mapped Node, Mapped Connectivity (Upstream), Mapped Connectivity (Downstream), Sea, Estuary, Dam, Structure, Canal Line, Water Pipeline, Terrain Break Line, Hydro Point, Hydro Line and Hydro Area.

3.5 Purpose
This product contains a geometric representation of the (major) surface water features of geographic Australia excluding external territories. It is intended to be used as the basis for the production of consistent hydrological cartographic map products, as well as the visualisation of surface hydrology within a GIS to support the selection of features for inclusion in cartographic map production.

This product can also be used for stream tracing operations both upstream and downstream however, as this is a mapped representation, streams may be represented as interrupted or intermittent features. In contrast, the Geofabric Surface Network product represents the same stream as a continuous connected feature, that is, the path that stream would take (according to the terrain model), if sufficient water were available for flow. Therefore, for stream tracing operations where full stream connectivity is required, Geofabric Surface Network should be used.
3.5.1 Use case
Cartographic map production, surface hydrologic analyses, visualisation and stream tracing operations.

3.6 Topic category
007 - environment
012 – inland water
013 - location
017 - structure

3.7 Spatial representation
vector

3.8 Spatial resolution

3.8.1 Spatial denominator
250,000

3.8.2 Resolution distance
250 metres

3.9 Geographic bounding box

3.9.1 West bound longitude
112.8 °

3.9.2 East bound longitude
154.1 °

3.9.3 South bound latitude
-44 °

3.9.4 North bound latitude
-8.9 °
3.10 Geographic identifier

3.10.1 Identifier authority
ANZLIC – the Spatial Information Council

3.10.2 Identifier code
AUS

3.10.3 Code space (register URL)
ANZLIC Australia

3.11 Reference to specification scope
Global
4  Data content and structure

4.1  Description

The product consists of the following components which combine to give a complete data product:

Vector data

The data is available as an ESRI File Geodatabase: Geofabric Surface Cartography. The ESRI File Geodatabase reflects the stored environment of the data in a spatial database engine (SDE) export format. In its native File Geodatabase format, Geofabric Surface Cartography consists of a single feature dataset/theme – SH_Cartography – containing 15 feature classes. The geodatabase structure provides greater efficiencies in the management and revision of source topographic data which are now reflected in a more sophisticated data product suitable for a range of hydrological applications.

Geofabric Product Guide

This Geofabric Product Guide describes Geofabric Surface Cartography, particularly the geodatabase format, with the aim of describing:

- important and common geospatial data characteristics
- geodatabase components and data concepts
- hierarchy of feature structure and attributes
- accuracy of the data.

Licence agreement Creative Commons

The licence agreement details the conditions of use for the data including any referencing requirements.
4.2 Feature information

4.2.1 Application schema


4.2.2 Feature catalogue

The following table lists the feature classes, their geometry and AHGF feature type number for Geofabric Surface Cartography.

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<th>SH_Cartography - Feature Class/TableName.Subtype(Type)</th>
<th>Feature Class Geometry</th>
<th>AHGF Feature Type Number</th>
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<td>AHGFMappedStream.MappedArtificialSegment</td>
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<td>AHGFMappedStream.MappedWaterAreaSegment</td>
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### Highlighted text indicates a Bureau created feature.

### 4.3 Reference to specification scope

Global
5 Reference systems

5.1 Spatial reference system

5.1.1 Name
GDA94

5.1.2 Code
4283

5.1.3 Code space
EPSG_v65

5.2 Temporal reference system
Gregorian calendar

5.3 Vertical reference system
Not applicable

5.4 Reference system scope
Global
6 Data quality

6.1 Data quality scope

6.1.1 Scope code
Dataset

6.1.2 Extent
Australia (excluding external Territories)

6.1.3 Scope description
The data quality metadata relates to the entire dataset comprising this data product.

6.2 Data quality lineage

6.2.1 Lineage statement

Data sources
The source data input for Geofabric Surface Cartography is the AusHydro V1.7.2 (AusHydro) surface hydrology dataset. The AusHydro database provides a seamless surface hydrology layer for Australia at a nominal scale of 1:250,000. It consists of lines, points and polygons representing natural and artificial features such as watercourses, lakes, dams and other water bodies. The natural watercourse layer consists of a linear network with a consistent topology of links and nodes that provide directional flow paths through the network for hydrological analysis.

This network was used to produce the GEODATA 9 Second Digital Elevation Model (DEM-9S) Version 3 of Australia (www.ga.gov.au/products/servlet/controller?event=GEOCAT_DETAILS&catno=66006).

Geofabric Surface Cartography is an amalgamation of two primary datasets. The first is the hydrographic component of the GEODATA TOPO 250K Series 3 (GEODATA 3) product released by GA in 2006. The GEODATA 3 dataset contains the following hydrographic features: canal lines, locks, rapid lines, spillways, waterfall points, bores, canal areas, flats, lakes, pondage areas, rapid areas, reservoirs, springs, watercourse areas, waterholes, water points, marine hazard areas, marine hazard points and foreshore flats.

It also provides information on naming, hierarchy and perenniality. The dataset contains cultural and transport features that may intersect with hydrographic features. These include: railway tunnels, rail crossings, railway bridges, road tunnels, road bridges, road crossings and water pipelines.

The second primary dataset is based on the GEODATA TOPO-250K Series 1 (GEODATA 1) watercourse lines completed by GA in 1994, which was supplemented by additional line work captured by ANU during the production of the DEM-9S to improve the representation of surface water flow. This natural watercourse dataset consists of directional flow paths and provides a direct link to the flow paths derived from the DEM. There are approximately 700,000 more line segments in this version of the data.

AusHydro uses the natural watercourse geometry from ANU enhanced GEODATA 1 data, and the attributes (names, perenniality and hierarchy) associated with GEODATA 3 to produce a fully attributed dataset with topologically correct flow paths. The attributes from GEODATA 3 were attached using spatial queries to identify common features between the two datasets. Additional semi-automated and manual editing was undertaken to ensure consistent attribution along the entire network.

AusHydro dataset includes a unique identifier for each line, point and polygon. AusHydro-ID will be used to maintain the dataset and to incorporate higher resolution datasets in the future. The AusHydro-ID will be linked to the ANUDEM streams through a common segment identifier and ultimately to a set of National Catchments Boundaries (NCB).

Processing steps:

1. AusHydro Surface Hydrology dataset is received and loaded into the Geofabric development GIS environment.
2. Feature classes from AusHydro are recomposed into composited Geofabric hydrography dataset feature classes in the Geofabric Maintenance Geodatabase.
3. Re-composited feature classes in the Geofabric Maintenance Geodatabase Hydrography Dataset are assigned unique Hydro-IDs using ESRI ArcHydro for Surface Water (ArcHydro: 1.4.0.180 and ApFramework: 3.1.0.84).
4. Feature classes from the Geofabric Maintenance Geodatabase hydrography dataset are extracted and reassigned to the Geofabric Surface Cartography Feature Dataset within the Geofabric Surface Cartography Geodatabase.

A complete set of data mappings, from input source data to Geofabric Products, is included in the Geofabric Product Guide, Appendices, which is available at www.bom.gov.au/water/geofabric/documentation.shtml

6.3 Quality scope

Global
7 Data capture

7.1 Data capture statement

This is primarily a derived data product from AusHydro: however, specific features were created by the Bureau during the data-loading process. Refer to the AusHydro data lineage in the Geofabric Product Guide for information about data capture and processing of source data used to create this product.


The following features are created during the data-loading process into the Geofabric Maintenance Geodatabase:

• AHGFMappedNodes
• AHGFMappedSegment_FS
• AHGFEstuary
• AHGFMappedConnectivityUp
• AHGFMappedConnectivityDown.

7.2 Data capture scope

Global
8 Data maintenance

8.1 Maintenance and update frequency
Irregular

8.2 Other maintenance information
The product will be updated periodically, as deemed necessary, to reflect changed attribution and new data sources.

8.3 Maintenance scope
Global
9 Portrayal information

9.1 Portrayal information

Not applicable.

9.2 Portrayal scope

Global
10 Data Product Delivery

10.1 Delivery format

10.1.1 Format name
ESRI ArcGIS File Geodatabase

10.1.2 Format version
ArcGIS v9.3

10.1.3 Language used within the dataset
English

10.1.4 Character set coding
Utf8

10.2 Delivery medium

10.2.1 Units of delivery
National dataset

10.2.2 Estimated size of a unit in the specified format
SH_Cartography.gdb = 1.2 GB

10.2.3 Medium name
onLine

10.2.4 Online delivery URL

10.3 Other delivery information
Also supplied as ESRI Shapefiles (requires written request to ahgf@bom.gov.au)

10.4 Delivery scope
Global
11 Additional information

11.1 Additional information

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Special features of the supplied data product or its component parts
Spatial data in the ESRI File Geodatabase, Geofabric Product Guide, and Geofabric Data Product Specifications

Limitation or constraints on product use
As per Creative Commons Australia Attribution licence.

Layer files or queries that operate on the data product
Geofabric Surface Cartography V2.1 - DataStructure.lyr
Geofabric Surface Cartography V2.1 – Mapping.lyr

Related data products
- Geofabric Surface Network
- Geofabric Surface Catchments
- Geofabric Groundwater Cartography
- Geofabric Hydrology Reporting Catchments
- Geofabric Hydrology Reporting Regions

11.2 Additional information scope
Global
12 Metadata

Metadata format requirements

Metadata compliant with ANZLIC Metadata Profile Version 1.1 of AS/NZS ISO 19115 was produced for this data product. The metadata profile is available at dataset level. Feature level metadata is provided within the ArcGIS ArcCatalog’s FGDC Stylesheet for all feature types included within this product and describes the lineage of features.

Metadata encoding requirements

ArcGIS FGDC and ANZLIC compliant feature Metadata.

References to Metadata for data product and component parts

An ISO 19115 compliant XML file of the Geofabric Surface Cartography metadata statement accompanies the Product (SH_Cartography.xml), and is viewable using either the ArcGIS ISO 19139 ArcCatalog metadata style sheet or the ANZMet Lite version 1.0.1 metadata creation tool available from http://www.spatial.gov.au
Through the *Water Act 2007*, the Australian Government has given the Bureau of Meteorology responsibility for compiling and delivering comprehensive water information across Australia.

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