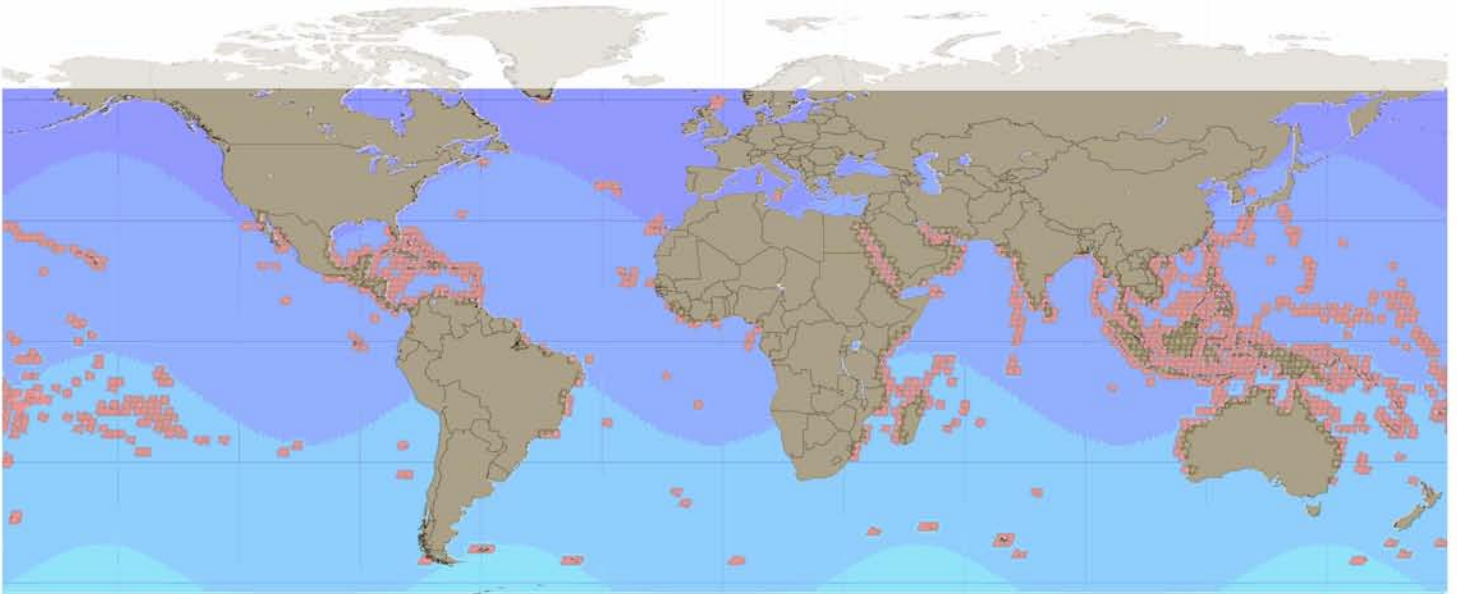


Landsat 7 Worldwide Inventory of Coral Reefs Completed



Location of collected Landsat 7 scenes

2003

For the first time, Landsat 7, a medium-resolution Earth-observing satellite has acquired exhaustive cloud-free coverage of the planet's coral reefs.

2004

The University of South Florida's Institute for Marine Remote Sensing has used these data to create the first coral reef baseline map. This map, dubbed the Millennium Coral Reef Map, will allow researchers to characterize and estimate the extent of shallow water coral reef ecosystems, thereby serving as a baseline for monitoring future ecosystem change.

The Landsat 7 data needed for this project were collected between 1999 and 2002.

For further information, visit:
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Coral reefs between the large islands of Samoa.
Landsat 7 image collected July 1999. ETM+ bands 3,2,1.