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Subject: Re: country outlines

Posted by [oxfordenergyservices](#) on Fri, 06 Mar 2009 15:24:35 GMT

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On 6 Mar, 14:48, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> oxfordenergyservi...@gmail.com writes:

>> I have been using MAP\_CONTINENTS but I am not really pleased with the  
>> results. I am trying to overlay a map of the UK onto an array which  
>> represents geographic data corresponding to the area of the map.  
>> Does anyone know how I can get the longs/lats of the coastlines out  
>> of idl?

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> You might prefer to use the GSHHS Shoreline dataset.

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> [http://www.dfanning.com/map\\_tips/gshhs.html](http://www.dfanning.com/map_tips/gshhs.html)

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> Cheers,

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> David

Thanks david, I'll have a look at that, although my problem is not the  
poor resolution but matching it to the window ie

```
window,1,xsize=14*50,ysize=20*50
```

```
MAP_SET, /cylindrical, 0, 0, 0, noborder=1,/ISOTROPIC, $  
/HORIZON, /GRID, COLOR=black ,limit=[44,-10,64,4]
```

```
MAP_CONTINENTS
```

gives the map and the long and lat lines, but they don't go to the  
edge of the window. i want to bytscl an array which is fltarr  
(14\*50,20\*50) and plot the border over the top?

Russ

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