
Subject: map_continents and /fill... revisited

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I realize this has been tossed around for at least 15 years on this list, but I'm wondering if any progress has been made or if anyone has a workaround. There are numerous instances where the maps that ship with IDL are quite inadequate... for example, if you try to fill the land with a color, you'll get most areas correct, but some bigger obvious places like Long Island, Trinidad, Grand Bahama Island, Kyushu, and the like are missed by the fill, and for routines that use such a technique to create a land/sea mask, this is definitely not good.

Other improvements on this topic would be updating political boundaries, including state-drawing options for at least Mexico and Canada, and allowing something like a map_ocean,/fill,color=blue.

Cheers,
Brian
