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Subject: Re: MAP\_CONTINENTS,/HIRES does not match  
MAP\_CONTINENTS,/HIRES,/USA

Posted by [Andy Sayer](#) on Thu, 25 Apr 2013 14:40:57 GMT

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Thanks for the tip, David. I have some mapping routines built around the default IDL routines. It's time I went through and rewrote a more capable routine, though, and should probably use this as a base in it. It's just getting around to taking the plunge...

Andy

On Thursday, April 25, 2013 9:35:14 AM UTC-4, David Fanning wrote:

> AMS writes:

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>> Ed, I've noticed this too, but had assumed I was Doing Something Wrong. So it's reassuring (was going to say 'good', but that's not quite right) that it's not confined to me. In case it helps, I am using IDL 7.1.1 on CentOS.

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>> As another thing which would be nice to change: the Black Sea isn't drawn unless you use /HIRES, and it is a pretty substantial body of water. The Caspian Sea, Aral Sea, and US Great Lakes aren't drawn unless you use /COAST. It would be nice, IMO, to have these all drawn as part of the default map.

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> Just a reminder that cgMap\_GSHHS can be used with map projections set up

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> with either MAP\_SET (cgMap\_Set) or MAP\_PROJ\_INIT (cgMap) and with any

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> version of GSHHS from 1.3 though 2.2 (with simple uncommenting of header

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> code). The GSHHS data is often better (MUCH better, in some cases) than

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> the MAP\_CONTINENTS data and comes in five different resolutions.

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

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> If islands are your thing, you are going to love the GSHHS data. :-)

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> Cheers,  
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> David  
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> P.S. The GSHHS data is used in IDL 8.x function graphics mapping  
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> routines (not sure which IDL version or if all versions), but only in  
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> the high resolution variety. This makes it a little slow to render and  
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> is often complete overkill for what you are trying to do.  
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> David Fanning, Ph.D.  
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>  
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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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