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Subject: Re: TIFF Read/Write Bug?

Posted by [Heinz Stege](#) on Fri, 10 May 2013 23:04:38 GMT

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On Fri, 10 May 2013 14:29:16 -0700 (PDT), Phillip Bitzer wrote:

> I similar behavior David. Integer array in, integer array out .. unless the color vectors are included. Then it's byte out.

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Same here. !version={ x86 Win32 Windows Microsoft Windows 8.0.1 Oct 5  
2010 32 64}.

However, I wonder if it makes any sense to write integer arrays in TIFF files with color palettes. I don't know the TIFF standard. But the IDL manual for the Red, Green and Blue keywords says: "If you are writing a Palette color image, set these keywords equal to the color table vectors, scaled from 0 to 255."

My understanding is, that a TIFF file written by

```
Write_Tiff, outFilename, Reverse(image,2), GEOTIFF=geo, $  
    /SHORT, /SIGNED, RED=r, GREEN=g, BLUE=b
```

has to be read by

```
testImage = Read_Tiff(outfilename,r,g,b)
```

And the pixel color values can be calculated by

```
red=r[testImage]
```

```
green=g[testImage]
```

```
blue=b[testImage]
```

r, g and b have 256 elements maximum. So it does not make any sense for testImage to be integer instead of byte.

Cheers, Heinz

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