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Posted by [Paul Magdon](#) on Thu, 23 Dec 2010 20:53:55 GMT

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Subject: Re: How to extract pixel values from a GeoTIFF using an Esri Shapefile
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 03 Jan 2011 13:55:56 GMT
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Paul Magdon writes:

> did you received my mail with the test dataset? I don't want to
> stress you it's just that I am not sure if I used the right E-mail
> adress :)

Yes, sorry, I received it. Just pretty busy right now.
I'll get to it. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: How to extract pixel values from a GeoTIFF using an Esri Shapefile
Posted by [guillermo.castilla.ca](#) on Mon, 03 Jan 2011 22:46:24 GMT
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Hi Paul,

If what you want is a mask where the pixels within each polygon have
as DN its ID, there is a simpler way which doesn't require the
IDLanROI class:

```
;Import GeoTIFF and create mask array
img=READ_TIFF('some_multispectral.tif',GEOTIFF=geokeys,inter leave=2)
psz= mapinfo.ModelPixelSCALETAG[0] ; pixel size
x0= geokeys.ModelTiePointTag[3] - geokeys.ModelTiePointTag[0]*psz
y0= geokeys.ModelTiePointTag[4] + geokeys.ModelTiePointTag[1]*psz
; NB, x0 and y0 are respectively the easting and northing
; of the NW corner of the image
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mask= LONARR(s)

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If instead of the polygon ID you want to store in the mask the thematic class to which the polygon belongs, you just add `attr=iShp->IDLffShape::GetAttributes(i)` in the beginning of the loop, replace in the last line of the loop with `mask[featis]= attr.(j)` (where j is the position in the dbf table of the field that contains the polygon class).

Cheers

Guillermo

Subject: Re: How to extract pixel values from a GeoTIFF using an Esri Shapefile
 Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 04 Jan 2011 00:25:55 GMT
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Subject: Re: How to extract pixel values from a GeoTIFF using an Esri Shapefile
Posted by [Adam Erickson](#) on Wed, 19 Aug 2015 21:57:36 GMT
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On Monday, January 3, 2011 at 4:25:55 PM UTC-8, David Fanning wrote:

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Honestly, use QGIS for this. It's 64-bit, unlike ArcGIS, and its GDAL functions outperform everything else I've tried, aside from my own GDAL python code. Simply add the Zonal Statistics tool in Plugins -> Manage and Install Plugins... then select Zonal statistics under the Raster menu. The operation computes in one minute on very large mosaics with many polygons and writes the values to new fields in the shapefile attribute table - something I could not get ENVI to do.

ArcGIS ran for three days before crashing (one bad polygon is all it took), with the raster placed in a File Geodatabase to mitigate its 32-bit limitations. ENVI took a day to compute this, plus one hour simply to draw the polygons to screen, while outputting the data in what appears to be a useless format. Originally, I was doing this operation with IDL similar to the above methods, but my mosaic is much larger than my 96 GB of RAM. My web browser uses more RAM than QGIS, which draws to screen very quickly as well. I cannot recommend it enough for zonal statistics.

Cheers,

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Subject: Re: How to extract pixel values from a GeoTIFF using an Esri Shapefile
Posted by [ittai9](#) on Fri, 29 Apr 2016 13:36:31 GMT
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Hello,

Was it successful to convert shpfiles to ROIs of ENVI?

Is there a way to do it?

Best,

On Thursday, December 23, 2010 at 2:53:55 PM UTC-6, PMagdon wrote:

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