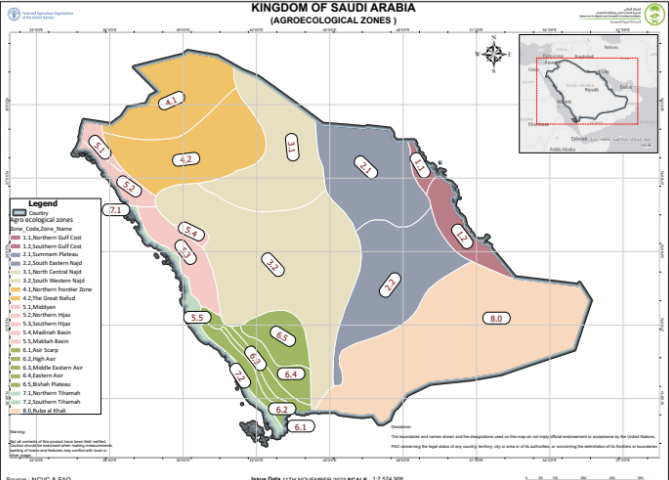


FAO KSA Geospatial Metadata–Agro Ecological Zones (AEZ) of Saudi Arabia

Part 1: Basic Metadata (Mandatory)

1.01 Thumbnail

Prepare small thumbnail that represents this dataset. Create and save thumbnail. Insert thumbnail in the space provided and indicate the file name.

Create and save thumbnail	Enter file name
	

1.02 – Title

Descriptive title for this data. Should provide sufficient information to external users.

Enter Data Title

Agro Ecological Zones (AEZ) of Saudi Arabia

1.03 – Abstract

Provide a short and concise abstract which summarizes what this data is about. Similar to the abstracted provided in a scientific paper.

Enter data abstract

This dataset offers comprehensive information on agroecological zones across Saudi Arabia, encompassing diverse landscapes beyond just forested areas. It includes high-resolution spatial data beneficial for agricultural planning, ecosystem monitoring, and sustainable resource management across various ecological zones. Curated by the FAO-KSA and NCVC, this dataset aids in informed decision-making by providing insights into ecological characteristics and land-use potential throughout the country. Researchers, policymakers, and land managers can utilize this resource for national studies and environmental assessments.

1.04 – Date type

Provide all three type of dates - Creation date, Publication date, and Revision date.

Identification of when a given event occurred

Creation	2025
Publication	2025
Revision	2025
relevant date	2025

1.05 – Group

The group, department or unit to which this data belongs.

Enter group name

FAO

1.06 – Category

Provide one primary category to which this data belong. Select from the list provided. Possible categories related to the SRADP project are highlighted in green color.

Field declared Mandatory by the Metadata Schema

Select one of the following : (highlighted by Yellow)

Imagery Base Maps Earth Cover

Society

Economy

Utilities Communication

Environment

Oceans

Biota

Health

Elevation

Geoscientific Information

Planning Cadastre

Inland Waters

Boundaries

Structure

Transportation

Intelligence Military

Location

Climatology Meteorology Atmosphere

Farming

Population

1.07 – Free-text Keywords

Keywords helps Search Engines such as Google find data requested by users. Use FAO AGRIS to select the most appropriate keywords for this data. To make the data discoverable, provide a minimum of 5 keywords.

A space or comma-separated list of keywords. Use the Widget to select from Hierarchical tree.

REQUIRED: Common-use word or phrase used to describe the subject of the data set. (Provide 5 keyword minimum)

Vegetation

Surface roughness

Saudi Arabia

Al-Baha

Remote sensing

SAR backscatter

Land cover

Topography

Environment

Geospatial analysis

FAO

NCVC

Forested landscapes

Rocky terrain

Change detection

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Part 2: Location and Licenses (Mandatory)

2.01 Language

Provide data language

Language used within the dataset

Enter data language

English

2.02 License

Provide the type of license under which this data is published and intended to be used.

License of the Dataset

Select one of the following License: (highlighted by Yellow)

NextView

Not Specified

Open Data Commons Open Database License / OSM

Public Domain

Public Domain / USG

Varied / Derived

Varied / Original

2.03 Attribution

Identify the entity or agency with authority and responsibility over this data.

Authority or function assigned, as to a ruler, legislative assembly, delegate, or the like.

***Field declared Mandatory by the Metadata Schema**

Enter attribution for this data

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2.04 Regions

Identify the region that the data covers. You can provide several regions.

Enter global or specific regions

Riyadh, Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Madinah Al-Munawwarah, Al-Qassim, Eastern Province, Asir, Tabuk, Hail, Northern Borders, Jazan, Najran, Al-Bahah, Al-Jawf.

2.05 Data quality statement

Statement on the data quality. This allows any known issue about the data quality to be documented and shared with data user so that they can use the data appropriately.

Provide data quality statement

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2.06 Restrictions

Indicate any know restriction on this data. You could consideration the following when assessing data restriction:

- (1) Exclusive right to the publication, production, or sale of the rights to a literary, musical, or artistic work, or to the use of a commercial print or label, granted by law for a specified period of time to an author, composer, artist, distribution*
- (2) Rights to financial benefit from and control of distribution of non-tangible property that is a result of creativity*
- (3) Formal permission to do something*
- (4) Government has granted exclusive right to make, sell, use or license an invention or discovery*
- (5) Produced or sold information awaiting a patent*
- (6) Withheld from general circulation or disclosure*
- (7) Name, symbol, or other device identifying a product, officially registered and legally restricted to the use of the owner or manufacturer*
- (8) Other restrictions*

Limitations Placed upon the access or use of the data

** Field declared Mandatory by the Metadata Schema*

Enter any know data use restriction information

(3) Formal permission to do something

This data can be used for presentation and View, if there is any kind of modification, coordination with the GIS Department in organization's office in Saudi Arabia is required.

2.07 Other constraints

Identify any other constrains on this data that would be important to document and share with the data users

Enter other constrains on this data

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Part 3: Other Data Description (Optional)

3.01 Edition

If the data is linked or resulting from work that has editions, indicate the edition for this dataset.

Version of the cited resource

Enter Edition

Version 1.0 (Field Validation Series, 2022)

3.02 DOI

The DOI (Digital Object Identifier) will be assigned by the Metadata Administrator.

DOI will be added by Admin before publication

Create and enter the data DOI

To be assigned before official publication

3.03 Purpose

The purpose for which this dataset and related studies were undertaken.

Provide data purpose

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3.04 Maintenance frequency

The frequency for data update.

Frequency with which modifications and deletions are made to the data after it is first produced

Select one of the following : (highlighted by Yellow)

Frequency of maintenance for the data is not known
Data is repeatedly and frequently updated
There are no plans to update the data
Data is updated each day
Data is updated every year
Data is updated as deemed necessary
Data is updated each month
Data is updated every two weeks
Data is updated in intervals that are uneven in duration
Data is updated on weekly basis
Data is updated twice each year
Data is updated every three months
3.05 Spatial representation type
How the spatial data is presented, Method used to represent geographic information in the dataset
Select one of the following : (highlighted by Yellow)
Grid data is used to represent geographic data
Three-dimensional view formed by the intersecting homologous rays of an overlapping pair of image
Textual or tabular data is used to represent the geographic data
Triangulated irregular network
Vector data is used to represent geographic data
Scene from a video recording

3.06 Supplemental information (Remarks)
Provide any additional supplemental information about this data that could help the user when using this data
Enter supplemental information / Remarks
The map highlights ecological strata visible in the entire country of Saudi: forested escarpments, mid-slope agricultural zones, and interior plains.

3.07 Temporal extent Start and End			
Provide temporal extent start and end that may have bearing on this data.			
Temporal extent start		Temporal extent end	
Date	Time	Date	Time
Enter temporal start date	2025-02-24T09:03:24.557250	Enter temporal end date	2025-07-15T18:50:28.248167

3.08 Responsible Parties / Point of Contact

Who can be contacted about this data? This is usually the metadata administrator.

Admin Name

Enter Metadata Admin

Dr. Njeru Jeremiah – Chief Technical Advisor of Natural Re Management NRM – FAO KSA
Dr. Ouerchefani, Dalel - TECHNICAL ADVISER, FAOSA
Mr. Gabriel Vincent Sanya - GISRS and Land Cover Mapping Expert -FAOSA
Mr. Haitham Abdullah – GIS Specialist – FAO KSA

3.09 Responsible and Permissions / Owner

Who is the responsible over this data? This is usually the person that led or supported the creation of the data

Data Responsible / Owner

Enter data owner

FAO
NCVC Geo-Spatial Unit
MoEWA

3.10 Metadata Author

Who is the author of the metadata? This is usually the person that led or supported the creation of the data.

Data Responsible / Owner

Enter Metadata Admin

GIS Department in Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Saudi Arabia

Part 4: Part 4 - Data Attributes (Optional)

4.01 Key data features and attributes

Detailed description of the data layer features and attributes will be provide in a separate custom template for data features and attributes description. Here, the key features and attributes (objects) for this data are provided.

Description of key features and attributes

Attribute / Feature	Description
<i>Enter the attributes of this Layer</i>	<i>Enter the description of the attributes</i>
<i>Zone Code</i>	<i>Unique AEZ identifier.</i>
<i>Zone_Name</i>	<i>Agro-ecological zone name.</i>
<i>Region</i>	<i>Administrative region name.</i>
<i>Shape_Leng</i>	<i>Zone boundary length.</i>
<i>Shape area</i>	<i>Zone area.</i>

