

20 December 2016 – Updates since 4 December 2014 update

Update to add marine biodiversity data associated with publication of the paper, Jenkins, C.N. & K. Van Houtan. (2016). Global and regional priorities for marine biodiversity protection. [Biological Conservation doi:10.1016/j.biocon.2016.10.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2016.10.005) ([PDF](#)).

Rebuilt website using the WordPress platform.

5 April 2015

Mega-update of the site associated with the publication of a paper in PNAS on USA biodiversity and its protection.

New pages for U.S. biodiversity and a revamped menu layout.

Added downloadable GIS data for the U.S.

4 December 2014

Added separate page for downloading GIS-ready data.

28 July 2014

Added a zip file on each taxa page with higher resolution jpegs of all maps.

25 May 2014

Added map for threatened small-ranged birds.

23 May 2014

Added pages for “Other taxa” and for Visualization globes of select data layers.

12 May 2014

Page added for Cone Snails. ArcGIS Map Package and zip file of GeoTIFF files updated to include new cone snail data.

5 April 2014

Bird data, maps, and associated documents updated to use version 3.0 of the BirdLife range map data. All maps now have a 10×10km resolution.

New maps added for hummingbirds (Trochilidae) and parrots (Psittaciformes).

ArcGIS Map Package and zip file of GeoTIFF files updated to include new bird data.

22 February 2014

Problem with the ArcGIS Map Package not opening in versions 10.0 and 10.1 of ArcGIS corrected. Please download the new file if you had difficulties with the prior version.

Added note to pages about using Eckert IV equal-area map projection.

Added note suggesting Natural Earth as a source for complementary GIS data on political and biophysical features.

Minor edits to descriptions of methods and use permissions.

17 February 2014 – Updates since the 12 February 2014 launch of BiodiversityMapping.org
GeoTIFF files for birds have been updated to correct a small problem with multiple background values. This was not an issue with the data in the Map Package, only in the exported GeoTIFF files.

The original 50km resolution maps for the mammal orders Cetartiodactyla, Carnivora, Primates, Eulipotyphla, Chiroptera, and Rodentia were replaced with 10km resolution versions.

New mammal map was added for marsupials (orders Dasyuromorphia, Didelphimorphia, Diprotodontia, Microbiotheria, Notoryctemorphia, Peramelemorphia, and Paucituberculata).

Small revisions to introductory text, acknowledgements, and permissions for use.

Map Package updated to include new maps and updates to methods and permissions in the metadata.

Small changes behind the scenes to improve website performance.