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Retrieving bathymetry data of the Oceans and its processing for iRIC calculation

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GEBCO Top

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General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans

The General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) consists of an international group of experts who work on the development of a range of bathymetric data sets and data products, including gridded bathymetric data sets, the GEBCO Digital Atlas, the GEBCO world map and the GEBCO Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names. [\[more\]](#)

We are involved in training a new generation of scientists in ocean bathymetry through the Nippon Foundation/GEBCO Training Project. [\[more\]](#)

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- <http://www.gebco.net/>

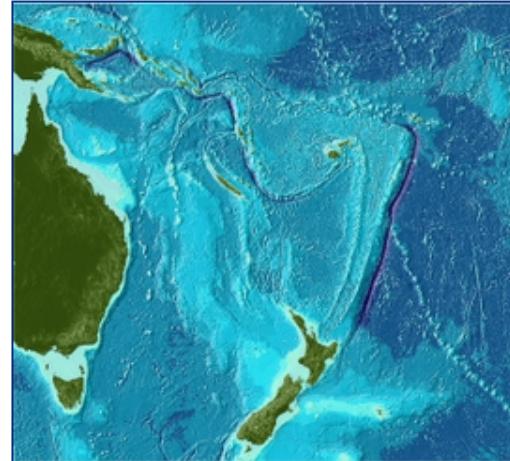
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Gridded bathymetry data

GEBCO provides global bathymetry data sets for the world's oceans.

We make the following gridded bathymetry data sets available:

- **The GEBCO_08 Grid** — a global 30 arc-second grid largely generated by combining quality-controlled ship depth soundings with interpolation between sounding points guided by satellite-derived gravity data. However, in areas where they improve on the existing grid, data sets generated by other methods have been included. Land data are largely based on the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM30) gridded digital elevation model. A 'source identifier', SID, grid is also available to download to accompany the GEBCO_08 Grid. This shows which grid cells have been constrained by bathymetry data during the gridding process.



- **The GEBCO One Minute Grid** — a global one arc-minute grid

Released: 2003, updated: 2008 — largely based on the most recent set of bathymetric contours contained within the GEBCO Digital Atlas.

Click the link to download page

On behalf of GEBCO, the GEBCO_08 and GEBCO One Minute Grid are [available to download](#) from the British Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC). Using this web application, you can select to download the **complete global grid files** or **data for a user-defined area** using an interactive map or by entering the geographic co-ordinates of your area of interest in a dialogue box.

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General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO)

Gridded bathymetric data sets

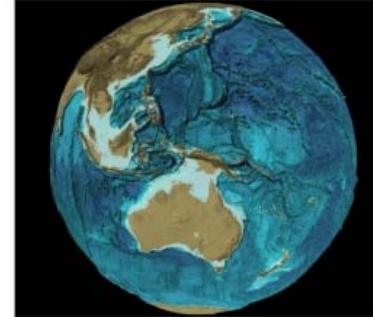
GEBCO's aim is to provide the most authoritative, publicly-available bathymetry for the world's oceans. It operates under the joint auspices of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO).

Two GEBCO gridded bathymetric data sets, maintained and distributed by BODC, are available to download as netCDF files. You may opt to download data for a user-defined area or the complete global file(s).

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The GEBCO_08 Grid is currently a development product which will undergo periodic update. Although every effort has been made to reduce the number of errors in the data set, we expect that some grid artifacts will be found. A list of reported bugs may be found on the [errata](#) pages.

To download the data you are required to be a registered BODC web user. If you have already registered, please [log in](#), alternatively please [register](#) to become a new user.

Additional info
Data set documentation a
is also available



Bathymetry data from the GEBCO_08 Grid
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For downloading GEBCO data, you need to create an account , register, and log in to the account home page

Registration

My account

User registration

Why register?

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- Provide you with access to our inventories and data download areas
- Keep you informed of changes to this site and the data accessible through it
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Your login details

You will use this information to login to areas of the BODC web site. The password may be between 8 and 20 characters in length. Capitalisation also matters for your password!

Your contact details

The 'Personal Details' provided will not be given to any third parties and will only be used to provide you with data and/or information and to generate the online licences for when you request data.

This information will also enable us to characterise the user profile of clients using BODC web services over the internet. This characterisation of the client base will allow us to direct future web-based developments and services to you, our users. It will also provide 'performance indicators' to support future funding of our web development.

Link to bathymetry data

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Bathymetry data from the GEBCO_08 Grid
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After registering and logging in, link button to download page appears

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[Access the GEBCO gridded bathymetry data](#)



Additional information

Data set documentation along with information on export formats, grid version numbering and bug alerts for each of GEBCO's gridded data sets is also available

- [GEBCO_08 grid](#) — 30 arc-second resolution
- [GEBCO one minute grid](#) — one arc-minute resolution

Free software is available for viewing and accessing data from the grids in ASCII as well as netCDF. Find out more about the [GEBCO Grid display software](#)

GEBCO gridded bathymetry data sets

General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO)

Gridded bathymetric data sets

Data are available for download from GEBCO's gridded bathymetric data sets in netCDF. You may opt to select and download data for a user-defined area using the [map or form](#) below or use the default global area to download the complete grid files.

To accompany the GEBCO_08 grid, a 'source identifier' or SID grid is also available; this shows which grid cells are based on bathymetric soundings or depth values from a grid and which cells contain predicted depth values.

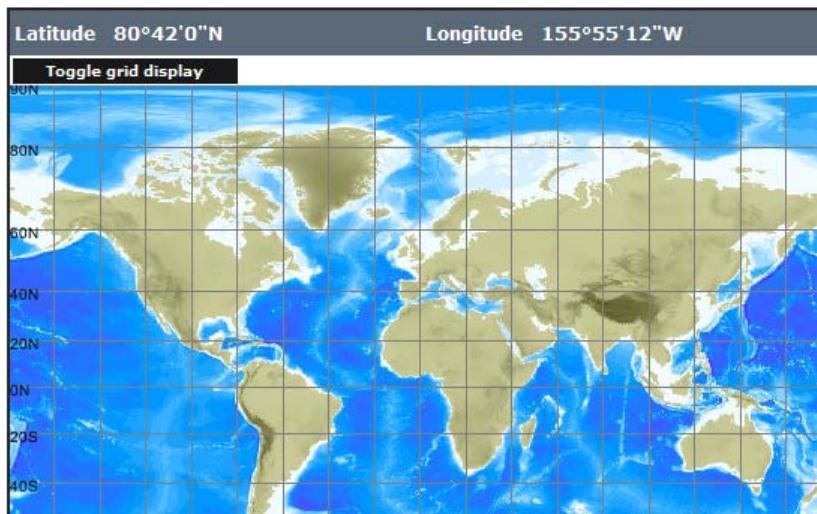
Please note that the bathymetric grids do not contain detailed information in shallow water areas.

Interactive map

Use the interactive map below to define the geographic area of the gridded data sets that you want to download. Alternatively, type the coordinates of the required area in the form below the map.

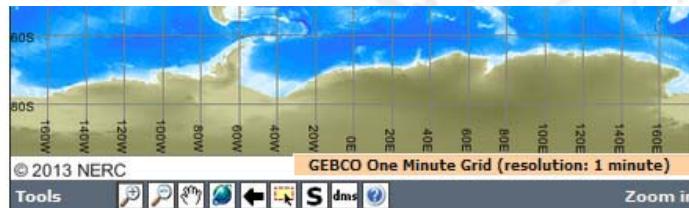
The default display is the GEBCO One Minute Grid. To view the GEBCO_08 Grid (30 arc-second resolution) use the 'Toggle grid display' tab above the map display area.

The GEBCO_08 Grid display includes the option to view the Source Identifier (SID) grid by toggling the 'Toggle SID grid display'. It shows those grid cells for which the data in the GEBCO_08 Grid are based on bathymetric sounding or grid values. It is best viewed at a zoomed in level to appreciate the detail in the data set.



In the download page, you can select your region of interest in the interactive map like shown in this figure, however, several steps are needed for accessing GEBCO data.

Downloading world ocean data



Leave values and characters unchanged

Northernmost latitude 90° 0' N

Westernmost longitude 180° 0' W

Easternmost longitude 180° 0' E

Southernmost latitude 90° 0' S

Reset to World

Download data

Grid selection

Use the tick boxes to select the dataset you wish to download for the geographic region defined above.

Depending on the grid resolution and the size of your area selection, data delivery may take several minutes. For this reason different grid files need to be downloaded separately.

- GEBCO_08 Grid (30 arc-second interval)
- GEBCO_08 SID Grid (30 arc-second interval)
- GEBCO One Minute Grid (1 arc-minute interval)

Grid format selection

The data file will be made available as a netCDF formatted data file consisting of a one-dimensional (1D) array of 2-byte signed integer values.

[Free software](#) is available to download to view and access the data in ASCII or netCDF formats. Further information can be found in the data set documentation.

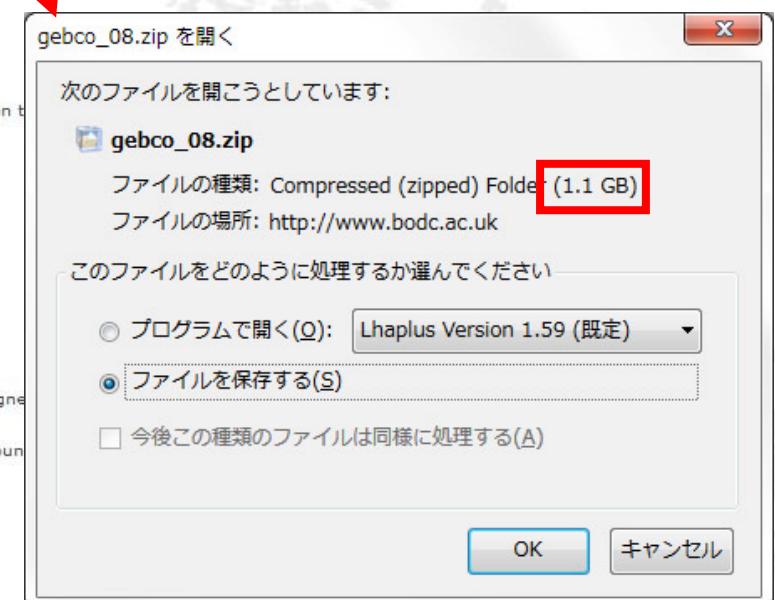
Download

You must download the documentation first which includes the license and grid documentation.

[Download Documentation](#) [Download Data](#)

Data delivery may take several minutes depending on the grid resolution and area selection, please be patient.

Firstly, you must download the whole data, namely, GEBCO_08 grid (30 arc-second interval).



Downloading free software

Use the tick boxes to select the dataset you wish to download for the geographic region defined above.

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- GEBCO_08 Grid (30 arc-second interval) [?](#)
- GEBCO_08 SID Grid (30 arc-second interval) [?](#)
- GEBCO One Minute Grid (1 arc-minute interval) [?](#)

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- [GEBCO one minute grid](#) — one arc-minute resolution

Secondly, for visualization of GEBCO data, a software provided in the same page is needed. Download link is just above the “Download Data” button.

GEBCO Grid display

The GEBCO grid display software allows you to view and access data from GEBCO's gridded bathymetric data sets

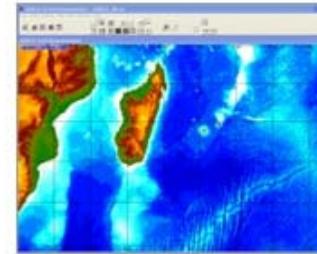
- * the GEBCO One Minute Grid — a global one arc-minute grid
- * the GEBCO_08 Grid — a global 30 arc-second grid

The software is available to download under licence and can be used with either or both gridded data sets. Please note that the software is designed for use with the complete, global data files. It will not work with subsets of the full global data sets.

It provides the means for displaying the data and accessing the data in netCDF and also in simple ASCII formats, including one suitable for conversion to a raster file which can be used with ESRI ArcGIS products.

The software has been developed by BODC to run on a PC running Microsoft Windows 95 or later. It is controlled by a series of drop-down menus and toolbar buttons. The current version is 2.13 and was released in April 2010.

Find out more about the GEBCO Grid display software and updates included in this release. [\[?\]](#) (27 KB)



Features of the GEBCO Grid display software

- * Display GEBCO's gridded bathymetric data sets on your PC screen, colour coded for depth/elevation.
- * Export data in simple ASCII formats including a format that can be converted to a raster file, which can be used with ESRI ArcGIS products.
- * Export data in netCDF.
- * Choice of five map projections for display — Equidistant Cylindrical, Mercator, Miller Cylindrical, Lambert Cylindrical Equal-Area and Polar Stereographic.
- * Import your own file(s) of data points to display in the map area.
- * Select your geographic area of interest either by chart number, by latitude and longitude limits, or by an on-screen zoom box.
- * Zoom into and pan across your selected area.
- * Overlay a geographic grid for reference.

Reported bug on 31 July 2012

A bug has been reported in the GEBCO grid display software that affects the export of the GEBCO_08 Grid and GEBCO_08 SID grid. In some limited cases when the selected geographic region for export is defined as a fraction of a whole degree, then the exported data value at each grid point has been shifted (in longitude) by one grid cell, i.e. 30 arc-seconds, from its correct value.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and are working to fix this bug. We will make a revised version of the software available as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we recommend that users of the GEBCO grid display software select geographic regions for export at whole degree intervals rather than as fractions of a degree.

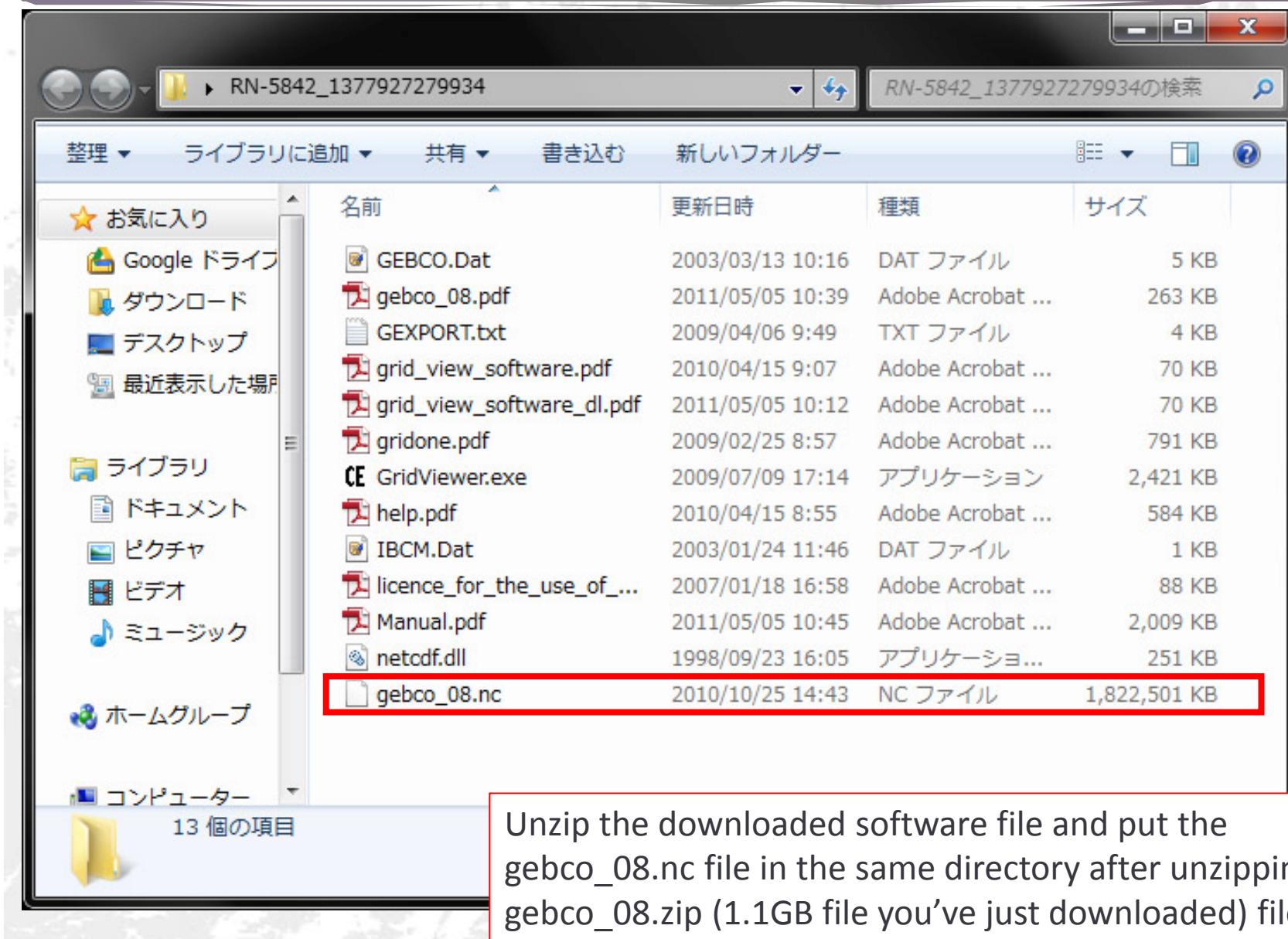
Software download

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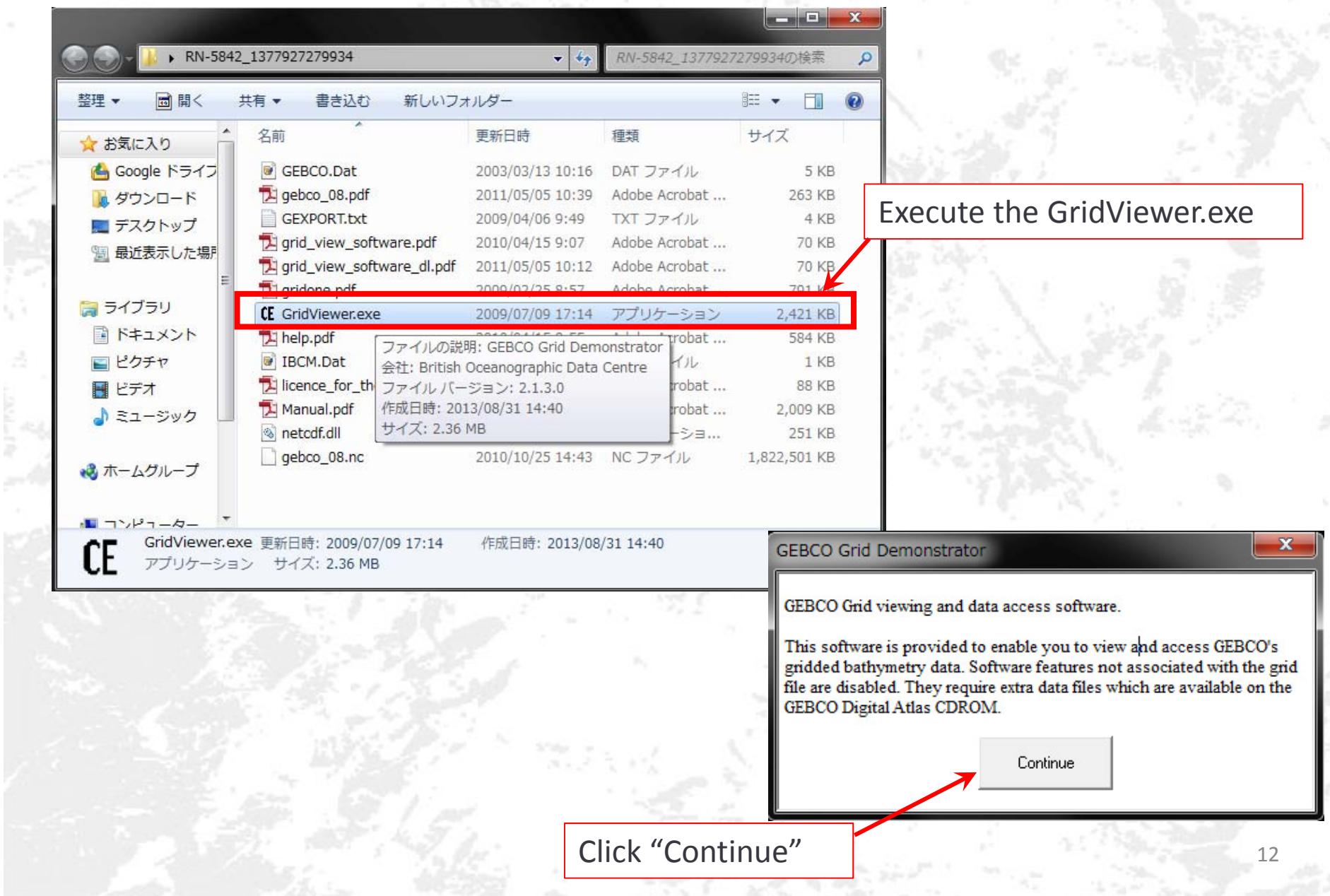
Download the [GEBCO Grid display software](#) — the download consists of a compressed zip file containing the software, the user guide and help files (3090 KB).

Link to [GEBCO Grid display software](#) is at the bottom of the download page.

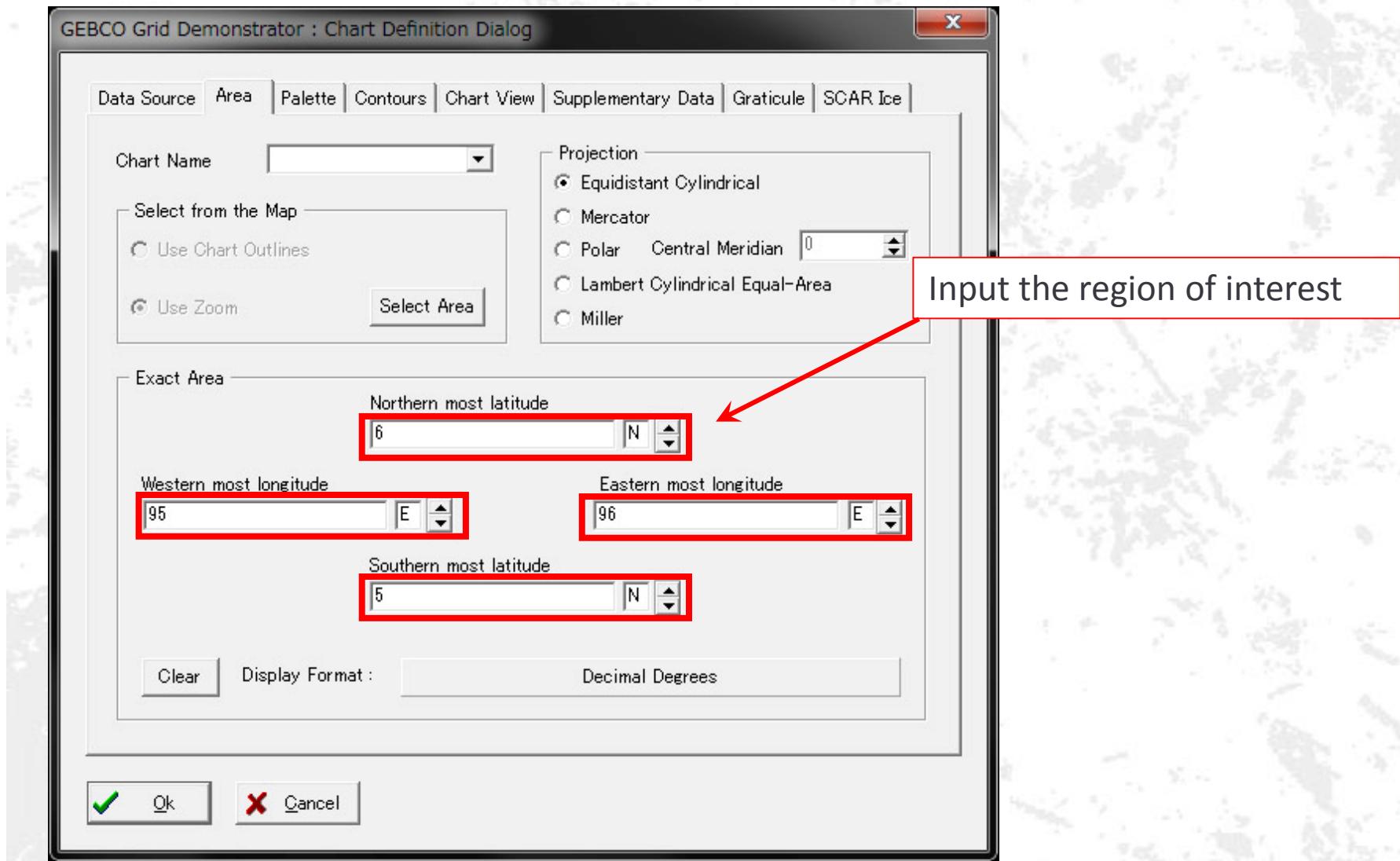
Grid Viewer download



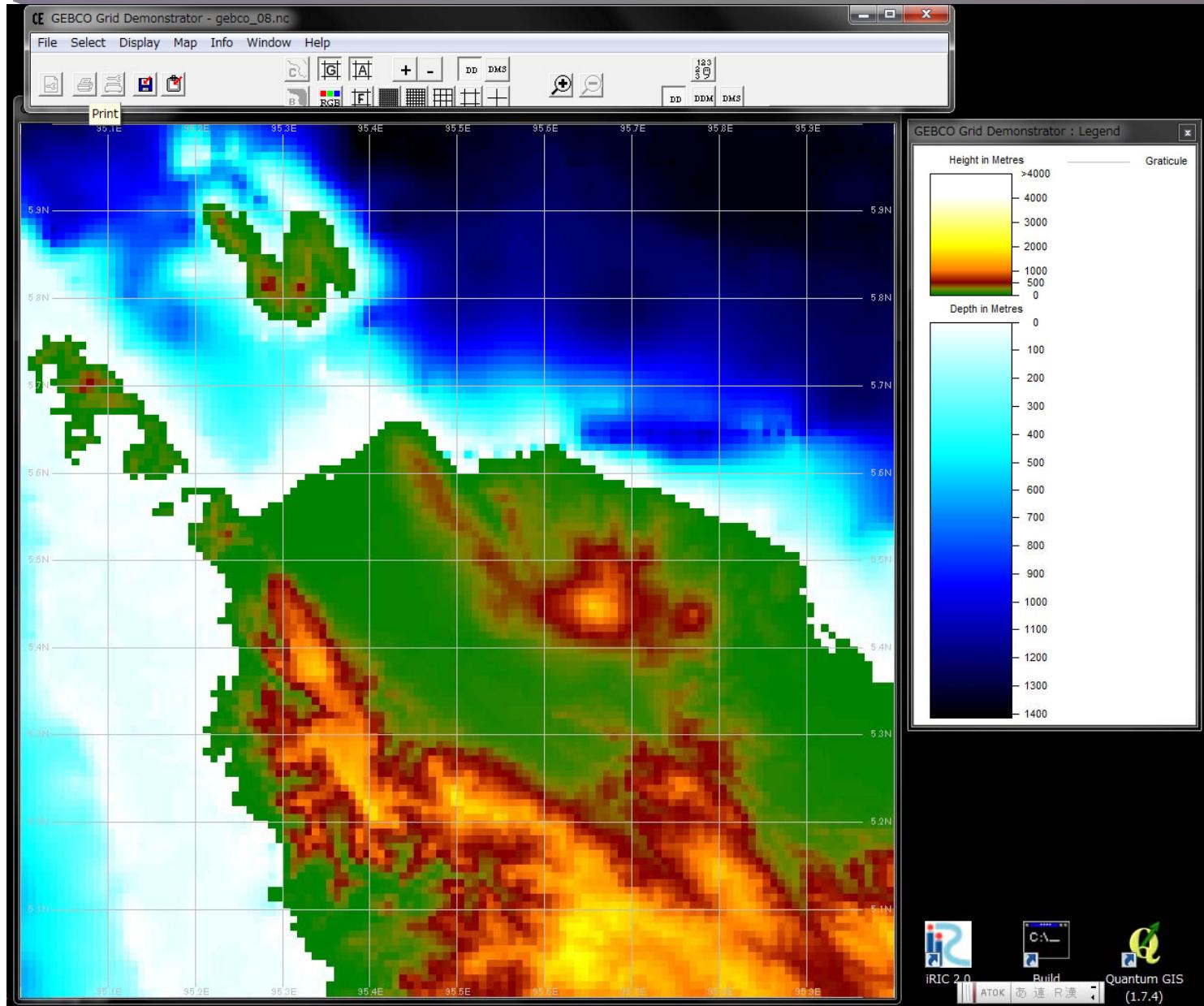
Execute the viewer



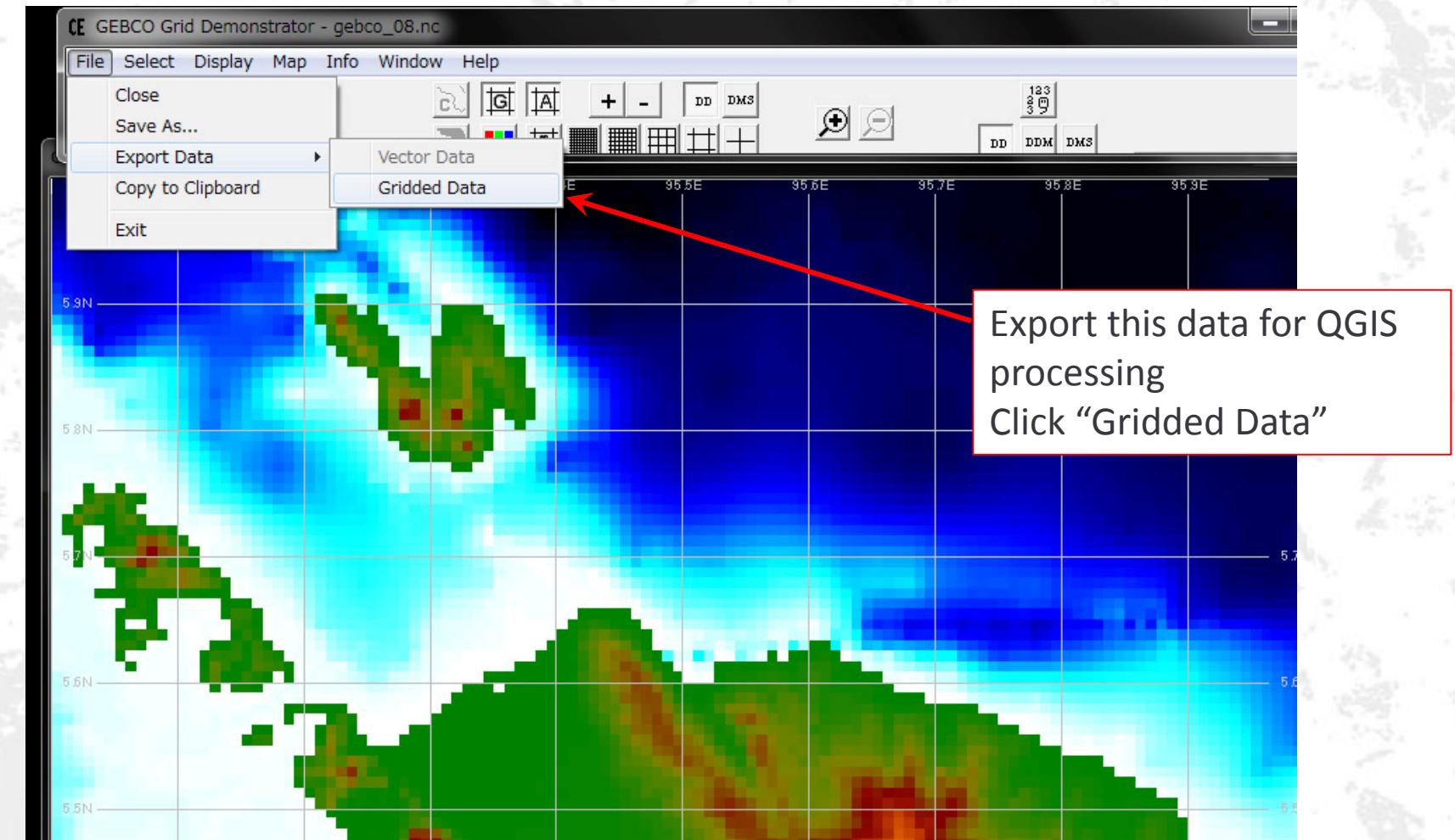
Region settings



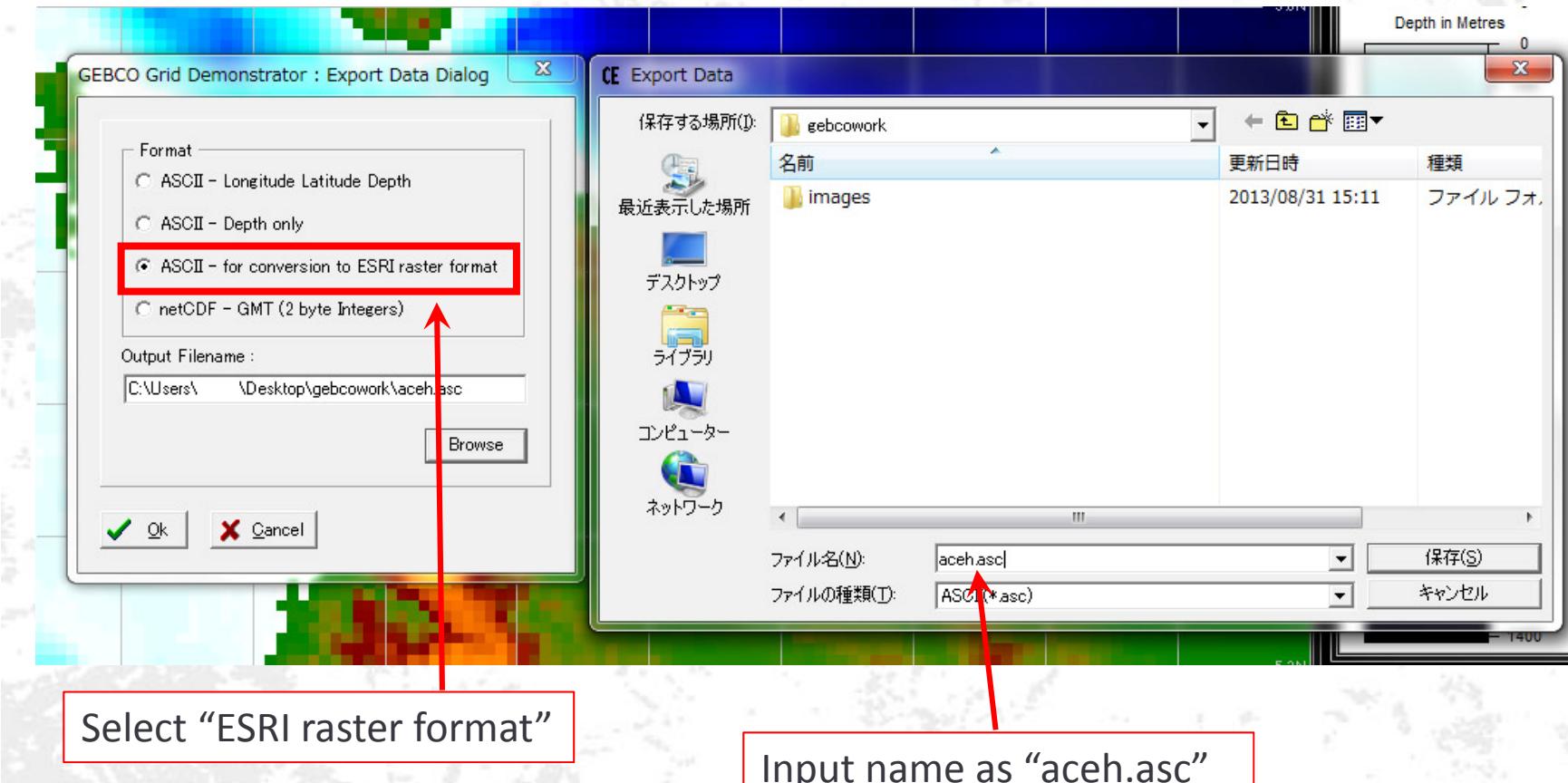
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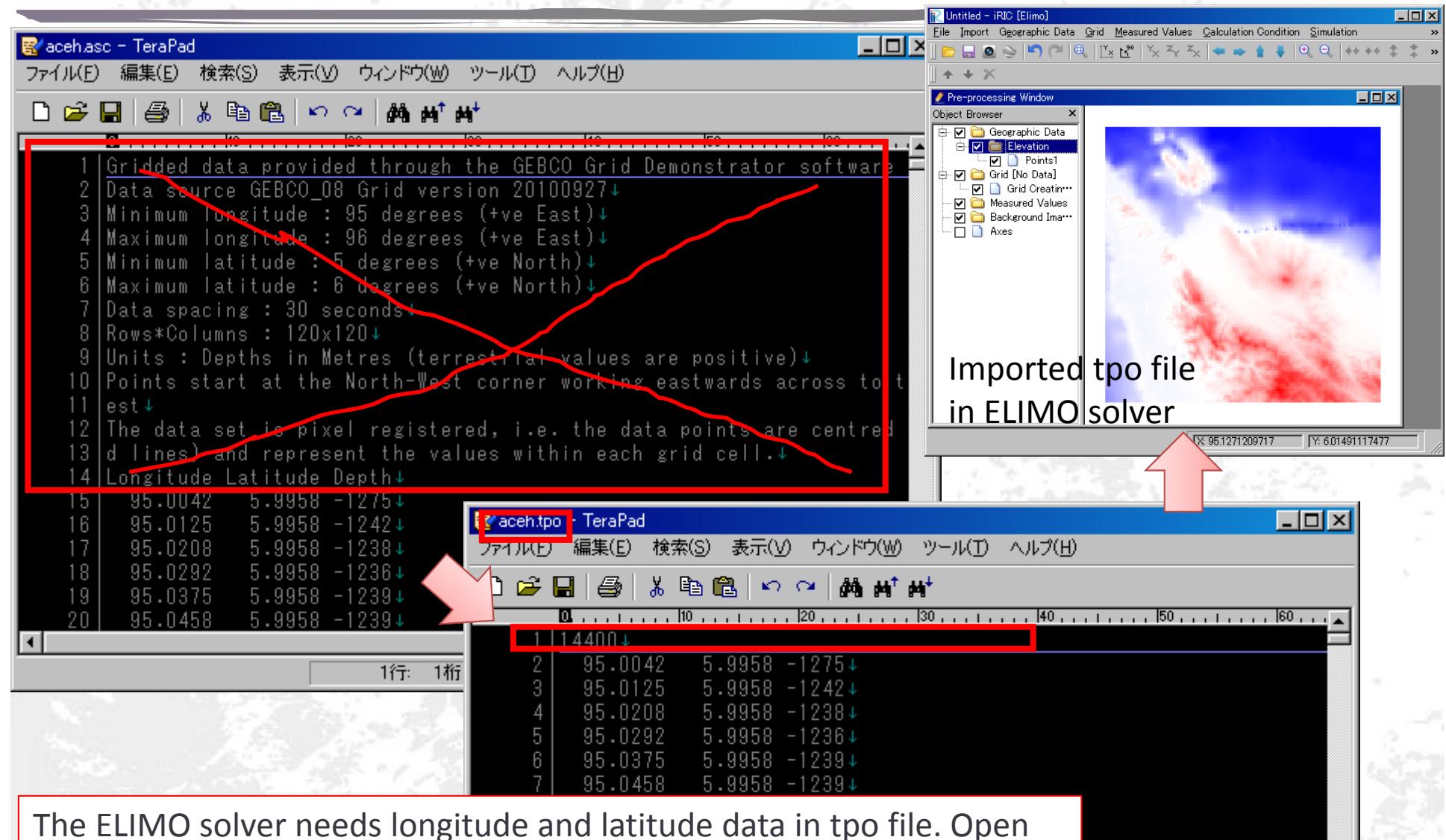
Data export



Export options



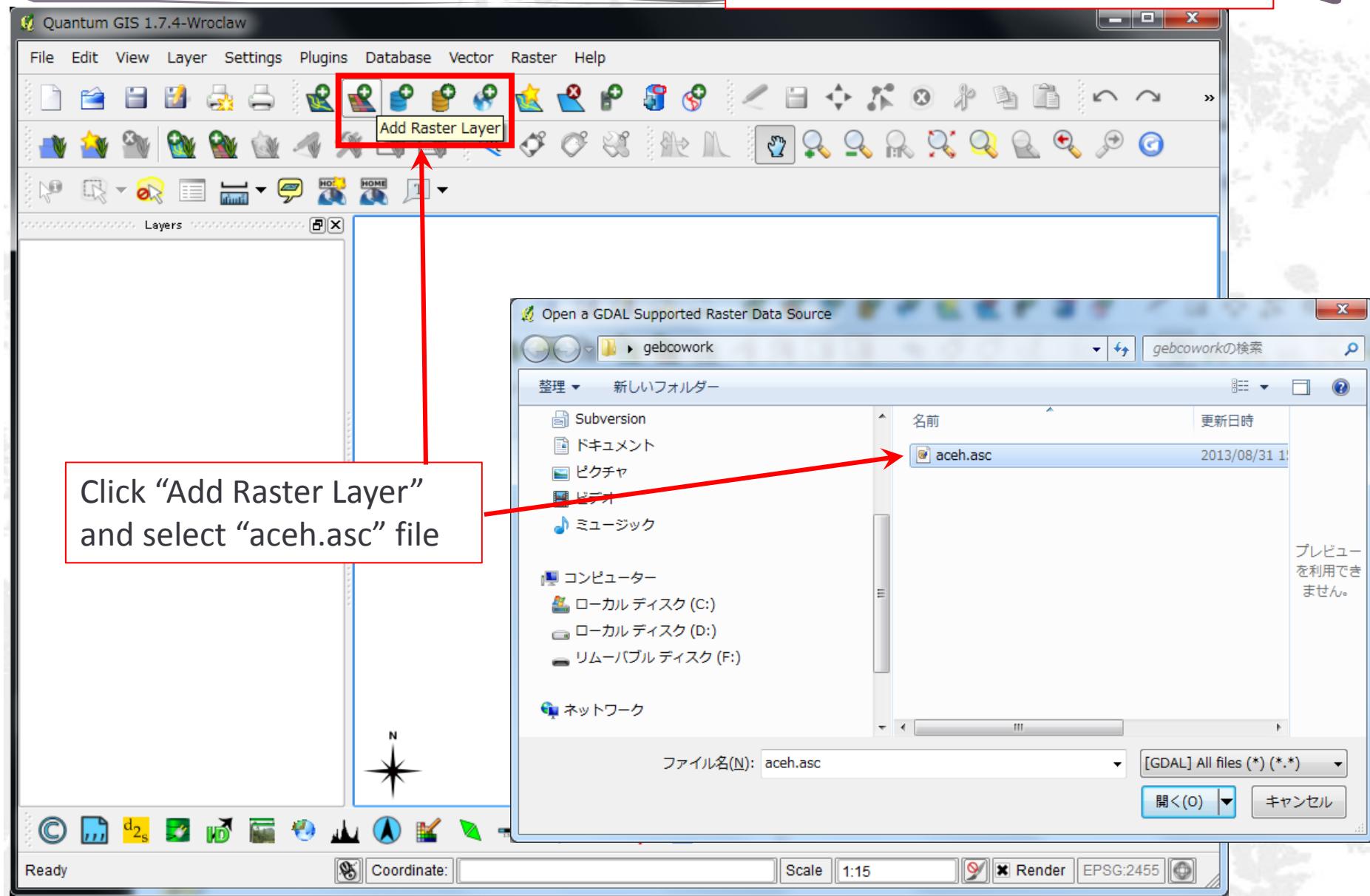
tpo file preparation for ELIMO solver (optional)



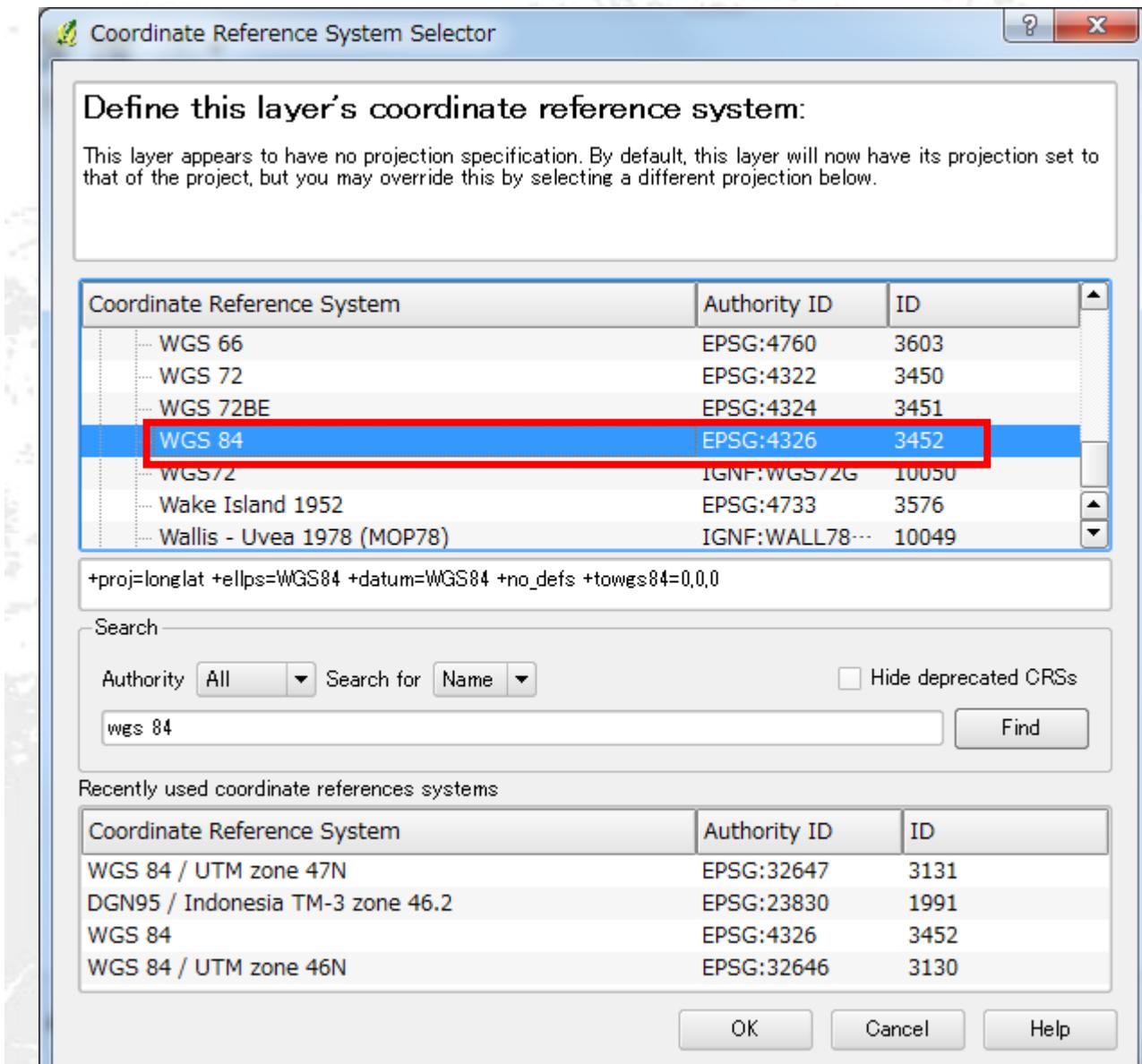
The ELIMO solver needs longitude and latitude data in tpo file. Open aceh.asc in your text editor (or Excel), delete the header information in the file (14 lines from the top), count the number of data points, add it in the first line and save as tpo file with .tpo extension like “aceh.tpo”

Open raster layer

If you are going to use other solvers,
following procedures are needed.

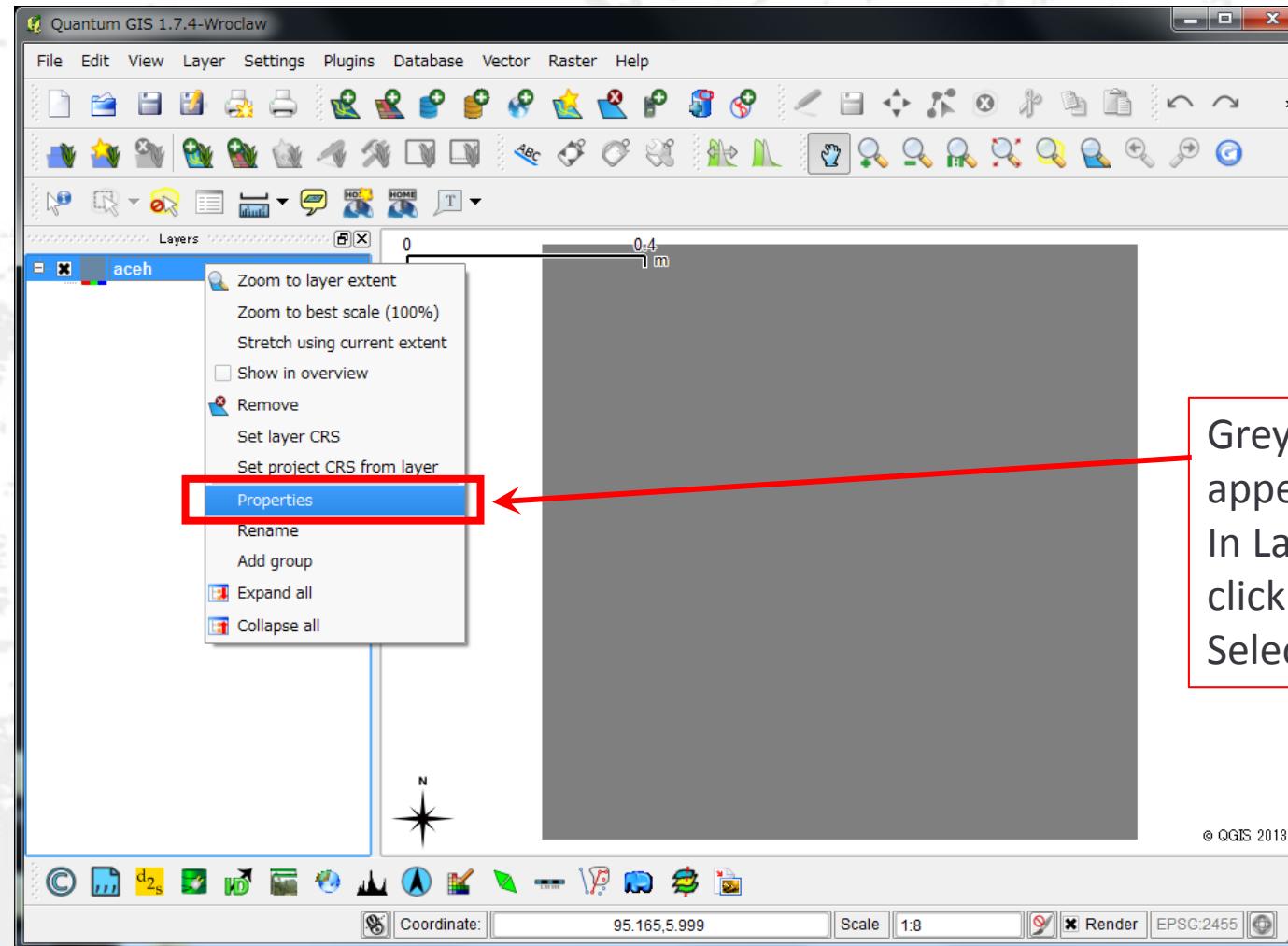


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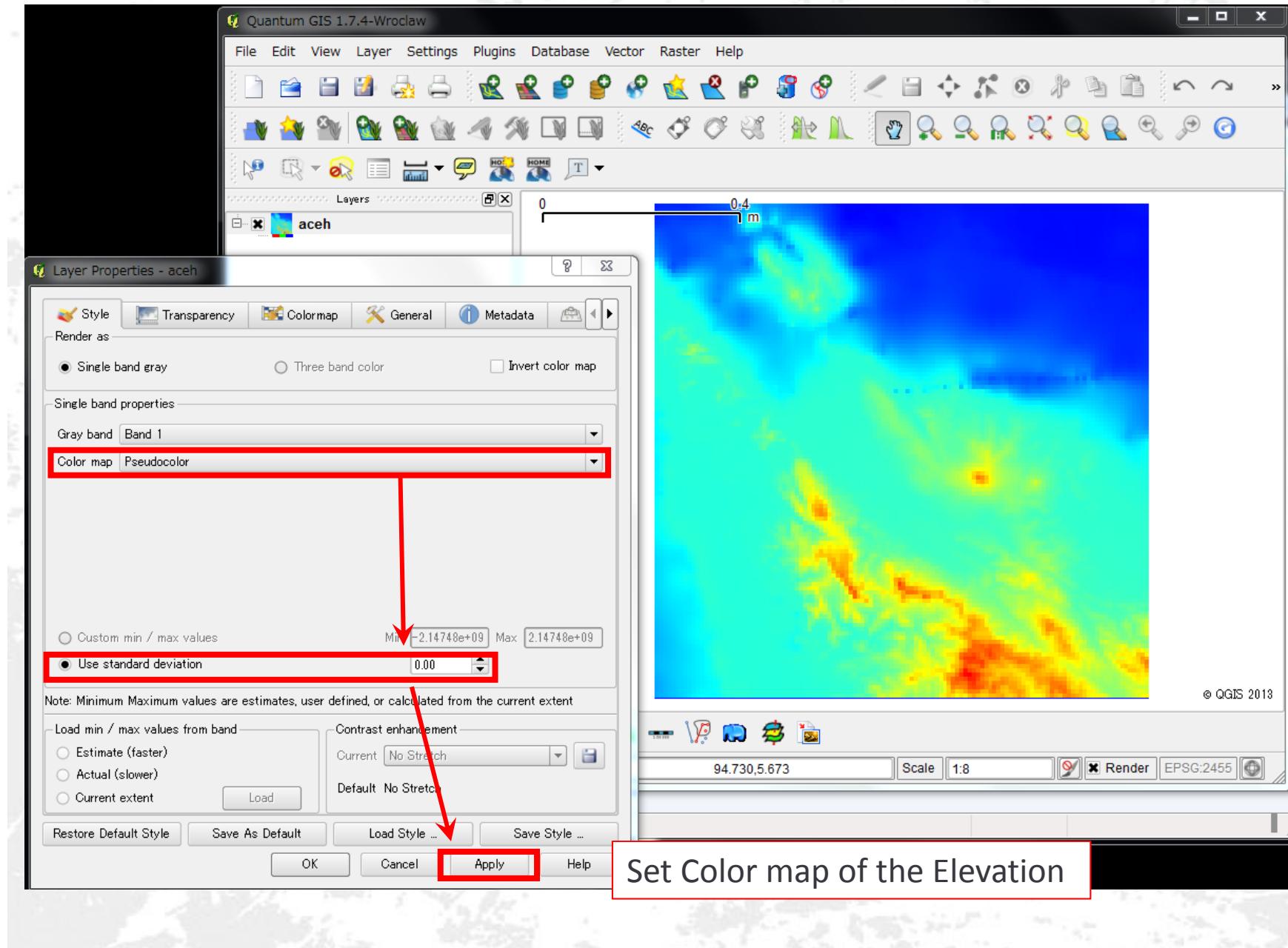


Define the CRS
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(EPSG:4326 or ID:3452)

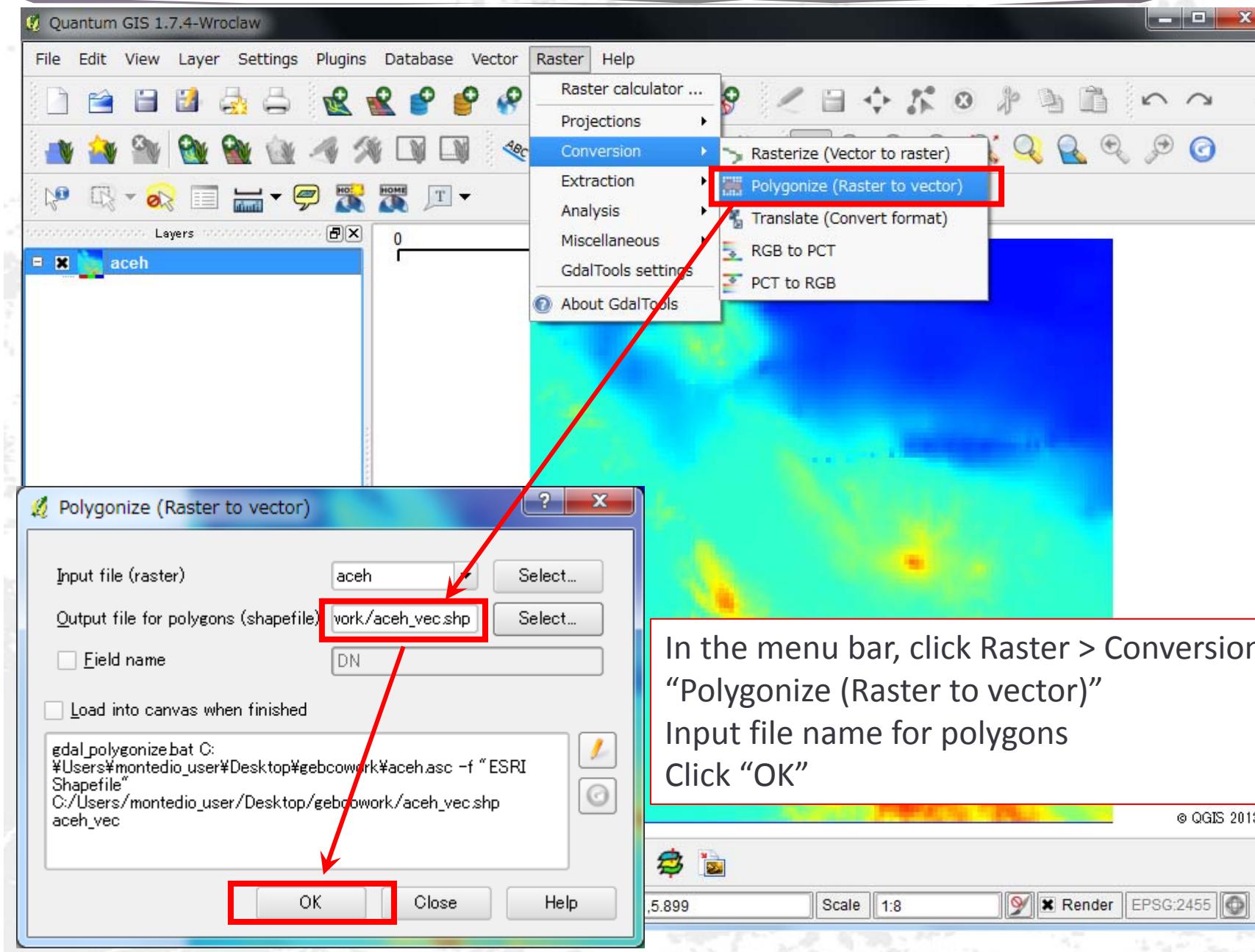
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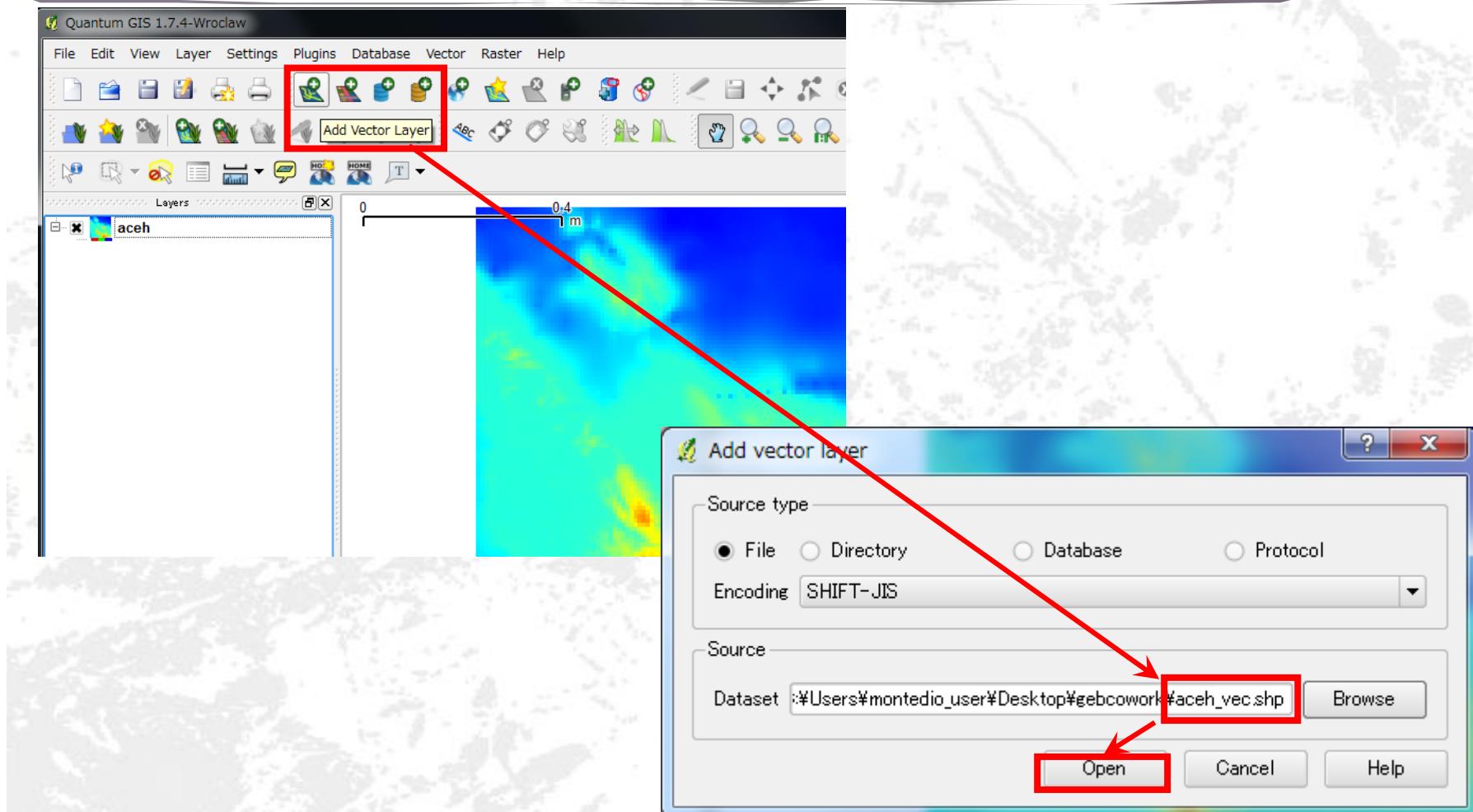
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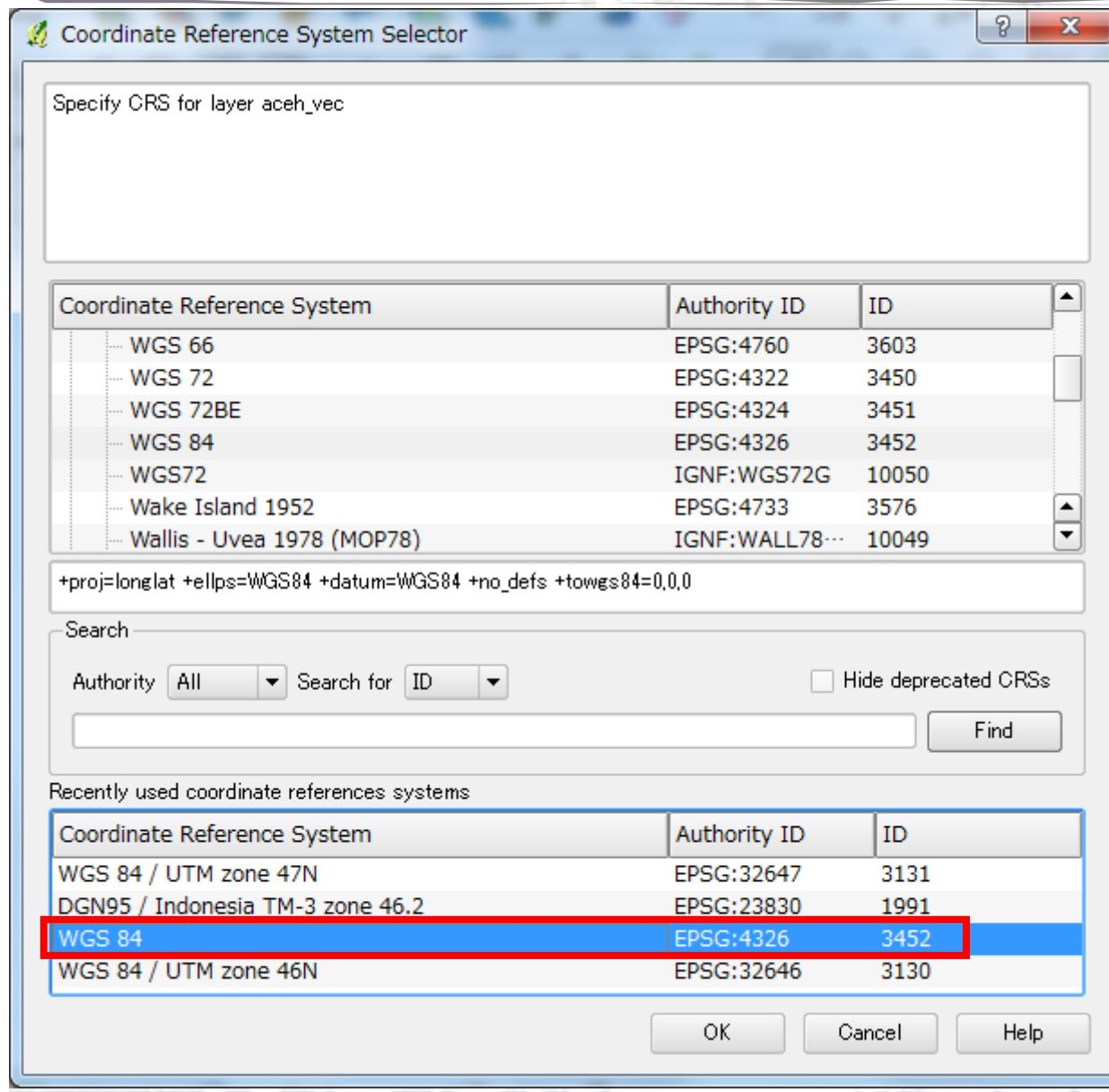
Convert raster to vector



Add vector layer



Specify CRS

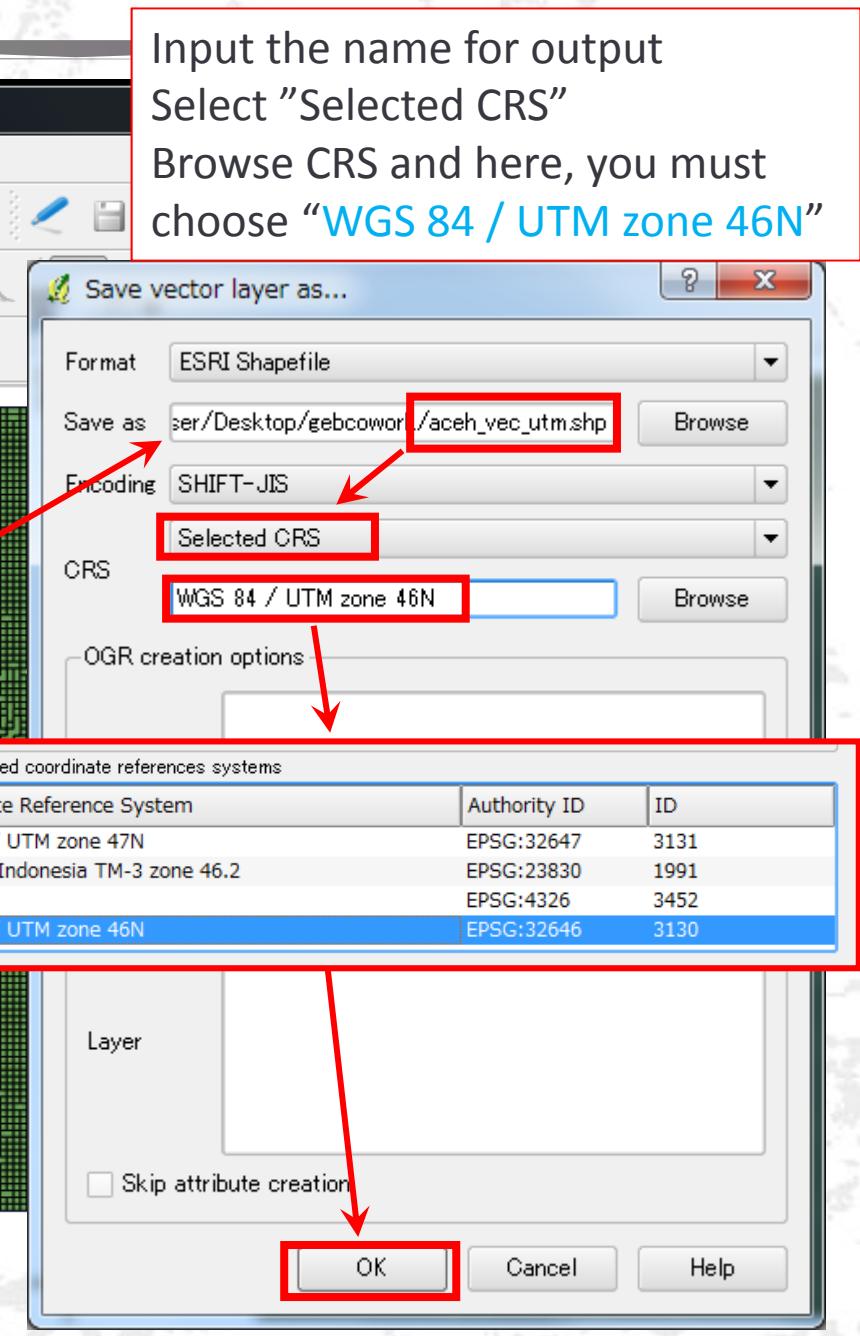


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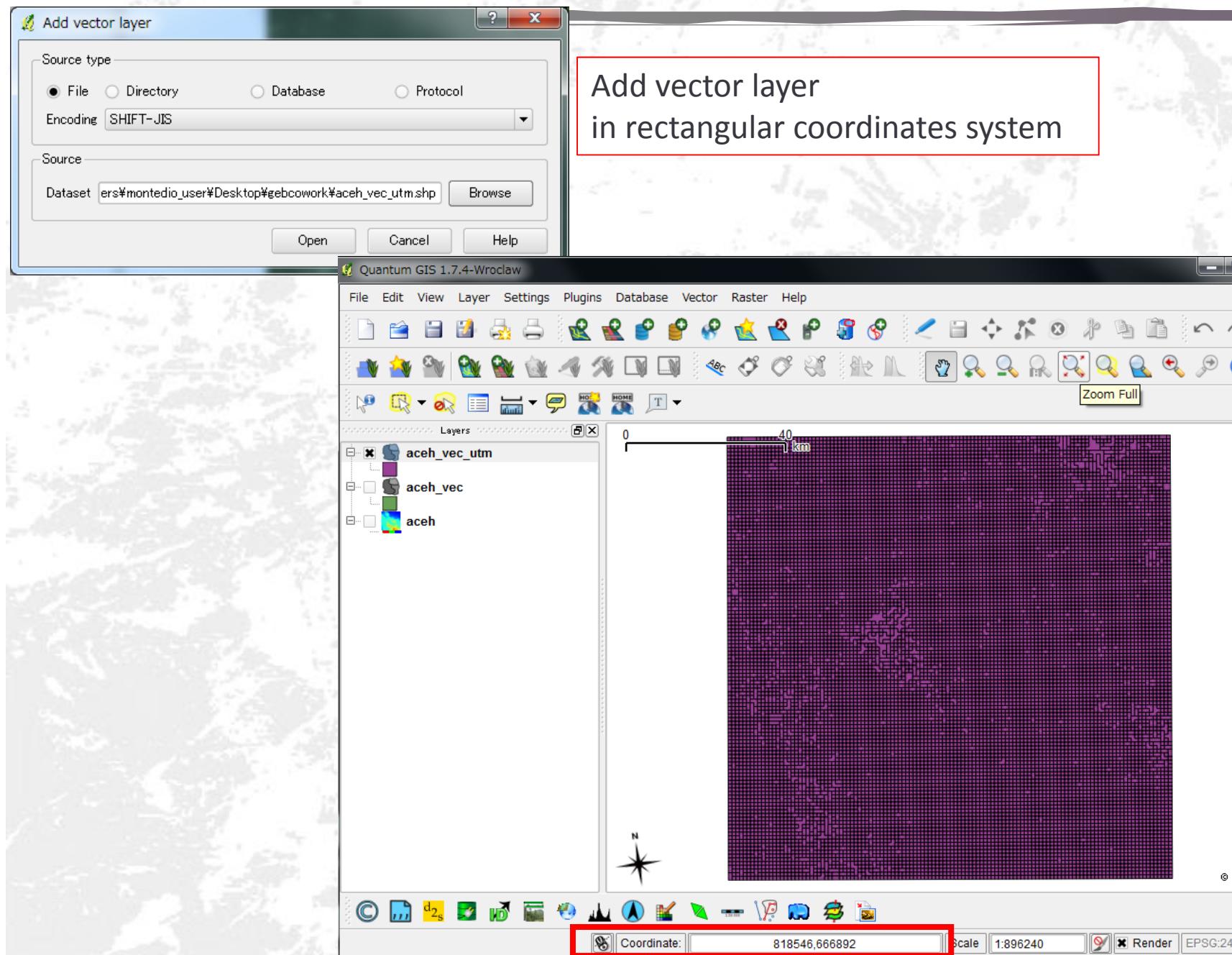
Save vector layer as UTM

The screenshot shows the Quantum GIS interface. A context menu is open over the 'aceh_vec' layer in the layers panel. The 'Save as...' option is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from the text 'Right click the layer name and click "Save as..."' to this highlighted option. Another red box highlights the 'Save as...' option in the 'Recently used' list on the right side of the screen.

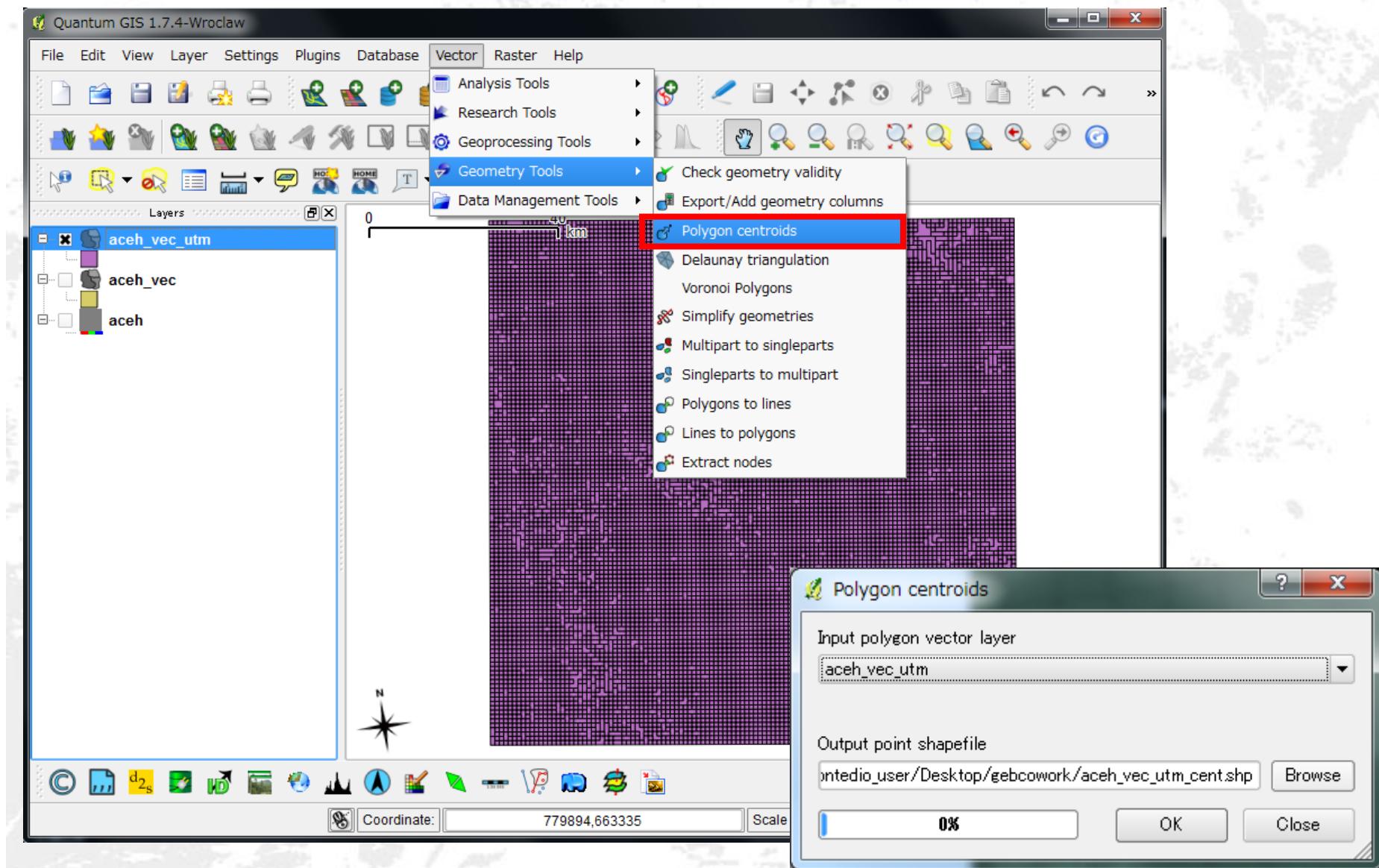
New vector layer is added
Right click the layer name
and click "Save as..."



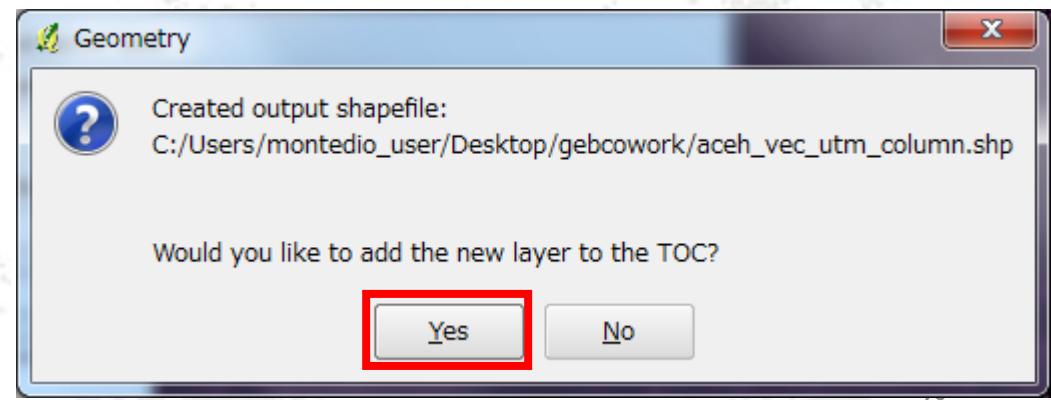
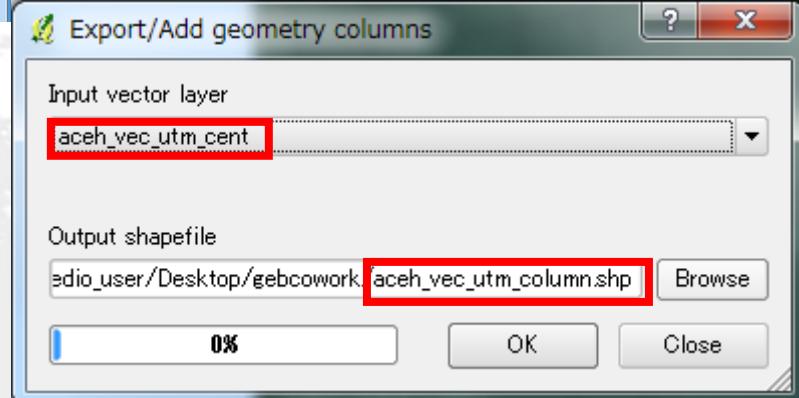
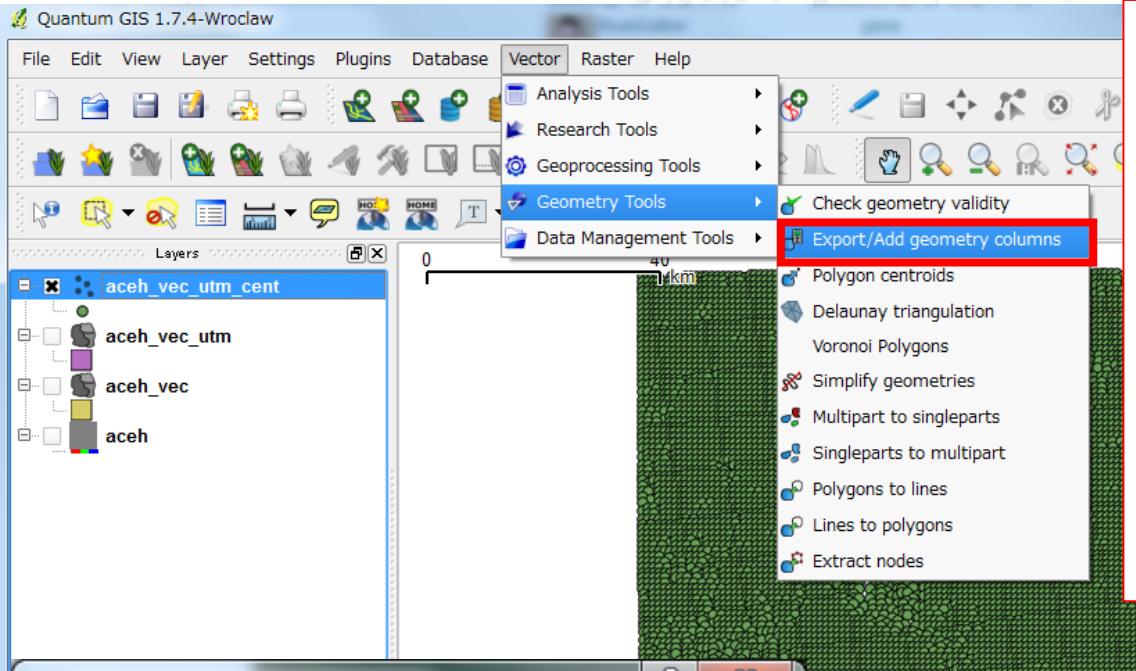
Add vector layer



Convert polygon to point data



Add geometry columns



In the menu bar, click Vector > Geometry Tools > "Export/Add geometry columns"

Select Input vector layer

Input "Output shapefile name"

Click "OK"

NOTE: It may take several minutes

Click OK and add the new layer

Geometry column table

The screenshot shows the Quantum GIS 1.7.4-Wroclaw interface. A context menu is open over the 'aceh_vec_utm_column' layer in the 'Layers' panel. The menu items include:

- Zoom to layer extent
- Show in overview
- Remove
- Set layer CRS
- Set project CRS from layer
- Open attribute table** (highlighted with a red box)
- Toggle editing
- Save as...
- Save selection as...
- Query...
- Show feature count
- Properties
- Rename
- Add group
- Expand all
- Collapse all

A red arrow points from the text "Right click the layer name and click 'Open attribute table'" to the 'Open attribute table' menu item. To the right of the menu, a red box encloses the text "New vector layer is added" and "Geometry columns are added".

The attribute table for the 'aceh_vec_utm_column' layer is displayed, showing the following data:

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1	-1242	722769.041613	663152.77214
2	-1238	723691.856757	663156.166385
3	-1236	724614.676566	663159.574684
4	-1239	726921.761467	663168.183303
5	-1222	729228.846238	663176.827018
6	-1197	730151.694433	663180.319655
7	-1172	731074.547426	663183.826349
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9	-1131	732920.267887	663190.881911
10	-1101	733843.135392	663194.43078
11	-1075	734766.007772	663197.993708
12	-1051	735688.885048	663201.570695
13	-1027	736611.767238	663205.161742
14	-1000	737534.654361	663208.766849
15	-961	738457.546437	663212.386016
16	-872	739382.259003	662755.100291
17	-765	740303.345525	663219.666534
18	-649	741226.252575	663223.327885
19	546	742110.164655	663227.002200

At the bottom of the attribute table window, there are several search and filter options:

- Show selected only
- Search selected only
- Case sensitive (checked)
- Advanced search

Copy attribute table

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Select all lines and copy them to clipboard



Convert to X[m],Y[m],Z[m] data

Open Excel and paste the clipboard data

Delete the 1st column and change row positions like below

	A	B	C	D
1	wkt_geom	DN	XCOORD	YCOORD
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3	POINT(722 -1242)	722769	663152.8	-1242
4	POINT(723 -1238)	723691.9	663156.2	-1238
5	POINT(724 -1236)	724614.7	663159.6	-1236
6	POINT(726 -1239)	726921.8	663168.2	-1239
7	POINT(729 -1222)	729228.8	663176.8	-1222
8	POINT(730 -1197)	730151.7	663180.3	-1197
9	POINT(731 -1172)	731074.5	663183.8	-1172
10	POINT(731 -1150)	731997.4	663187.3	-1150
11	POINT(732 -1131)	732920.3	663190.9	-1131
12	POINT(733 -1101)	733843.1	663194.4	-1101
13	POINT(734 -1075)	734766	663198	-1075
14	POINT(735 -1051)	735688.9	663201.6	-1051
15	POINT(736 -1027)	736611.8	663205.2	-1027
16	POINT(737 -1000)	737534.7	663208.8	-1000
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18	POINT(739 -872)	739382.3	663215.1	-872
19	POINT(740 -765)	740303.3	663219.7	-765
20	POINT(741 -649)	741226.3	663223.3	-649
21	POINT(742 -546)	742149.2	663227	-546
22	POINT(743 -490)	743072.1	663230.7	-490
23	POINT(745 -567)	744005	663234.4	-567

tpo file export

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel window titled "Book1 - Microsoft Excel". The data is displayed in a table with columns A through J. The first row contains the values 13484, 850600.5, 3689.121, and -1275. A red box highlights the value in cell A1, with the instruction "Input the number of lines in the 1st line". Another red box highlights the "aceh.tpo" entry in the "ファイル名(N):" field of the "名前を付けて保存" dialog box, along with the "テキスト(タブ区切り) (*.txt)" file type selection.

Input the number of lines in the 1st line

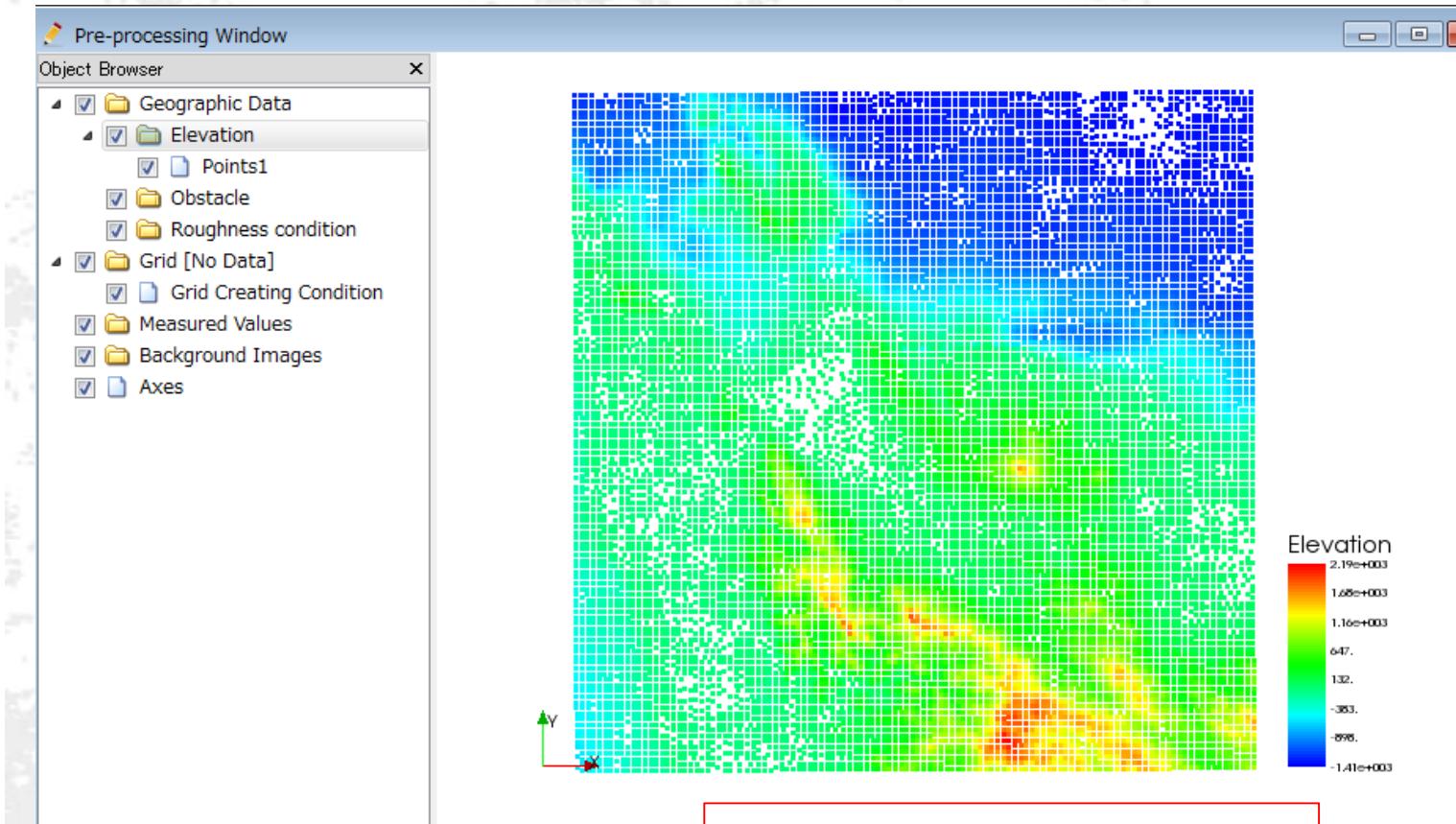
Save as “aceh.tpo” and select Text (tab delimited) (*.txt)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
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2	850600.5	3689.121	-1275							
3	850609.1	3689.14	-1242							
4	850617.8	3689.158	-1238							
5	850626.5	3689.177	-1236							
6	3402594	9226.267	-1239							
7	850670.6	3689.273	-1222							
8	850679.5	3689.292	-1197							
9	850688.5	3689.312	-1172							
10	850697.5	3689.331	-1150							
11	850706.5	3689.351	-1131							
12	850715.6	3689.37	-1101							
13	850724.7	3689.39	-1075							
14	850733.8	3689.41	-1051							
15	850743	3689.43	-1027							
16	850752.2	3689.45	-1000							
17	850761.5	3689.47	-961							
18	1701554	5533.18	-872							
19	850780.1	3689.51	-765							
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21	850798.9	3689.551	-546							
22	850808.3	3689.571	-490							

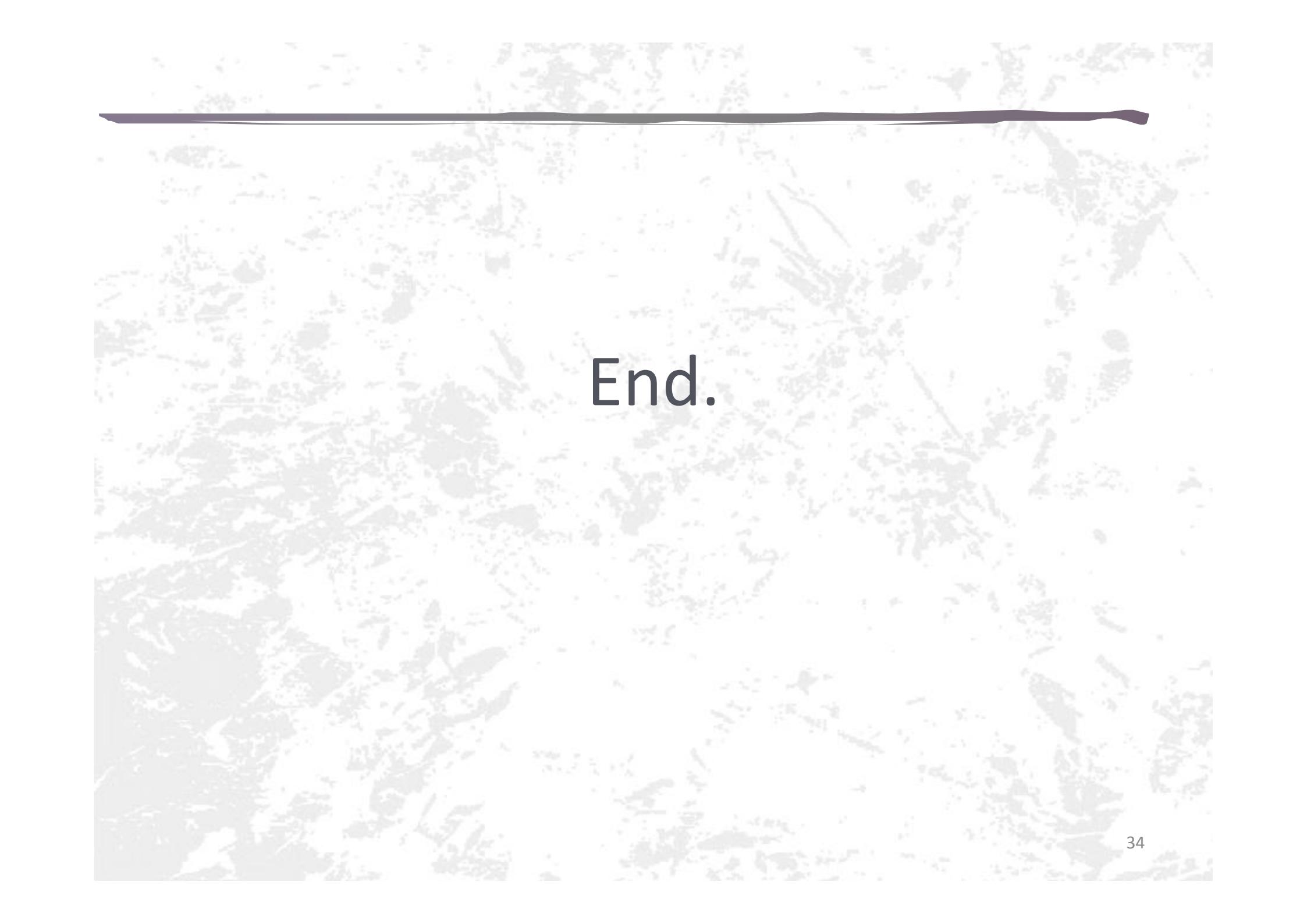
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Tpo file import to iRIC preprocessor



Open iRIC software and
import “aceh.tpo” file



End.