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The official mapping organisations of Great Britain, the Channel Islands and the United Kingdom are all actively engaged in producing their own versions of their national Geographical Information Systems (GIS). The degree to which they will depend on the nature of the GIS itself. In the case of Great Britain, the GIS is really a Land Information System (LIS). The names, however, will become important.

The Ordnance Survey of Great Britain is producing the basic version of the topographic maps using the basic name, with a scale of 1:50,000 for urban areas, 1:25,000 for rural areas, and 1:10,000 for all other areas. The topographic content of this GIS will be at the disposal of all users of the digital data. The planned completion date for the basic GIS is 1995.

A revised edition of the OSGB 1:50,000 gazetteer is planned for publication in June 1990.

A new series of overseas tourist maps is in production. They are:

Anguilla, Belize	1:50,000
Cayman Islands	1:50,000
St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua, Barbuda	1:100,000
St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada, Guyana	1:125,000
Mahé, Seychelles	1:50,000
Praslin, Seychelles	1:50,000
St. Lucia	1:50,000

The Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland will also be contributing to the GIS by 1995. It will be based on 1:1,250, 1:2,500, 1:5,000, 1:10,000, and 1:25,000 scales. It will include place names and post-codes, etc., and will also include the names of the rivers and lakes associated with the hydrology, the roads, and the railways.

The Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland is also producing a gazetteer of the cultural use of Northern Ireland in bilingual form. Since distances are given from coast to coast, the kind of assistance of Ordnance Survey Dublin that is obtained for the names lying beyond the border. The list is in bilingual form (English and Irish), and there is a bilingual gazetteer.

Research is now proceeding on the names contained in the OSGB 1:50,000 map series. This research is planned to be conducted in Queen's University, Belfast.