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National Land Survey of Finland names data available free of charge*

(SUMMARY)

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The National Land Survey of Finland (NLS) has opened all Geographic Names Register (GNR) products, including the GNR Web Feature Service (WFS) as well as small scale General Map products in scales 1:1 million and 1:4.5 million to be used free of charge as of 1 January 2011. The aim of opening the datasets is to promote the use of spatial data as well as the creation of new applications and innovations. The availability of free and easily-accessible authorised digital geographic names data is also seen as a key driver in encouraging the use of nationally standardised names.

During January 2011, 15 new users of the GNR Web Feature Service were registered, and GNR pre-defined data file products were downloaded 680 times. Small scale General Map products were downloaded 1 113 times (vector products 759 and raster products 354 times).

Additional information (e.g. licence terms) on the NLS datasets and services free of charge is available from <http://www.nls.fi> > Data and services > Datasets free of charge.

The *Toponymic Guidelines for map editors and other editors, Finland*, is available from <http://www.kotus.fi/index.phtml?l=en&s=510>.