POST WORKSHOP REPORT

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1. Workshop Report

1.1 Introduction

For the use and understanding of ArcGIS Desktop we provided a professional training for 25 participants at the Renaissance Hotel in Curacao. The purpose of the training workshop was to build capacity of the members of the disaster management organizations of all the participating islands in using ArcGIS software.

1.2 Editing and Managing Spatial Data

The training "Editing and Managing Spatial Data" was held on the 22th, 23rd and 24th of August 2011. All participants brought along their laptops which had ArcGIS 10 installed and where provided with a cd on the first day of the course. This CD installed all the course data, which had to be used during the exercises of the workshop.

1.3 Participants

Kerriel Lewis	Anguilla
Shaynis Connor	Anguilla
Silvia Erni	Anguilla
Eurico Hermans	Aruba
Hubert de Cuba	Aruba
Angelo Maduro	Aruba
Mouro Alvares Cicilia	Bonaire
Eric Soleana	Bonaire
Kyron Adams	BVI
Troy Rayford Dawson	BVI
Jon-Andrew Japal	Cayman Islands
Lee Michael Madison	Cayman Islands
Tiffany Ryan	Montserrat
Rondell Meade	Montserrat
Mervin Pandt	St. Eustatius
Austin Pierre van Heyningen	St. Eustatius
Elvin Henriquez	St. Eustatius
Rodney Roger Giterson	St. Maarten
Edelmiro R. Jansen	St. Maarten
Mike Clerveaux	TCI
Jamell Robinson	TCI

Don Simmons	TCI
Ana Rodriguez	Curacao
Angelo Christina	Curacao
Pédzi Girigori	Curacao

1.4 Trainer

Roy Huggins from GIS4C was the trainer for this course. Roy is an ESRI Authorized trainer and enjoyed working with the group very much.

2. Introduction to ArcGIS

2.1 Agenda

Monday 11-04-2011
Introduction / Course Goals
Introducing Map Layers
Managing Map Layers
Symbolizing categorical Data

Tuesday 12-04-2011
Symbolizing Quantitive data
Working with labels and annotation
Making a map layout
Investigating geographic data
Using coordinate systems and map   projections

Wednesday 13-04-2011
Managing tables
Editing features and attributes
Creating geodatabases and feature classes
Adding x,y and GPS data
Solving spatial problems with analysis
Q&A / Demo / Certificates

2.2 Training materials

During the course we made use of ESRI trainings material. Introduction to ArcGIS Desktop II, ESRI PowerPoint's and ESRI exercises.

3. Results

3.1 Evaluations

All 25 participant have filled in the questionnaire from GIS4C. The summary of the result is listed below.

Course:

	Disagree+	Disagree	Neutal	Agree	Agree+
I acquired mane valuable skills			3	13	9
I acquired much valuable information				13	12
The content and scope met my expectations			3	11	11
The course was well organized			1	8	16

Course Materials

	Disagree+	Disagree	Neutal	Agree	Agree+
The class notes were easy to understand			1	6	18
The class notes covered the subject adequately			1	7	17

Instructor

	Disagree+	Disagree	Neutal	Agree	Agree+
The instructor was very knowledgeable				3	22
The presentation was clear and effective			1	5	19
The instructor managed class discussion well				8	17
Questions were answered completely and clearly			1	6	18
The instructor encouraged class participation			3	8	14
The pace of the class was well managed			2	5	18

Overall

	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
How much of the information covered in this class was new to you ?	4	6	4	4	7

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Wich term best describes your overall experience with this course ?		2	3	13	7

3.2 Remarks

The following remarks have been given by the participants:

What was the most important thing you gained from the course?
- It was very important because I learned a lot on how to add data to your layout problem
- All chapters, but chapter 11 was the most important for me
- How to formulate the necessary information to produce a map
- How to work with GIS; basic beginners knowledge
- More knowledge about how to do different kind of things in GIS, which I didn't know before
- Knowledge about GIS
- The features of the software and user friendliness of the software
- Using the new ArcGIS 10
- Getting familiar with Arc 10, shortcut to tools, step by step procedures for best results
- Utilizing ArcGIS 10 to manage geodatabases and utilizing basemaps
- Being able to use data driven pages to create map books. Using feature templates while editing data
- Additional knowledge and experience with the ArcGIS software
- New items & tools compared from 9.3 with 10
- New tricks and correct ways of doing things
- Editing / table Joins
- Linking tables, Use of catalog within ArcMap, Creating Geodatabase
- Learning my way around in Arcmap 10; being that I'm already familiar with Arcmap 9.3
- The capacity of the system as a planning/management tool. The ease in which other data can be incorporated
- The multi purpose use of the software can be used by every department/sector

What would you add or drop from the course?
- Nothing
- The timing was a bit short for al the information in the workshop
- Adding an extra chapter for more advanced features and space to scribble down our own notes
- More time to practice or better said more time for the exercise because I didn't know GIS
- A few more lessons
- Less time on symbology and basic concepts
- More practical in-course exercises
- Add 1 extra day to the course
- Linking field systems (Juno) to the software application, building reports, geocoding
- Nothing, the course was well presented
- I would like to add more days to that we can really use the software under a supervised condition
- More hands on time getting familiar with working of the system

Additional Comments

- The instructor was very very good and positive in his work. I who did not know much about GIS did learn how to use it THANK YOU VERY MUCH
- The course was good. Teacher makes a good job. The presentation was clear and effective. The service was great. I look forward for a good course in the future for example in Montserrat. Till another course
- The course is very interesting! However 3 days is too short to really master the subject. As an introduction to GIS its ok though. I think participants would benefit more from the course if they were working with the data of the subject of their personal interest. (like was done on the last day of the course)
- The instructor knew his material & he also was able to pass it on to the class. The accommodation was excellent → from beginning till the end
- The instructor knows how to pass the information over
- The instructor was able to instruct the class from zero experience and let them edit and work with the software.
- Very Good! Would have liked more time to be spent on analysis and tools but considering there where many beginners and we lost some time, everything was splendid
- Perhaps an extra day could have been added to the course for the participants that were unable to attend on Monday

3.3 Recommendations

GIS4C recommends to all the participants to keep using the program as much as they can. Refresh trainings can be given upon request. For more information of courses please feel free to contact the GIS4C office.