

MDS System: Saving a Data Export Area

If you want to order your map data quickly, and don't need to save your export area, please refer to the '**General User Guide**' section for purchasing data. We suggest you read the general user guide first and then refer to this document if needed.

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If you know, at the start of your order process, that you will need to save your export area, please use the instructions below.

This applies to **Data (only)**, not plots.

Login and find your map location as described in the General User Guide.

Once your location is found, instead of selecting Purchase Data, choose the **Tools** tab (located upper-right in the main map screen.)

1. In the 'Draw' section of Tools, select the '**Rectangle**' shape and draw a polygon that defines the map area you need.

If you draw a rectangle AND then enter a specific size, it will create two polygons...which is not needed, so we suggest doing one or the other, not both. For a specific size, e.g. 200m x 200m, enter '200' for width and height in the on-screen form.

Tip: If you need to move/edit the polygon area, choose the 'Select Object' tool, found in the 'Select' section of tools (has an arrow icon), then move the polygon by selecting the edge of your polygon. You can edit the polygon's shape by using the same tool and adjusting the polygon corner nodes.

If you need to delete the polygon entirely, choose the 'Delete Object' function from the same 'Select' section of tools (has a square with an 'x' marked on it) - selecting that function and then clicking on your polygon will remove it.

Optional

If you want to find the **cost** of the data for your polygon selection, do the following ...(if you don't need the cost yet and just want to save the polygon right now, skip ahead to step 6, below.)

2. When you've made your polygon selection, ensure the polygon is not selected by clicking somewhere on the map screen, outside of the polygon itself (the corner markers will not show on the polygon), and then choose 'Purchase Data'
3. On the 'Step 1 - Draw export area' choices, select the arrow icon and click on the edge of the polygon previously created.
4. 'Confirm export area' will now be available, select it.
5. Select your preferred map product and there is a summary of the price.

To save the polygon selection...

6. Select 'Cancel' to discard the 'Purchase Data' tool (unless you did not select it previously.)
7. Select '**Save Project**'

Note: This only saves the polygon and not the product selection.

8. Complete 'Save project' dialog as necessary and 'Save'.

Tip: 'Save Projects' is also explained in the General User Guide.

To load your data export selection:

9. After login, select 'Open Project'.
10. Choose the saved project and select 'open'
11. The project should open, containing the polygon area that was previously drawn.
12. Follow **Step 2** from above, but this time, proceed with the rest of the order process to download your data.

All done.

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