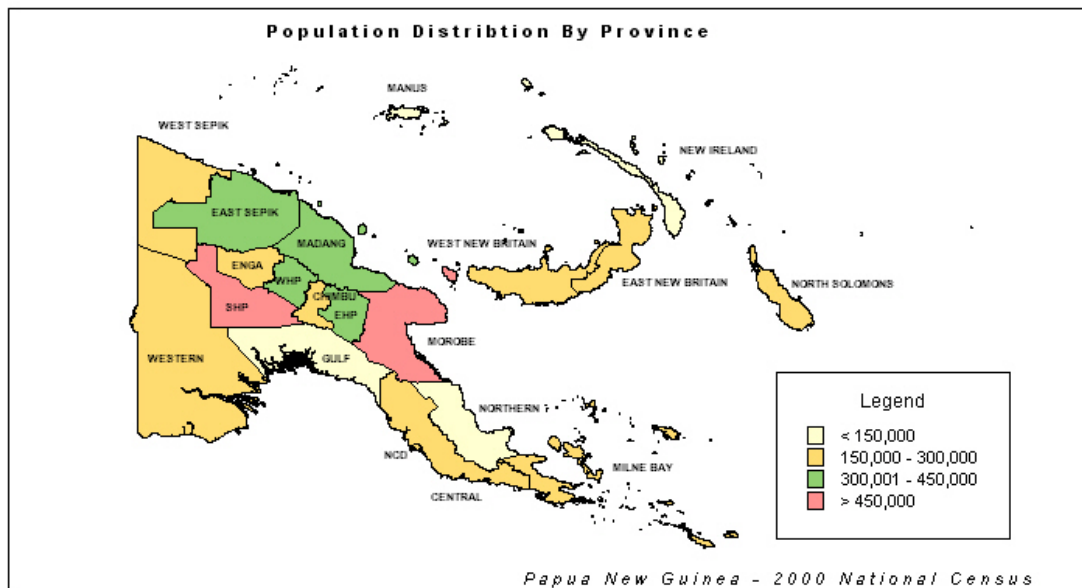


## Geographic Information System



The National Statistical Office has available statistical maps, paper base, for the 1980, 1990 and the recent census. These maps are presented in both rural and urban sectors and portray such information as statistical provincial boundaries, census division boundaries, statistical district boundaries, statistical LLG boundaries, census unit boundaries, census unit location/name/location, cadastral data, etc.

Also available are the 1980 & 1990 PNG Population Distribution by Province map on A0 paper size.

Other statistical data can also be mapped upon client's request and can be provided on either hard or soft copy depending on the nature of the request.

Note: Currently, the 2000 Census Mapping products are under review and will be available soon.

### ***Future Plan - GIS***

The PNG NSO is considering Geographic Information System or GIS to be one of its driving forces in data presentation/dissemination in the near future.

### ***Definition***

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM is an organised collection of computer hardware, software, geographic data and personnel designed to efficiently capture, store, update, manipulate, analyse and display all forms of geographically referenced information.

Furthermore, Geographic Information System can also be defined as a computer-based system for capturing, storing, manipulating, analysing and visualising specially referenced data and integrating it with other computer based information; a toolkit for the modelling and analysis of complex research, management and planning problems; and, a system to support decision makers by enabling them to structure problems and identify potential solutions for evaluation.

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