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1. INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS A GEOPDF?

A GeoPDF is a special PDF format which is able to display semi-interactive maps. These maps include geospatial information about the data points of the layers shown on the map. The PDF maps are semi-interactive because it allows users to:

- Identify the farm information through the attribute table
- Extract the X and Y coordinate information from the map
- Perform geographic measurement directly on the map

With a GeoPDF users can turn on / off the different layers as needed (e.g. Protected area layer)

2. REQUIREMENTS

For the GeoPDF functionalities to work, you need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader version: 2017, 2020 or DC installed. More information about Adobe and download instructions can be found in this link.

3. TURN ON/OFF THE MAP LAYERS

The following steps will enable the users to turn on/off different the layers (e.g. Deforestation areas).

i. Click on the "layer icon" (Figure 1) on the left-hand side of the Adobe Reader interface

ii. A new window will appear, which includes the available document layers. Click on "Main Map Frame"

iii. Click on "Deforestation risk map" (or PA risk map) in order to see the list of layers included in the map

iv. Check/Uncheck the boxes of each layer to turn it on off.

Figure 1. Steps to turn on / off the layers from the layer view
4. MEASURE TOOLBAR

By clicking on “Tools” in the top-left corner of the screen, you will get an overview of all the useful tools integrated in that specific Adobe Reader version. Click on “Open” under the “Measure” tool to access this function.

When the Measure toolbar (Figure 2) appears, you will see 3 different tools which are further explained below.

i. **Object Data Tool**
The Object data Tool allows you to view/identify the data associated to the objects (e.g. farm units) within the GeoPDF.

To view the information related to a specific farm, follow these steps:

- Click on “Object Data Tool”

Double click on the farm in which you would like to see the data
Visualize the information in the table that will appear on the bottom left-hand side of the screen.
ii. Measuring Tool

The measuring tools (Figure 5) are grouped into 2 types: Snap Types and Measurement types. If you click on the “Measurement Types”, it will be possible to:

- Measure distances (Measuring tool)
- Measure perimeters (Perimeter tool)
- Measure area (Area tool)
iii. Geospatial Location tool

This Tool can assist you in performing the following tasks:

- **View latitude and longitude** while the cursor is over an area containing geospatial information (Figure 6)
- **Mark a location** with a geospatial annotation. Right click inside the map → mark location (Figure 7)
- **Search for a location** in a document. Right click inside the map → find a location.

![Figure 6. View latitude and longitude using the spatial location tool](image1)

![Figure 7. Mark or find a location using the spatial location tool](image2)