

# GADMTools - Manipulating Shapefiles

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## What is GADM?

GADM, the Database of Global Administrative Areas, is a high-resolution database of country administrative areas, with a goal of “all countries, at all levels, at any time period. The database has a few export formats, including shapefiles that are used in most common GIS applications.[2] Files formatted for the programming language R are also available, allowing the easy creation of descriptive data plots that include geographical maps. Although it is a public database, GADM has a higher spatial resolution than other free databases and also higher than commercial software such as ArcGIS. GADM is not freely available for commercial use. The GADM project created the spatial data for many countries from spatial databases provided by national governments, NGO, and/or from maps and lists of names available on the Internet (e.g. from Wikipedia).

The GADM website and data repository is hosted at UC Davis in the Hijmans Lab. The Hijman lab is run by Robert Hijmans an Environmental Science and Policy faculty member in the Geography Graduate Group. [ source Wikipedia - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GADM> ]

## What is GADMTools?

**GADMTools** is an R package to manipulate shapefiles from GADM and to make geo-statistical representations easily.

**GADMTools** can use 2 shapefile formats, *SpatialPolygonsDataFrame (SP)* and *Simple Features (SF)*, both provided by GADM as .rds files.

**NB:** the SF format is supported only from version 3.5 of GADMTools.

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# Manipulating shapefiles

## functions

SpatialPolygons	Simple Features	Description
<code>gadm_sp_loadCountries</code>	<code>gadm_sf_loadCountries</code>	downloads or loads one or more shapefiles
<code>gadm_getBackground</code>	<code>gadm_getBackground</code>	Gets tiles with 'rosm' from OpenStreetMap
<code>gadm_loadStripped</code>		Load a GADM stripped shapefile
<code>gadm_remove</code>	<code>gadm_remove</code>	Removes one or more regions from a map in a GADMWrapper/GT2 object
<code>gadm_removeBackground</code>	<code>gadm_removeBackground</code>	Removes the background of a map
<code>gadm_saveStripped</code>		Save a stripped GADM object
<code>gadm_subset</code>	<code>gadm_subset</code>	Extract regions. "subset" does not work since release 3.5-1
<code>gadm_union</code>	<code>gadm_union</code>	Merges regions
<code>listNames</code>	<code>listNames</code>	List the region names for an administrative level
<code>saveAs</code>	<code>saveAs</code>	Save your own GADM shapefile as a .rds file
<code>stripSP</code>		Strip a GADMWrapper object

## Added in version 3.6

SpatialPolygons	Simple Features	Description
<code>gadm_getBbox</code>	<code>gadm_getBbox</code>	get the bounding box of the map
<code>gadm_crop</code>	<code>gadm_crop</code>	crop a region to a specific rectangle
<code>gadm_longTo360</code>	<code>gadm_longTo360</code>	Converts longitudes from -180° - 0° - 180° to 0° - 360°
<code>gadm_removeBackground</code>	<code>gadm_removeBackground</code>	Removes the background of a map

**CAUTION:** Functions whose names were previously prefixed by "gadm." are now prefixed by "gadm\_" for compliance with the R language coding conventions. Older functions are still available for this release but will be removed in the next release. Generally all the "." in the function names have been replaced by "\_".

Function `gadm.loadCountries` has been removed.

## Format SP : `gadm_sp_loadCountries()` / `gadm_load.countries`

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This is a main function of GADMTools, with it, you can load or download one or more shapefiles. If you load many shapefiles, the function assembles the shapefiles into one.

The old function `gadm_loadCountries` has been removed.

```
gadm_sp_loadCountries(  
    fileNames,  
  
    level = 0,  
  
    basefile=GADM_BASE,  
  
    baseurl=GADM_URL,  
  
    simplify=NULL  
)
```

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Parameter	Description
<b>fileNames</b>	<b>Character vector</b> of named regions. An ISO-3166-1 code or a custom name. You don't have to specify the suffix (admX) nor the file extension (.rds).
<b>level</b>	<b>Integer</b> - the level of the administrative boundaries (0 is the country, higher values equal finer divisions)
<b>basefile</b>	<b>Character</b> - the path of the directory where shapefiles are stored. Default is “./GADM”
<b>baseurl</b>	<b>Character</b> - the url of GADM files. Default is <a href="http://biogeo.ucdavis.edu/data/gadm_8/rds/">http://biogeo.ucdavis.edu/data/gadm_8/rds/</a>
<b>simplify</b>	<b>Numeric</b> numerical tolerance value to be used by the Douglas-Peucker algorithm. Higher values use less polygon points (and less memory) and lower values use more polygon points (and more memory). We suggest not going higher than 0.025 in order for intra-country boundaries to align.

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**Return:** Object `gadm_sp`

## Format SF : `gadm_sf_loadCountries()`

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This is a main function of GADMTools, with it, you can load or download one or more shapefiles. If you load many shapefiles, the function assembles the shapefiles into one.

```
gadm_sf_loadCountries(  
    fileNames,  
    level = 0,  
    basefile=GADM_BASE,  
    baseurl=GADM_URL,  
    simplify=NULL  
)
```

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Parameter	Description
<b>fileNames</b>	<b>Character vector</b> of named regions. An ISO-3166-1 code or a custom name. You don't have to specify the suffix (admX) nor the file extension (.rds).
<b>level</b>	<b>Integer</b> - the level of the administrative boundaries (0 is the country, higher values equal finer divisions)
<b>basefile</b>	<b>Character</b> - the path of the directory where shapefiles are stored. Default is “./GADM”
<b>baseurl</b>	<b>Character</b> - the url of GADM files. Default is <a href="http://biogeo.ucdavis.edu/data/gadm_8/rds/">http://biogeo.ucdavis.edu/data/gadm_8/rds/</a>
<b>simplify</b>	<b>Numeric</b> numerical tolerance value to be used by the Douglas-Peucker algorithm. Higher values use less polygon points (and less memory) and lower values use more polygon points (and more memory). We suggest not going higher than 0.025 in order for intra-country boundaries to align.

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**Return:** Object *gadm\_sf*

## Loading a country

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```
library(GADMTools)

# Loading country border (level=0 [default])
# -----
map <- gadm_sf_loadCountries("FRA", basefile = "./")
gadm_plot(map) + theme_light()
```

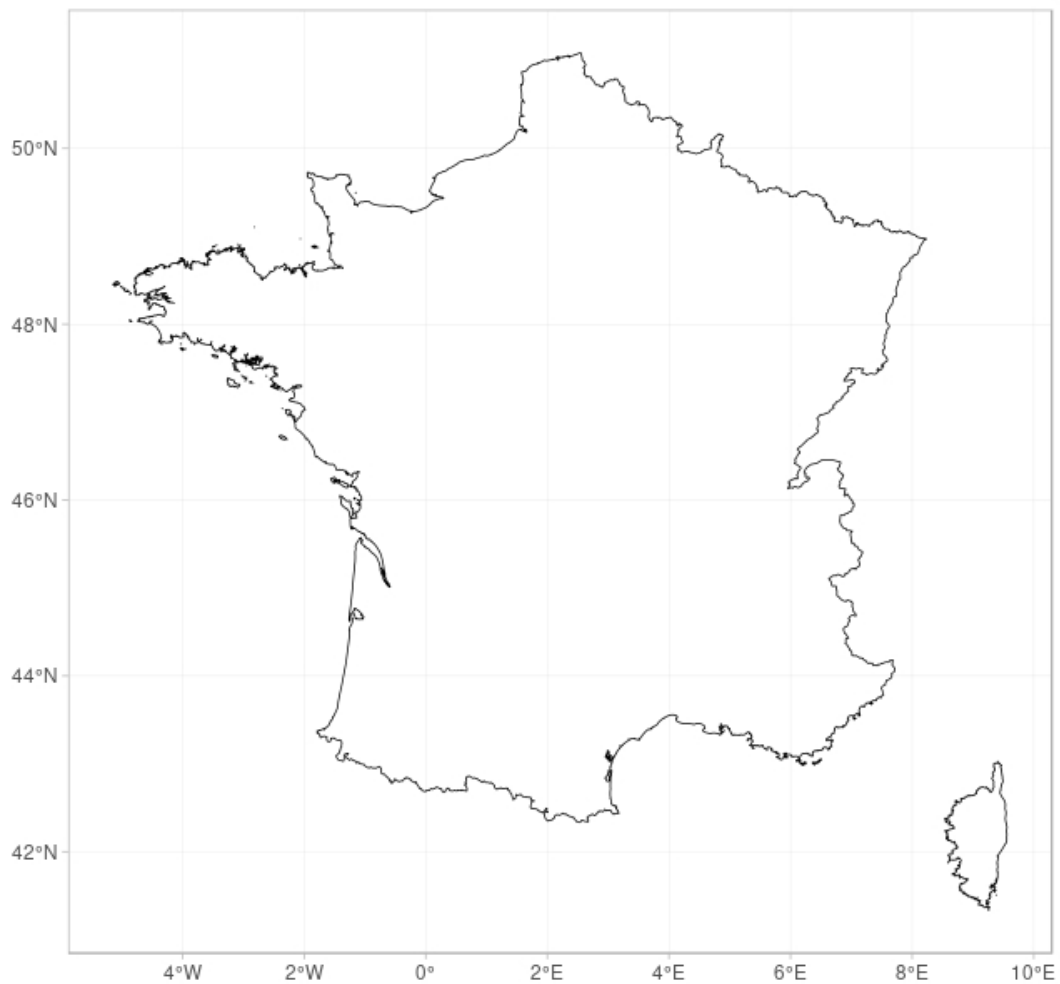


Figure 1: Loading a single country (level = 0)

## Loading a country at an administrative level

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```
library(GADMTools)
data("Corsica")

# Loading regions @ level = 2]
# -----
map <- gadm_sp_loadCountries(c("FRA"), level=2, basefile = "./")
gadm_plot(map)
```

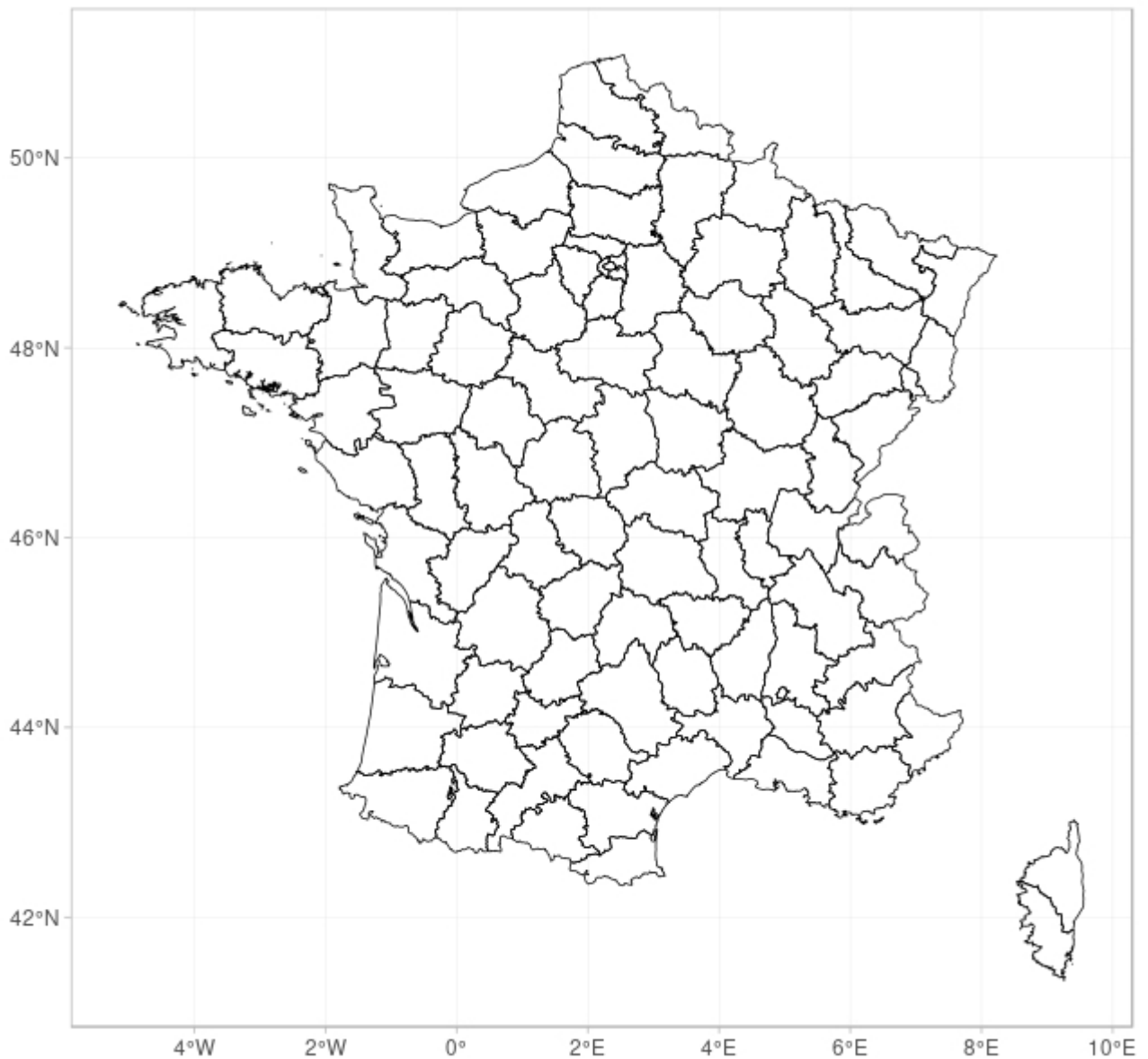


Figure 2: loading regions of a country @ level = 2

**NB:** you can use *gadm\_sf\_loadCountries* instead of *gadm\_sp\_loadCountries*



## Assembling many countries

```
library(GADMTools)

# Assemble administrative boundaries (country level = 0)
# -----
map <- gadm_sp_loadCountries(c("BEL","LUX","NLD"), basefile = "./")
gadm_plot(map + theme_light())
```

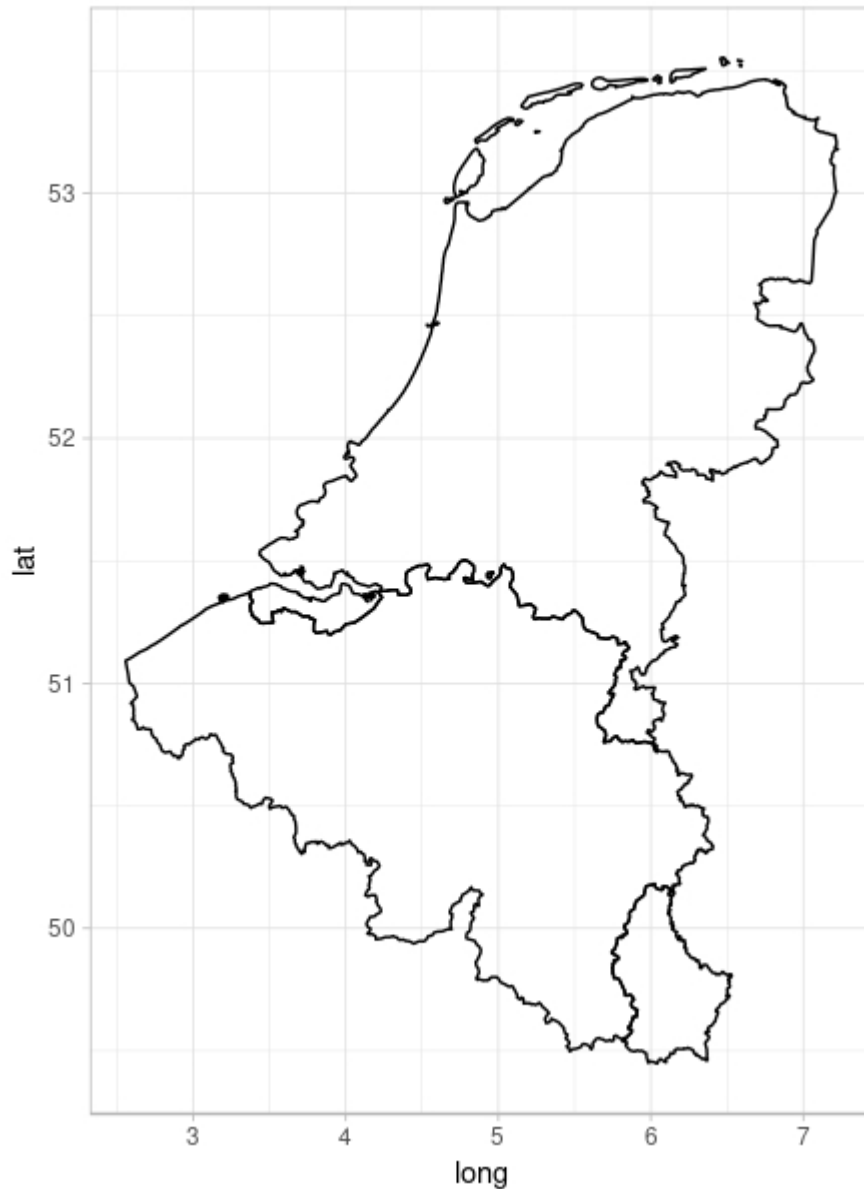


Figure 3: Benelux = Belgium + Luxembourg + Netherlands @ level = 0

**NB:** you can use `gadm_sf_loadCountries` instead of `gadm_sp_loadCountries`

## Extracting regions

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### First extracting "Corse" from France @ level 4
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```
FRA <- gadm_sf_loadCountries("FRA", level = 4, basefile = "./")
```

```
Corsica <- gadm_subset(FRA, level=1, regions="Corse")
```

```
gadm_plot(Corsica) %>% gadm_showNorth("t1") %>% gadm_showScale('b1')
```

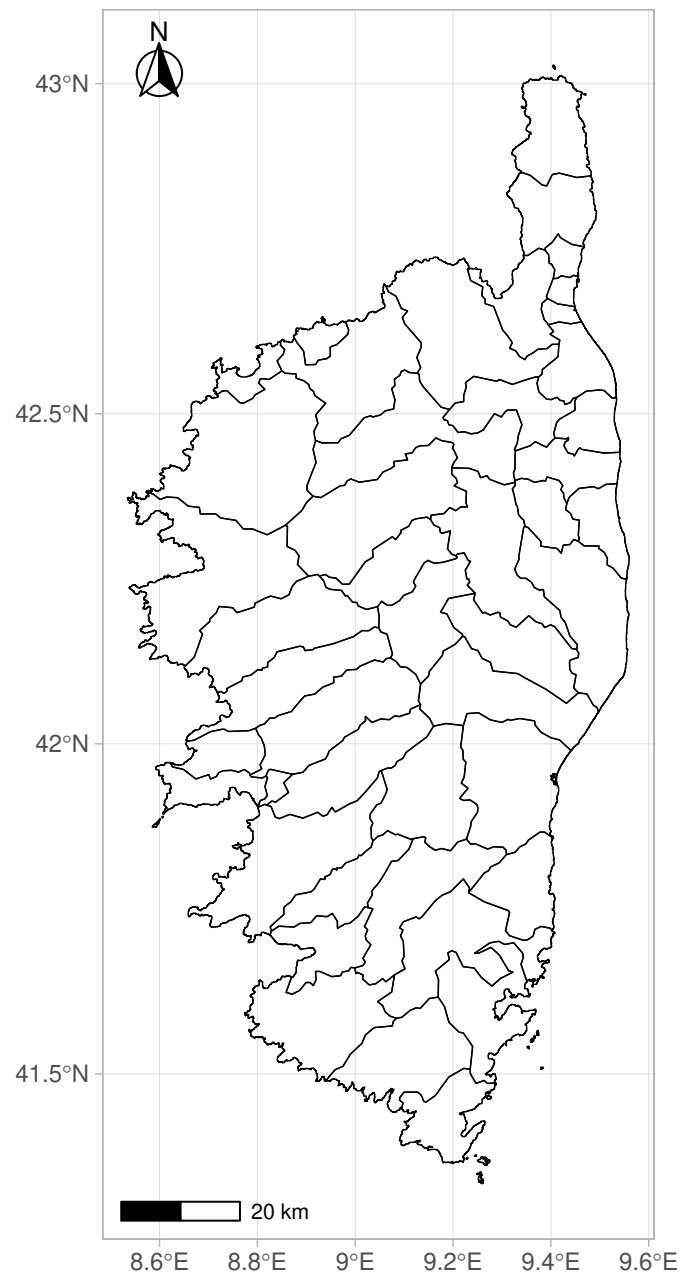


Figure 4: Corsica (Region of France) @ level 4

In order to extract some regions of a map we need to know them. The `listNames()` function allows this. The `subset` function is then used to extract the desired regions.

CAUTION: only the administrative levels that have been loaded in the `loadCountries` object can be listed. For instance, with a map loaded @ level 4, the level for `listNames` can be one of [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]. Names are given in the country's language or English.

```
listNames(Corsica, 2)
```

```
## [1] "Corse-du-Sud" "Haute-Corse"
```

```
HCorse <- gadm_subset(Corsica, regions="Haute-Corse", level=2)  
gadm_plot(HCorse)
```

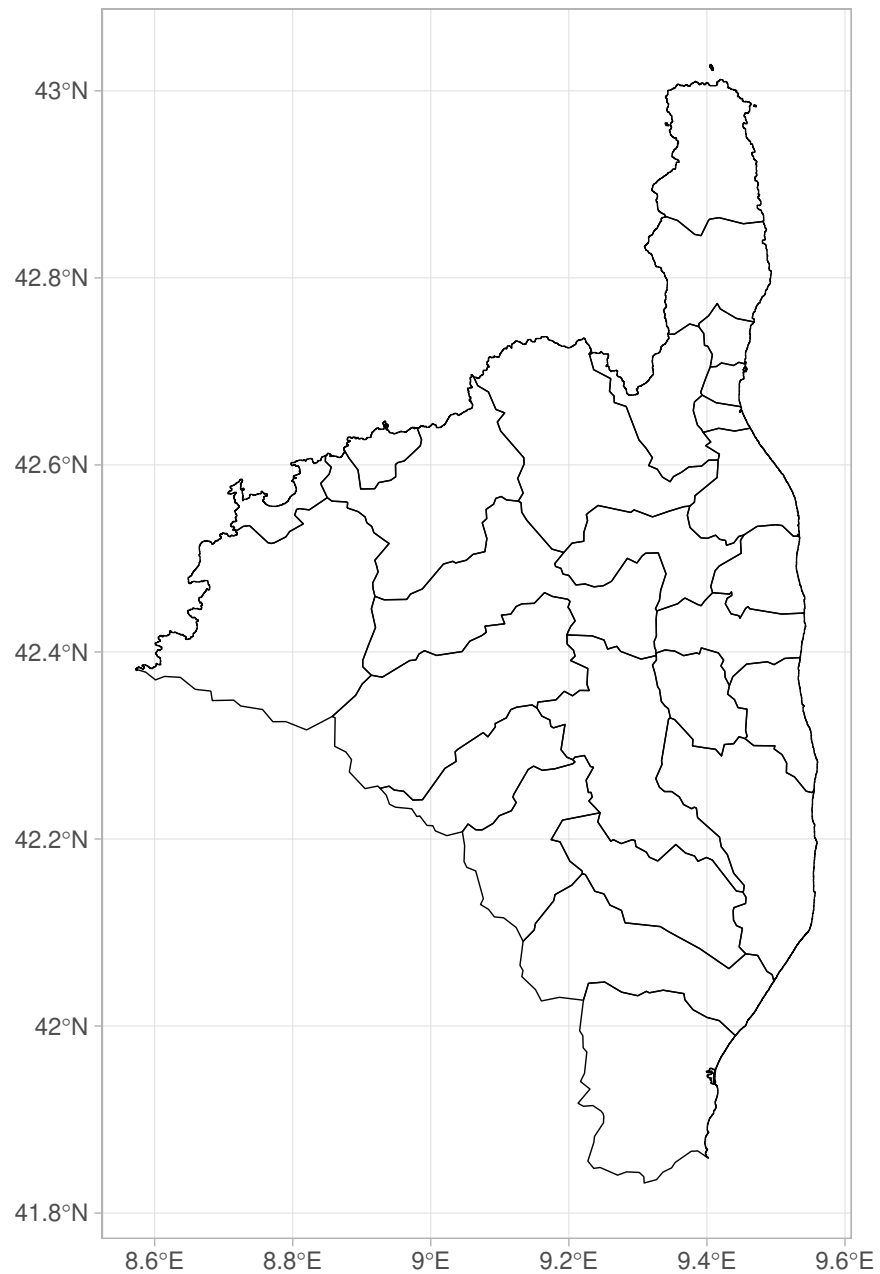


Figure 5: Corsica - Haute-Corse

## Merging regions

```
UCorse <- gadm_union(Corsica, level=3, type="Arrondissements")  
gadm_plot(UCorse)
```

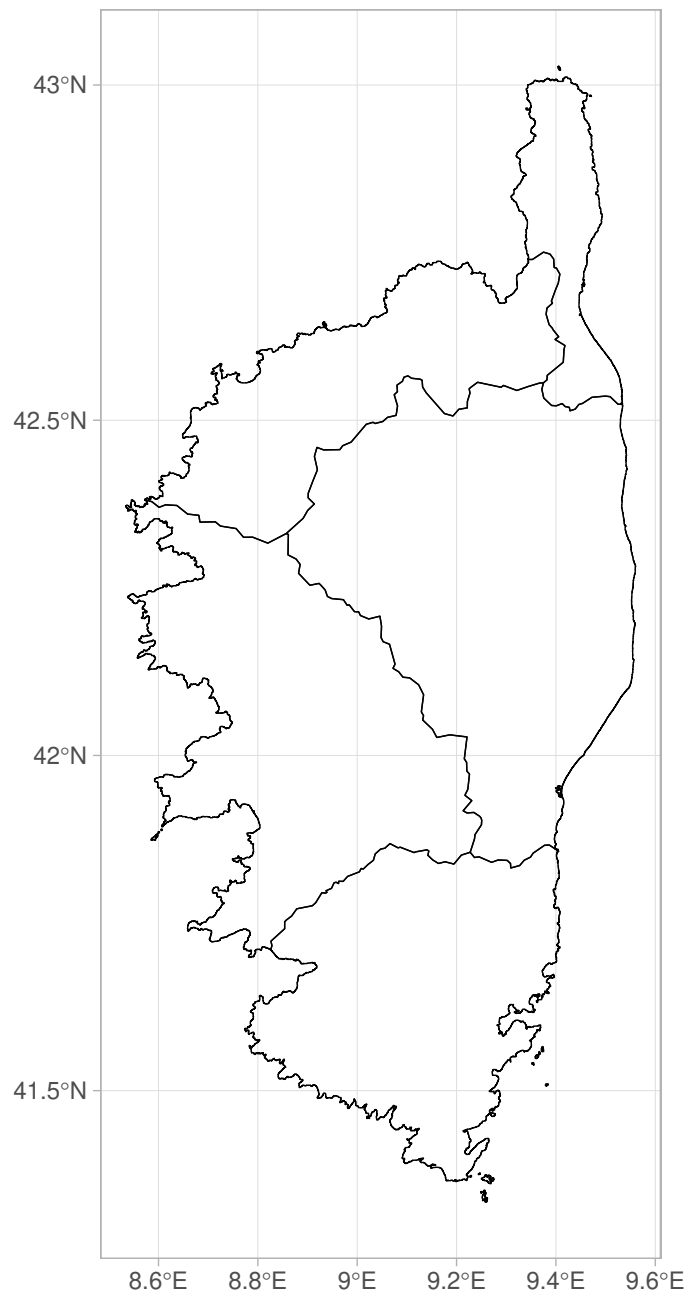


Figure 6: Corsica with districts only

## Removing regions

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```
listNames(Corsica, 3)
```

```
## [1] "Ajaccio" "Sartène" "Bastia" "Calvi" "Corte"
```

```
Corse_without_Corte <- gadm_remove(Corsica, regions="Corte", 3)  
gadm_plot(Corse_without_Corte)
```

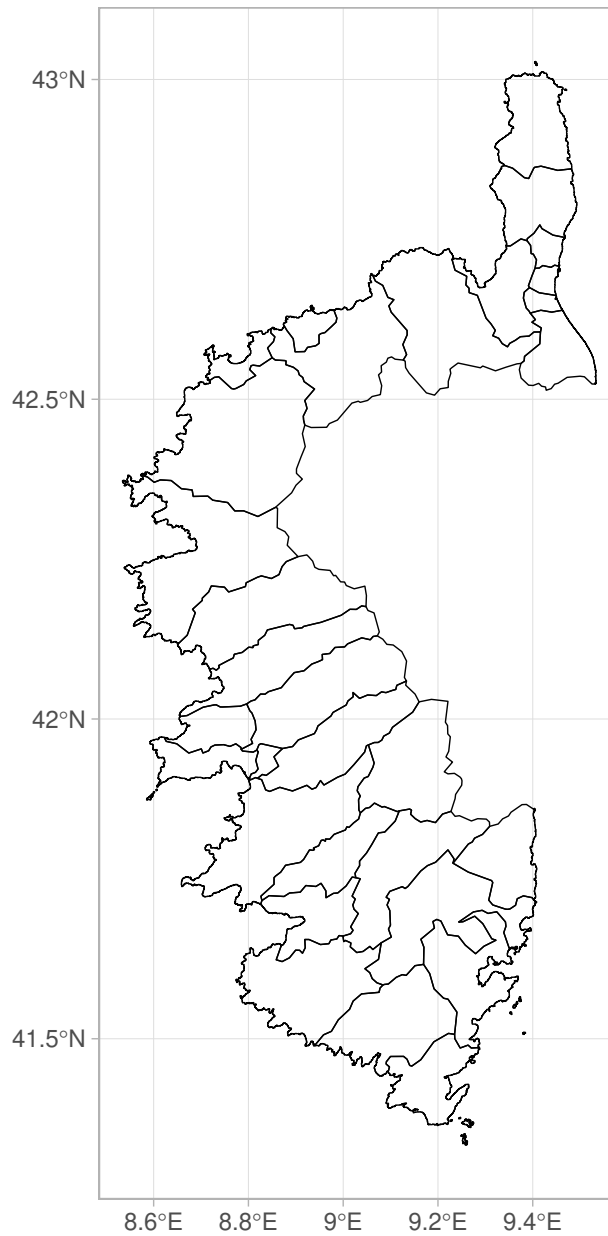


Figure 7: Corsica without district of Corte

## Cropping an area

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First get the bounding box of Corsica

```
gadm_getBbox(Corsica)
```

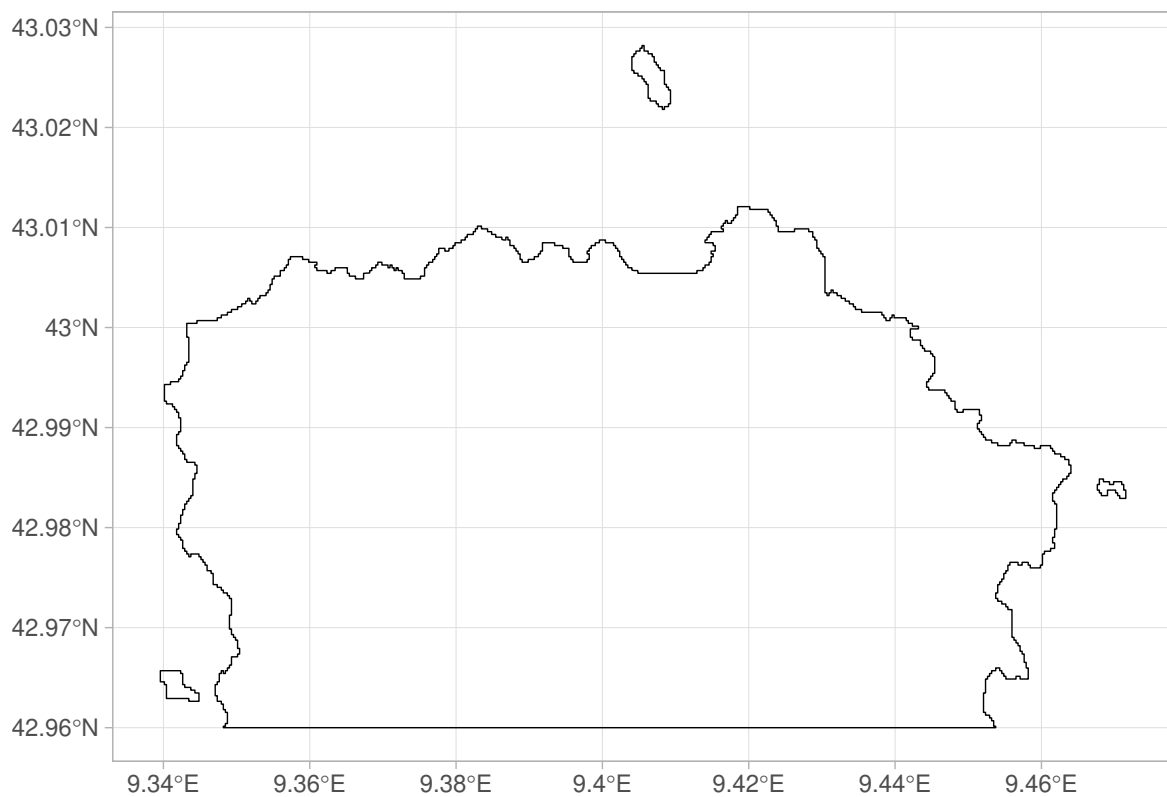
```
##      xmin      ymin      xmax      ymax  
## 8.534306 41.333752 9.560416 43.028194
```

And now, cropping at our custom coordinates

```
STUDY_AREA <- gadm_crop(Corsica, xmin=9.3, ymin=42.96, xmax=9.566, ymax=43.02819)
```

```
## although coordinates are longitude/latitude, st_intersection assumes that they are planar
```

```
gadm_plot(STUDY_AREA)
```



## Converting longitudes to 0 - 360

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```
library(GADMTools)
FJI = gadm_sp_loadCountries("FJI", 1, basefile = "./")
gadm_plot(FJI, title = "Fidji Island with bad coordinates")
```



Figure 8: Fiji Islands, with polygons crossing the Date Line

```
FJI = gadm_longTo360(FJI)
gadm_plot(FJI, title = "Fidji Island with 0 - 360 coordinates")
```

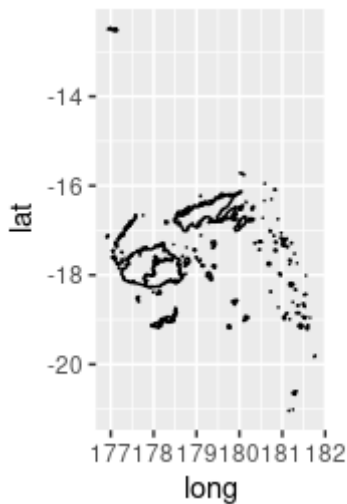


Figure 9: Fiji Islands, with polygons crossing the Date Line

## Adding a background image from OpenstreetMap

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```
library(GADMTools)
library(rosm)
FRA = gadm_sp_loadCountries("FRA", 2, basefile = "./")
BRE = gadm_subset(FRA, level=1, regions=c("Bretagne"))
BRE2 <- gadm_getBackground(BRE, "BRE", "osm")
gadm_plot(BRE2, title = "Map of Bretagne (FRANCE)")
```

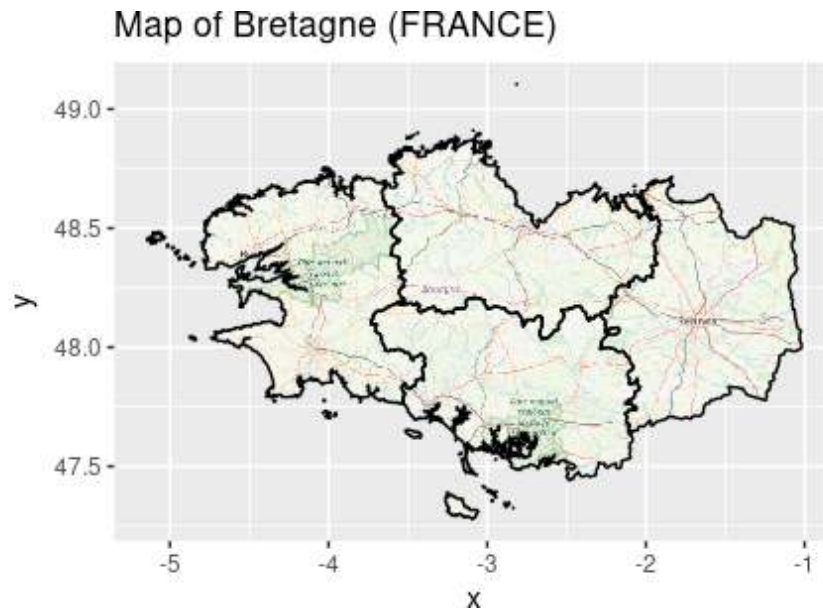


Figure 10: map of Bretagne with background from OSM @ level = 2



## Remove a background previously loaded with `gadm_getBackground`

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`gadm_removeBackground( x )`