



While most books can be found through computerised catalogues, cartographic documentation is scarcely referenced on the Internet. Despite the development of digitalisation, the absence of a specific tool for dealing with this heritage is becoming problematic. The scheme *CartoMundi* intends to fill in this void through a new device: a website with an international collective catalogue.

*CartoMundi* was primarily conceived for librarians, scholars and students, but it can also be of interest to other sectors of activity such as publishing, natural resources data or tourism.



Interactive key maps to surf through the catalogue

### A Graphic interface

*CartoMundi* is organised through a georeferenced graphic interface which enables the user to surf on the catalogue using an interactive planisphere. For each selected reference, according to the space it represents, the user can access its bibliographic notice and the list of places where the document can be found. Documents which have been digitalised can be accessed on-line and their reproductions ordered.

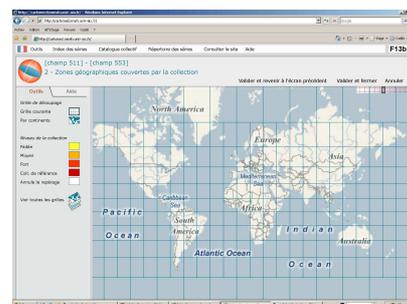
### Sharing and mutualising knowledge

*CartoMundi* is based on mutualising data, giving way to important cost-cuts. It is also based on a homogeneous georeferencing and on an index built before hand.

This system will not replace existing catalogues. It supplements them with the added possibility of managing documents from the areas they represent. Every institution holding maps or plans, regardless of status or size, are invited to participate to *CartoMundi* and to enjoy its services. Three levels of participation are possible, according to the size of the collections and the amount of resources and knowhow which can be brought to the project.

### An International directory

This directory offers institutions through out the world the possibility to describe their collections through the geographical zones they cover, on an interactive planisphere. Its use is free of charge.

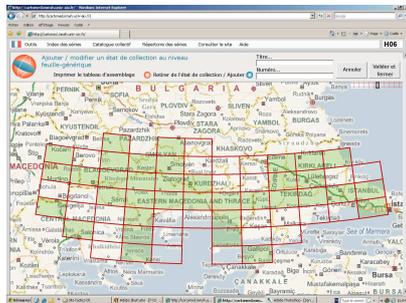


On a planisphere, a changeable scale enables the user for selecting the zone covered by each institution

### A Collective catalogue

*CartoMundi* is not the result of a compilation of different collections. On the contrary, it is based on an index which is built in such a way that for each cartographic series noted, the index suggests a description of the totality of its sheets, whatever the state of the collection. The mutualisation of such information will be the basis for important savings. A graphic interface accessible online enables the recording and publishing of the state of collections.

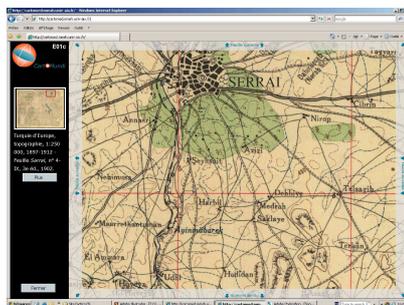
This catalogue will be of interest to every institution wishing to enhance the value of its collection through an innovative indexing system. For those who wish to sell maps, be they originals or reproductions, the catalogue will also signal which documents are on sale. This possibility will be charged through a yearly contribution related to the volume of referenced documents.



The state of the collection is keyed in on-line, through a key map

### Index

The index collects descriptions of documents keyed in directly or imported in from existing catalogues. It is built through a network of partners who participate in this program – national libraries, geographic societies, universities, local authorities...– in collaboration with publishers. The institutions who contribute to the elaboration of this index will be entitled to a rebate on their annual fee.



A specific tool offers the possibility of navigating between reproduced documents

### Promoting the use of cartography

Through encouraging the exchange and gathering of cartographic knowledge on an international

scale, *CartoMundi* facilitates smoother relations between map users and institutions who hold them. The possibility of visualising the perimeter of each map will contribute to renew their use and to develop new questions in a variety of fields such as geology, archaeology, geography, economics and history of social sciences, etc.

### A stable structure

*CartoMundi* is backed up by a consortium made up of the University of Provence, the Maison méditerranéenne des sciences de l’homme and TELEMME Laboratory with the collaboration of the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BNF) and the Institut géographique national (IGN). It is also supported by the Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) and a few local authorities. This consortium is opened to French and foreign institutions who wish to contribute to the development and stabilisation of the project.



Possibility of selecting the investigated geographical zone from an interactive planisphere, through a target or a bounding box

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