

HOW CERTAIN ARE YOU OF YOUR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION?: BLUNDERS AND BREAKTHROUGHS IN ACCURACY ASSESSMENT

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Overview

This presentation by Dr. Pontius was one of the two keynote addresses that were invited to the 6th Southern Forestry and Natural Resources GIS Conference by the conference planning committee. As a result, no abstract was requested, thus no abstract is available. Dr. Pontius described a number of issues in the assessment of data accuracy that should be considered by both researchers and land managers. Although standard accuracy assessment methods are used widely in natural resource management, Dr. Pontius suggested a few alternative ways in which we might assess the accuracy of geographic information.

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