

EVI ATLASES

Online Guide

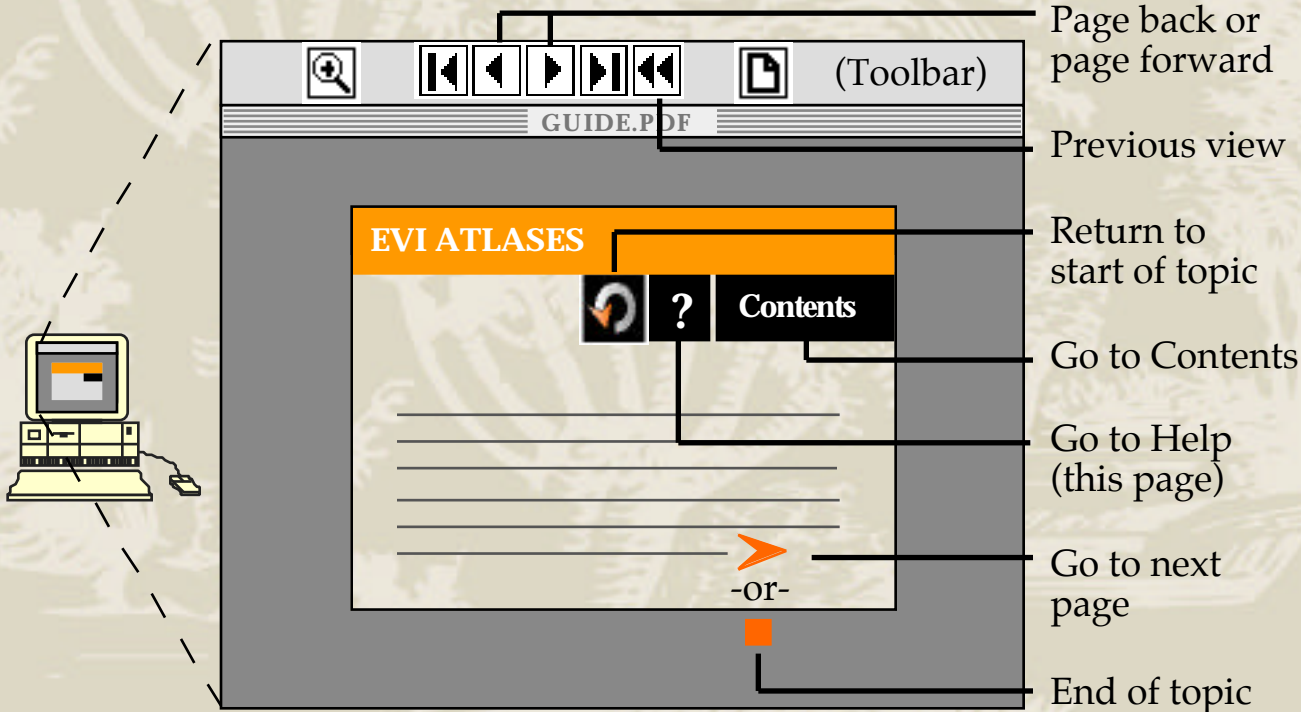
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Directory named according to state (e.g., CALIF, S_CAROL).

This directory contains this Online Guide (GUIDE.PDF) and a directory called EVI_DATA which contains the Index map, EVI maps, Seasonality tables, associated Introduction and Legend files, and a technical file about the actual data used in the EVI maps. ➤

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Within the EVI_DATA directory are the following files and sub-directories:

Introduction discussion (INTRO.PDF). This file is a text introduction to the EVI Atlas that explains the purpose and content of the atlas. It lists animal species in the area, gives contacts for human-use features such as parks and marinas, and describes the various shoreline habitats found in the area.

Legend of symbols used, and discussion on how to interpret EVI maps (LEGEND.PDF). This file tells what each color and symbol used in the ESI maps stands for and gives tips for interpreting the map information. ➤

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Index map (INDEX.PDF). This file is a map of the entire state with the EVI map coverages outlined. The coverage boxes are linked to individual volumes of the EVI atlas volumes. From here, individual EVI maps can be selected from each volume.



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High-resolution EVI maps (MAPS). This directory contains 300-dpi EVI maps.





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Viewing the Index map. Click on the "Index map" text on the "Files Included on this CD-ROM" section of this guide. From there, you can link to each of the four volumes, and then to individual EVI maps by clicking in the coverage boxes.

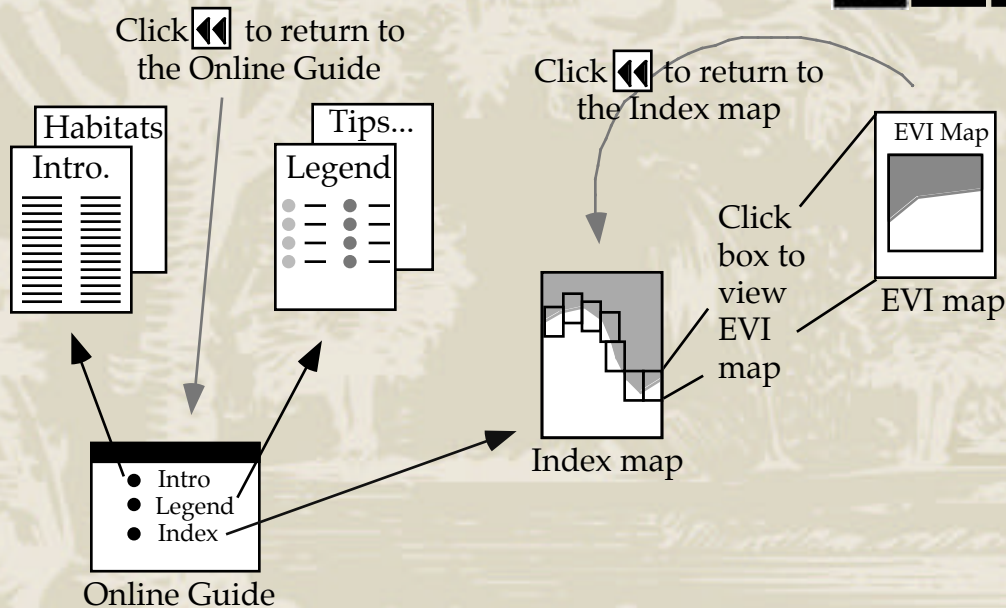
Returning to the Index map. Click  from the toolbar to return to the Index map from an EVI map. (NOTE: This button returns to the previous **view**, so if you zoomed into the EVI map, the button will return to the unzoomed view. Click the button again to return to the Index map.) 

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For an alternate method of navigation where it is possible to keep multiple files open and to toggle between files using the Window menu, please continue. ➤

Alternate navigation



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Instead of using the  button, there is an alternate way to navigate among all of the documents on this CD-ROM, but it requires you to change a preference in the Reader 3.0 application. Once this preference is set, multiple files can stay open at the same time. To toggle back and forth, you simply have to select the file you are interested in from the Window menu.

To change the preference:

- Go to the File menu and select Preferences
- Choose General
- In the dialogue box that opens up, **UNCHECK** the "Open Cross Document Links in Same Window" option.
- Select OK.

Once set, the preference will remain, so you will not have to open the dialogue again the next time you use this CD-ROM. ➤

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Returning to the Index map. Choose "INDEX.PDF" from the Window menu.



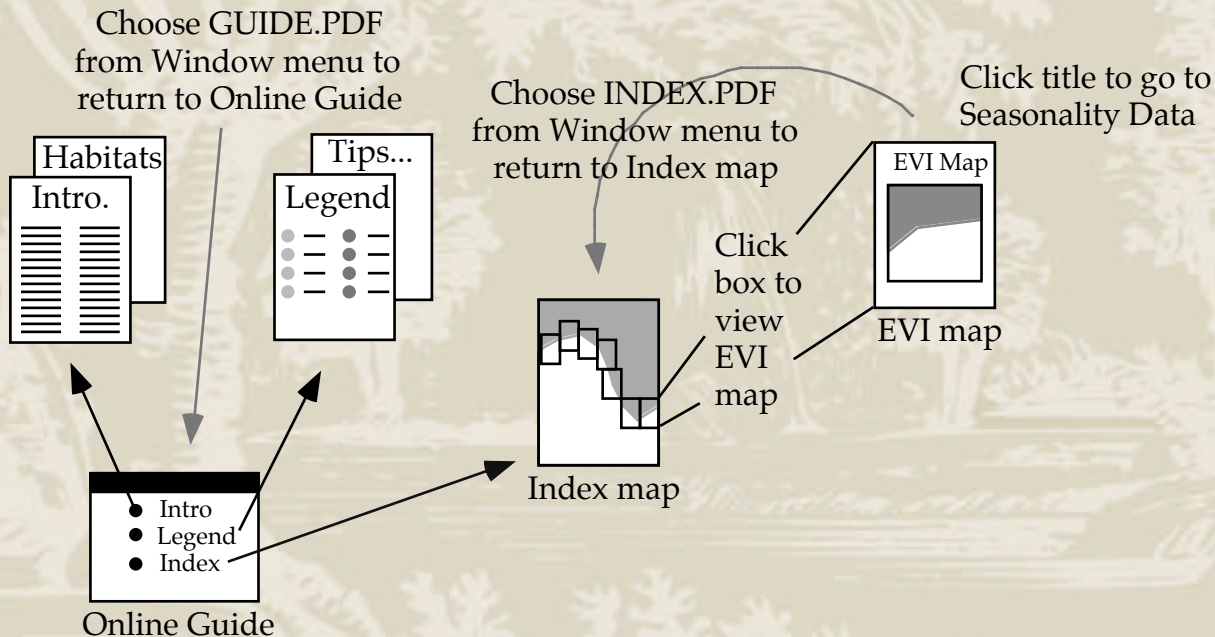
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To print a page from this CD-ROM, open the file you wish to print and select "Print" from the File menu.

These files can be printed on any Postscript® compatible printer.

The maps are in 11"x17" format, so you will need to adjust the map size accordingly to fit your printer output. Select "Shrink to fit" or "Fit to page" from your Page Setup menu to automatically scale the map to paper sizes other than 11"x17". ➤

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The procedure for having the maps printed at a commercial printshop will vary depending on where you go. The computer that you use will need Acrobat Reader 3.0 (or later). The computer must have the 3.0 version (or later) because using an older version will cause irregularities in viewing and printing.

In order to give you a general idea of what might be involved, here are the printing costs from a local printshop: We used a computer for 10 minutes, which cost \$4.00. There was a one-time \$10.00 charge for the use of another computer that was used to set up the print files for the color copier (which was the only machine with 11"x17" color printing capability). Then, each color copy cost \$1.99, but this charge decreases with volume. So to print two pages was about \$19.50 (incl. tax), or about \$9.75 per page. To print 50 pages would have been about \$125.00 (incl. tax), or about \$2.50 per page. ■

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About ESI mapping



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The most widely used approach to sensitive environment mapping in the United States is NOAA's Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) approach. This approach systematically compiles information in standard formats for coastal shoreline sensitivity, biological resources, and human-use resources. The ESIs are an important tool in emergency spill response, where their use helps to reduce the environmental consequences of the spill and cleanup efforts. ➤

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The primary objective of spill response in the United States, after protecting human life, is to reduce the environmental consequences of the spill and cleanup efforts. This objective is best achieved when ESI maps are used to identify the locations of sensitive resources before a spill occurs, so that protection priorities can be established and cleanup strategies developed in advance. Since their inception in 1979, ESI atlases have been prepared for most of the U.S. shoreline, including the Great Lakes, Alaska, Hawaii, and the Trust Territories. ➤

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To be effective, sensitive environment mapping must be an integral component of overall spill planning activities. Sensitivity maps are not an end in themselves, rather they are a starting point for prevention, planning, and response actions. The definitions in the NOAA sensitivity maps provide guidance that local organizations use to develop plans. Recently published manuals, including the **Mechanical Protection Guidelines** and the **Shoreline Countermeasures** series for temperate, tropical, Arctic, and freshwater environments are examples where the ESI definitions are the basis for site-specific planning. ➤

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There are three general types of information found in ESI maps: habitats ranked according to geomorphological characteristics, sensitivity to spilled oil, natural persistence of oil, and ease of cleanup; biological resources including oil-sensitive animals and plants, with information at the species level; and human-use resources, such as high-use amenity beaches, parks, and marine sanctuaries. The intertidal habitat ranking scheme is based on an understanding of the complete coastal environment, not just the substrate type and grain size. Key to the rankings is an understanding of the relationships between physical processes and substrates that produce specific geomorphic shoreline types and predictable patterns in oil behavior and sediment transport patterns. The habitat ranking system has been widely incorporated into spill decision-making aids including manuals, matrices, and planning documents. ➤

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Recent work has focused on extending the original methodology for open coastal areas to inland rivers, and smaller ponds and streams. The strategy emphasizes standard map formats for electronic and hard-copy output. NOAA is undertaking a comprehensive program to provide electronic access to new ESI data and to existing data formerly available only as hard-copy maps. Our strategy is to make digital ESI data available on CD-ROM and via the Internet. Selected ESI atlases will be available in Portable Document Format for viewing and printing and in formats appropriate for use with Geographic Information System software. ➤

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For more information about ESI maps, contact the Hazardous Materials Response and Assessment Division at:

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Or, visit the ESI Home Page at:

<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/esi/esiintro.html>

About the producers

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Waste Mgt., Response Division**

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