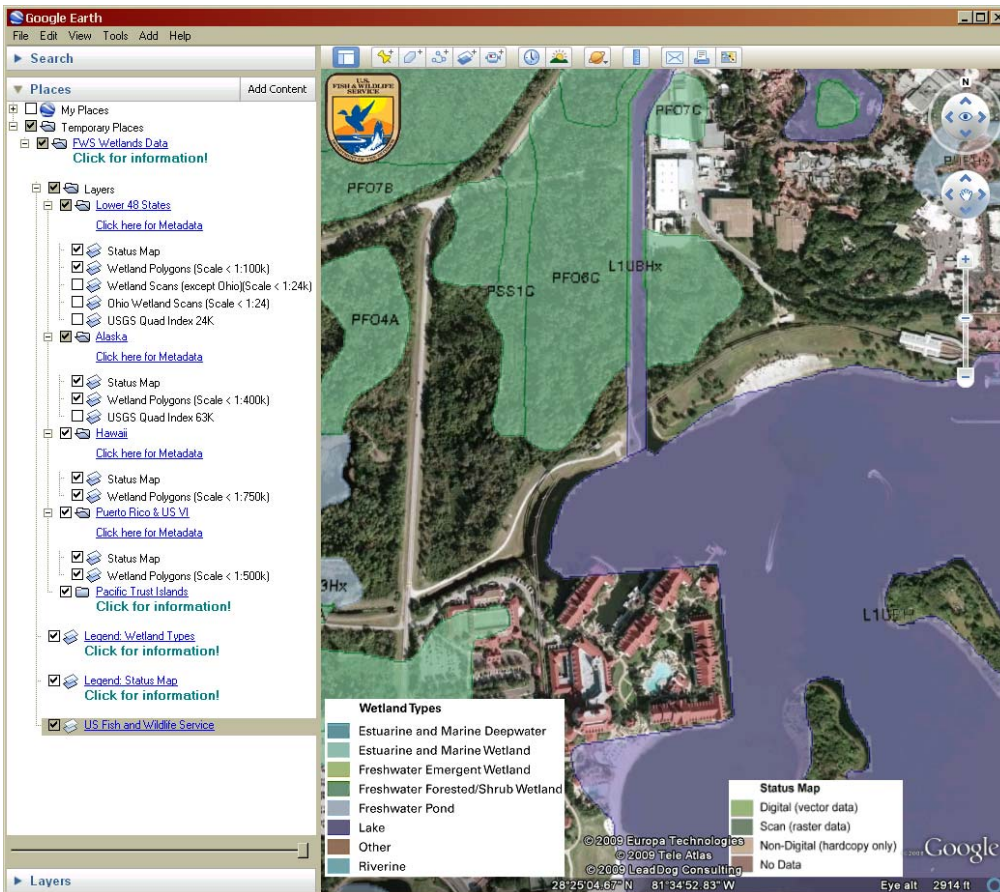# Viewing Wetlands
# with Google™ Earth[1]



A Keyhole Markup Language file has been created to view Wetlands Data with Google Earth[2]. To ensure that you use the latest version, it is recommended that you load the file and open Google Earth by starting your internet browser and navigating to the following HTML link:

(http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/GoogleEarth.html)

Once you navigate to the previously mentioned web page, select the link:

**WetlandsData.KMZ**

If Google Earth fails to launch automatically, the file can also be used by first launching the Google Earth application. Select the menu option File, Open, and then locate the previously downloaded file (WetlandsData.KMZ); then click the Open button.
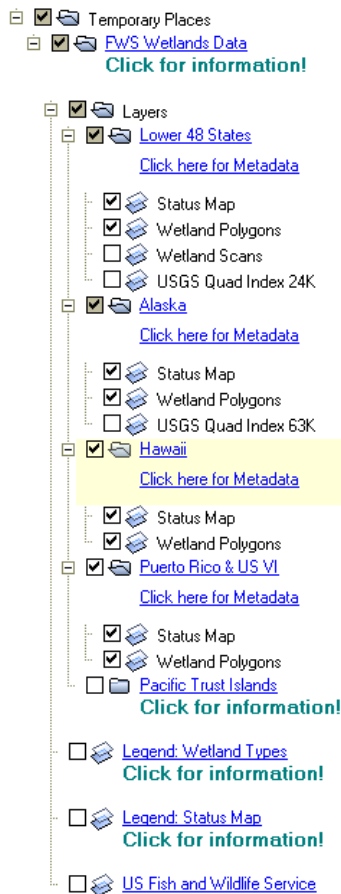
*Google Earth maps the surface of the Earth by super-imposing images from satellites and aerial photography. Most land areas, except for islands, are shown using satellite imagery with a resolution of about 15 meters per pixel or better. In this application, Google Earth imagery can be used as a backdrop for viewing the wetlands digital data.*

Notes:

- Double click any layer title to zoom into its area.
- Click on any layer or legend checkbox to view or hide it.
- The Lower 48 States Wetland Scans layer is hidden by default. To view the image layer, first zoom into an area that has Wetland Scans information, then turn on the layer.
- Important:  Do not leave the Wetland Scans layer on (checked) while viewing areas that do not have scanned data. A large red X will appear if you do so.
- To remove the Wetlands KMZ file from Google Earth, right-click on the FWS Wetlands Data folder located under Places (Google Earth left panel), then select **Delete**.
- Please visit our Map Creation and Mapper Display web page (http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/ data/MapperTips.html) for more tips and technical information.



- This data is available through an OGC compliant Web Map Service[3].



*Digital data available on this source represent the latest, most accurate information available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These data are also available on The National Map (http://nationalmap.gov/).*

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[2] Please note that Google Earth version 4.2, or higher, is required to run this script.

[3] Follow this link for more information about Web Map Service: http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/ WebMapServices.html