

Activity 4: Representing and processing geographical information – Vegetation and rainfall

Using a Google Earth satellite image of Australia students explore the vegetation cover. On Map 1 they overlay the average annual rainfall from the Bureau of Meteorology Annual Rainfall map in simplified terms using the colours of the BOM rainfall map http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/ncc/climate_averages/rainfall/index.jsp: dark blue = very high rainfall (over 2000mm), blue = high (1000–2000mm), green = moderate (300–1000mm) and yellow = low (0–300mm). Draw a line from each vegetation type to its location.

Desert



Grassland



Map 1: Vegetation types in Australia



Rainfall legend

- Very high rainfall
- High rainfall
- Moderate rainfall
- Low rainfall

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Forest



Rainforest

