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Wetland Regions

Wetlands mainly occur low in the landscape and form areas of groundwater discharge. This aids in the accumulation and composition of peat, as water moves slowly in wetlands. Local topography and sediment characteristics, such as an underlying low-permeability clay layer, can lead to wetlands acting as areas of recharge to groundwater and discharge to surface drainage. Water levels vary in wetlands due to climate, seasonal factors, and large water losses to evapotranspiration.

0 150 300 450 600 km

Lambert Conformal Conic Projection. Standard Parallels 49°N and 77°N

Wetland Regions (%)
- Less than 10
- 10 - 25
- 25 - 40
- 40 - 65
- Greater than 65
- Hydrogeological Region Boundary

Populated Places
- 0 - 999
- 1 000 - 4 999
- 5 000 - 24 999
- 25 000 - 99 999
- 100 000 - 499 999
- 500 000 or greater

Abbreviations: (FN) First Nation Community

Capital Cities
- National: Ottawa
- Provincial, state or Territorial

Boundaries
- International
- Provincial / Territorial
- Canada / Kalaallit Nunaat dividing line
- Canada's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)

Source(s):
Wetland Regions
The percentage of wetlands within polygons which are representative of wetland concentration, developed by integration of data from several thematic specific sources. It was prepared for use by Environment Canada (1997) to provide first order measures of wetlands distribution and conservation. Data sets used: 1. The 1995 AVHRR land cover classification. 2. The old ecodistrict (circa 1985) database of Canada. 3. The Soil Landscapes of Canada. 4. The Peatlands of Canada. 5. Ducks Unlimited and other provincial agencies.

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