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Myanmar Profile

1. Myanmar is situated in Southeast Asia. The area cover of Myanmar is 261,228 square miles. Myanmar has five neighboring countries. It shares borders with west and north west by Bangladesh and India on the north and north-east it shares with China. It's border share with Laos in the east and then east & south-east in Thailand. Myanmar has a coastline on the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.
2. The topographical of Myanmar has mountain ranges, land hills and valleys. In the northern regions have pleasant and beautiful snowcapped mountains. Myanmar possess deep forest long rivers, beautiful lakes, beach and archipelagoes. Myanmar has tropical climate and compose of three seasons with summer, rainy and winter seasons. In the rainy season, the monsoonal rains cause to some local areas flooding and landslides during this season (June to September).
3. The population of Myanmar is estimated 55.3 million (1st, October 2021). The main national races are Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan. Myanmar have a great diversity of 135 national races with their colorful costumes, customs.

Survey Department Profile

4. The surveying tasks have been undertaken by the Survey of India under the British colonial since 1905. At the end of World War II, the British government separated surveying works of Myanmar from Survey of India. On 1st November 1946, Burma Survey Department was formed under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue by the British government. Now, Survey Department was 75th Diamond Jubilee was over in 2021.

Policy, Vision, Mission and Goals of Survey Department

5. The policy of Myanmar Survey Department is to provide accurate mapping data for the country. The vision is that to establish and maintain the geospatial data for the whole country. The topographic maps of entire state have being produced, the jointly

demarcation process was undertaken with neighboring countries to obtain accurately with friendship and cordially. These tasks are the main tasks to achieve the policy and vision of the Myanmar Survey Department. Myanmar Survey Department is offering the surveying training which is one of the mission to nurture for the new generation. Myanmar Survey Department has aimed to introduce the online mapping system and establishing geographic database by the year 2030.

Responsibilities

6. Myanmar Survey Department composes of six divisions. The head office with planning and administration division. Head office undertakes planning, management, administration, budget, the internal and external affairs. Aerial Survey and Photography Division undertakes taking aerial photography and production geospatial data. Map Reproduction is responsible for the map finalization tasks and maps printing task. Survey Training School and No.1 Survey Division is responsible for the field observation and offering the surveying training. It is simply and clear that International Boundary and Civil Construction Division is responsible for demarcation tasks with neighboring countries. The Geodetic and No.2 Survey Division has to undertake the primary, secondary and tertiary ground control network and levelling tasks. The field surveyors collect the local geographic names such as river, stream, town, village for the map updating process.

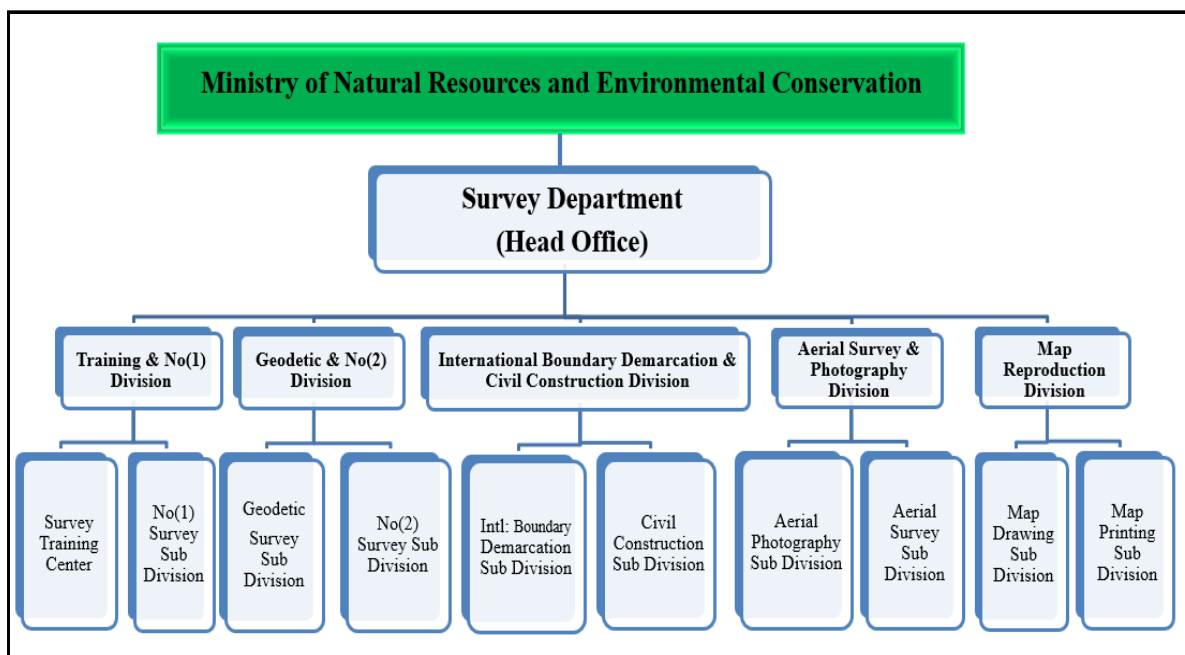


Figure: Organization Chart of Myanmar Survey Department

7. The surveyors collect the Geographical Names in the field and confirm that data with the local authorities. The confirmation of the local geographical names is used in the map. In the meantime, Survey Department have no activity regard with the National Standardization of Geographical Names.
