

Islamic World's Economical and Social Analysis: a GIS approach

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Introduction

The Islamic world consists of more than 50 countries that span over all the six continents. More than a trillion people on the world believe in the great religion of Islam. Economical and social statistics of these countries are mostly scattered, fragmented and poorly represented in various tables that does not lead to any meaningful conclusions.

This project is targeted to use the power of the GIS system to perform various mapping and statistical analysis on various data about the Islamic world and help draw meaningful conclusion. Thus, the main objective of this project is to produce the following products:-

1. A layout map the of the Islamic world that shows charts and tables that produce various analysis and projection of the human resources of the Islamic world.
2. A layout map the of the Islamic world that shows charts and tables that produce various analysis and projection of the agricultural resources of the Islamic world.
3. A layout map the of the Islamic world that shows charts and tables that produce various analysis and projection of the livestock resources of the Islamic world.
4. A layout map the of the Islamic world that shows charts and tables that produce various analysis and projection of the fisheries resources of the Islamic world.

Review of Literature

The main objective of this project is to utilize Esri “world data and the statistical data that is published by the Research Center of the International Islamic University of Malaysia at (Jalan Gombak, 53100 Gombak, Malaysia; Tel.: (603) 2056 5002; Fax: (603) 2056 4862; E-mail: rescentre@iiu.edu.my; home page : <http://www.iiu.edu.my/rescentre/dstatmw/index.html>). This data represent the following:-

STATISTICS OF THE MUSLIM WORLD

➤ [OIC Member States](#)

➤ [Data on Land Resources](#)

➤ [Data on Production of Major Crops](#)

➤ [Data on Livestock Production](#)

➤ [Data on Fisheries Production](#)

➤ [Data on Population](#)

➤ [Data on Land under Major Crops](#)

➤ [Data on Livestock](#)

➤ [Data on Forest Production](#)

Study Area

The studied area consists of more than 50 countries in the world that range from the Middle East, Africa, South Asia, etc.

Tools of the Study

The main tools that were used for this study are ArcView software coupled with some Microsoft Excel work.

The database was built through a combination of Esri data about the world and some selected data taken from the Research Center of the International Islamic University of Malaysia at (Jalan Gombak, 53100 Gombak, Malaysia; Tel.: (603) 2056 5002; Fax: (603) 2056 4862; E-mail: rescentre@iiu.edu.my; home page : <http://www.iiu.edu.my/rescentre/dstatmw/index.html>)

Methodology of the Study

The approach that I have taken to build the database is the following:-

1. Reviewed all the data that is published by the Research Center of the International Islamic University and select the latest and the most common, relevant data can demonstrate wealth and power.
2. Started from the Esri data about the World and make a new column in the attribute table to mark the country as Islamic (i) or non Islamic (n).
3. Query the table for all the countries that are marked as Islamic and promote these selected rows.
4. Create new fields for the attributes that were selected from the Research Center of the International Islamic University in the attribute tables.
5. Produce charts for the human resources, agricultural resources, livestock resources, fisheries resources.
6. Represent this data in an easy-to-comprehend map and layout using the power of the GIS mapping systems.

Analysis

Using the power of the GIS system, I was able to generate the following:-

Figure-1 : Analysis and projection of the human resources of the Islamic world.

Figure-2: Analysis and projection of the agricultural resources of the Islamic world.

Figure-3: Analysis and projection of the livestock resources of the Islamic world.

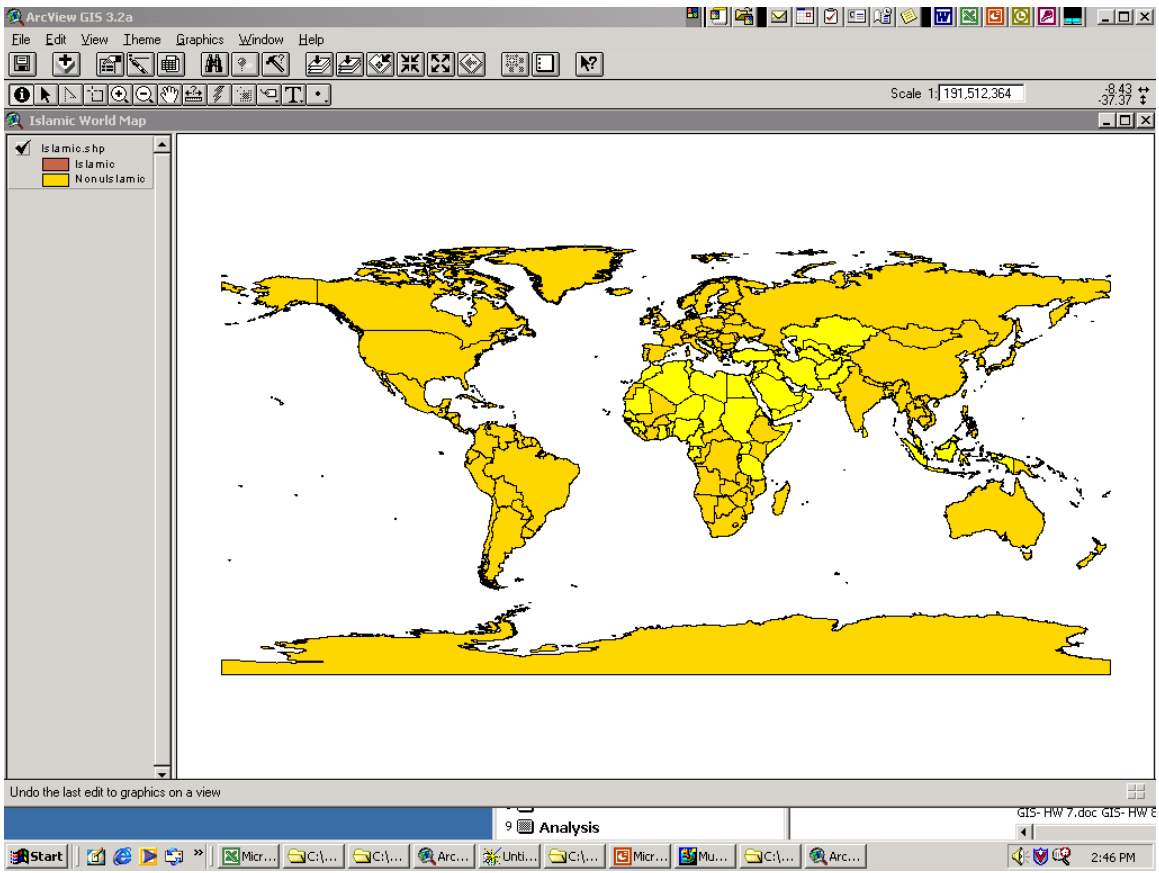
Figure-4: Analysis and projection of the fisheries resources of the Islamic world.

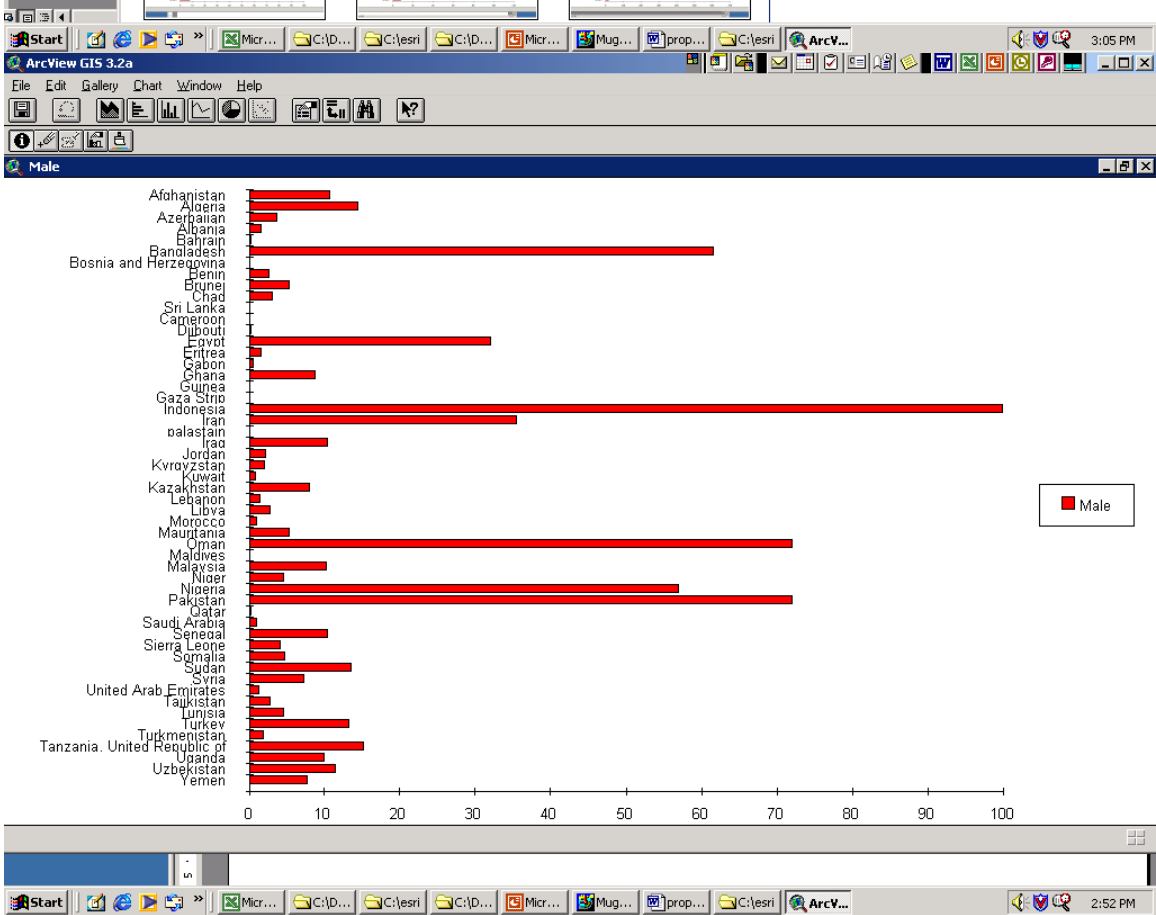
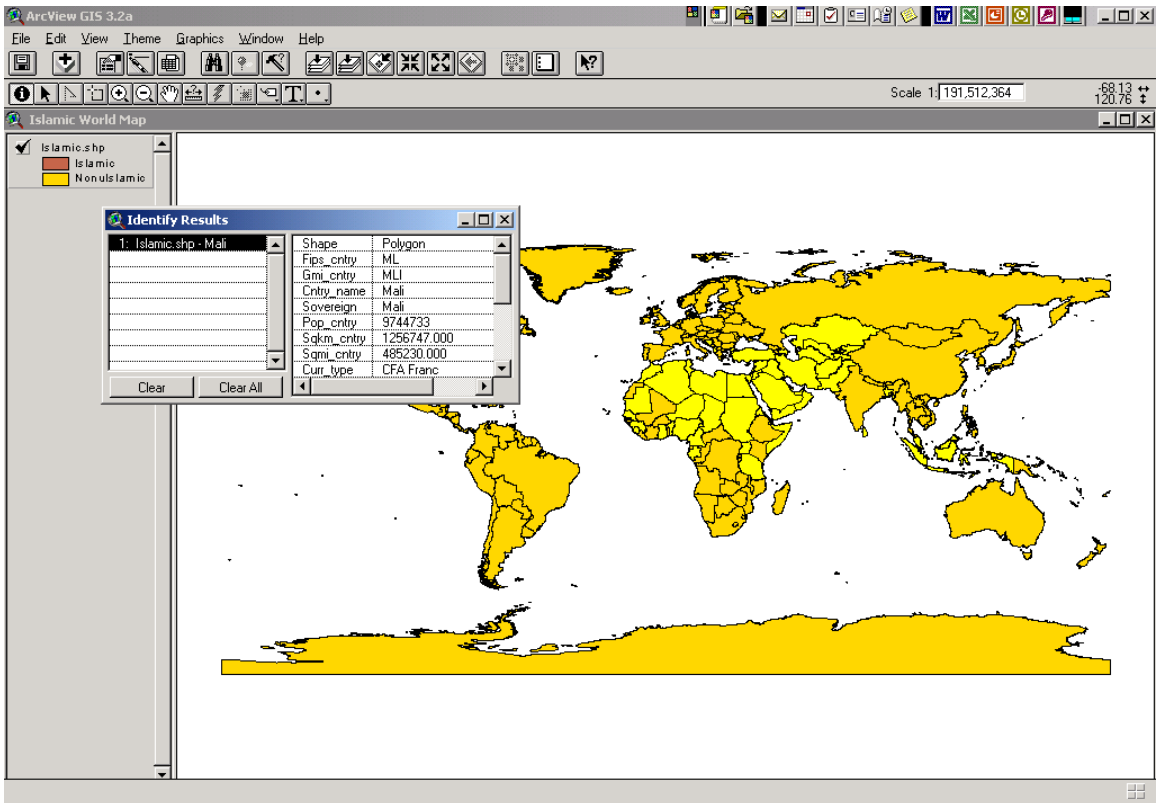
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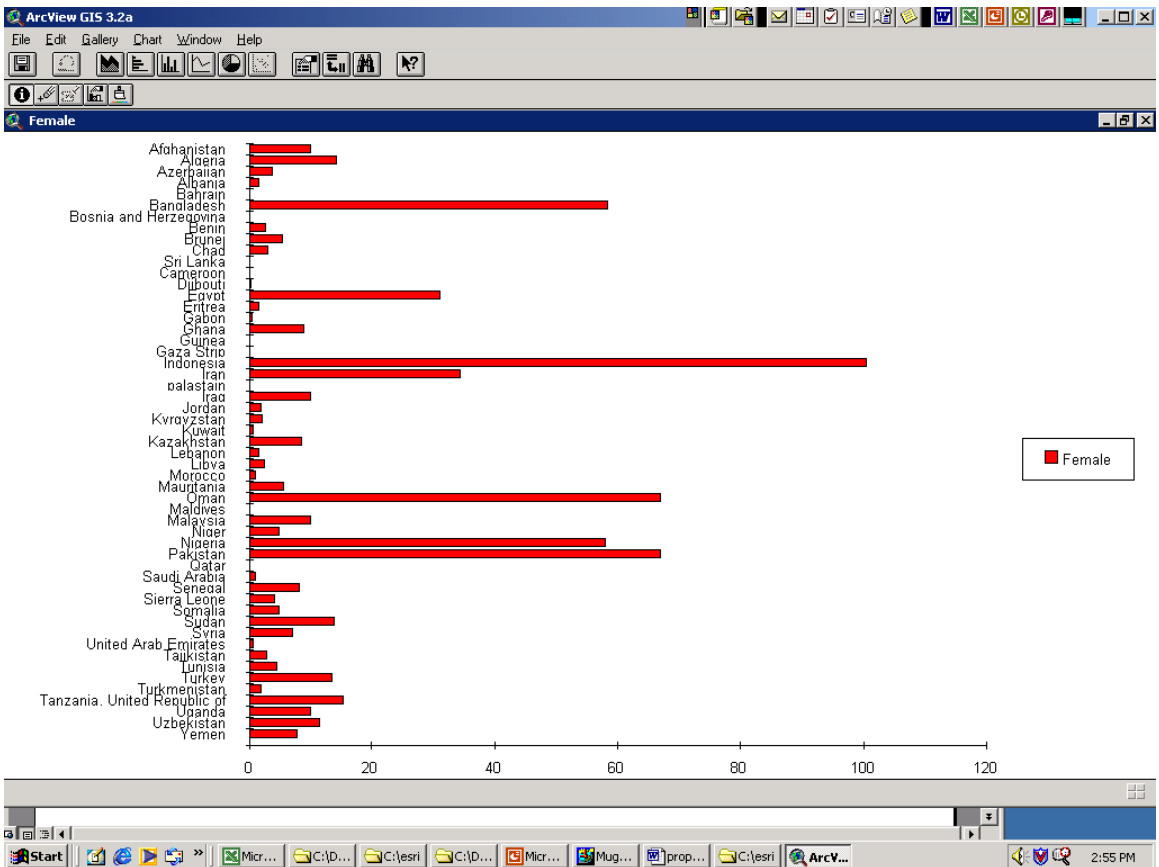
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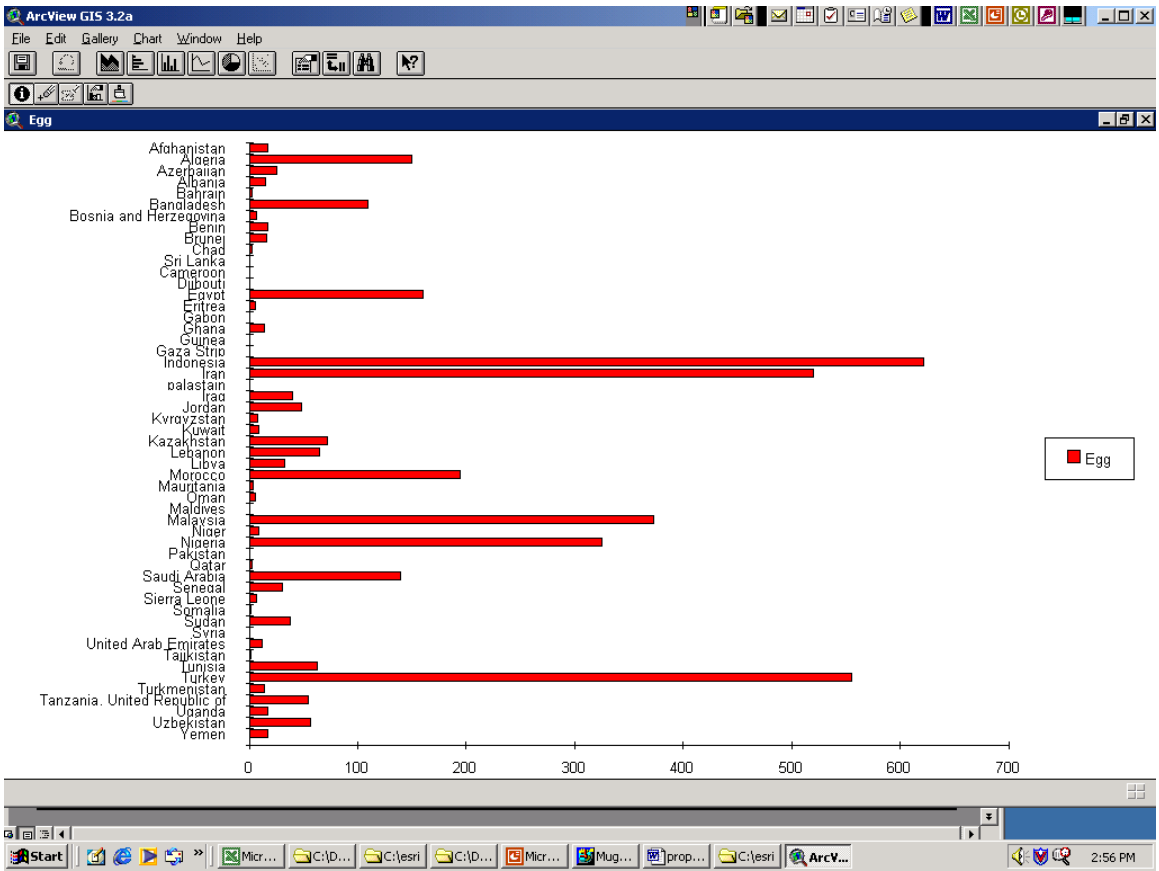
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