

# Population Effected by the Storm Surge of the Great Sendai Earthquake; March 11 2011

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## Background:

On March 11, 2011 a magnitude 9.0 earthquake hit the northwestern coast of Japan, resulting in a major tsunami. This was the most powerful known earthquake to have ever hit Japan. The average storm surge was 10 meters, and caused complete devastation and displacement throughout Japan.

## Goal:

The goal of this project is to analyze the population affected by the average storm surge (10 meters) in the coastal Miyagino and Wakabayshi wards of Sendai, Miyagi prefecture of Japan following the Great Sendai Earthquake.

A final map is presented showing the areas that were affected by the 10 meter storm surge, and the areas that remained unaffected by the storm surge, as well as a chart showing the approximated population affected in each of the wards. This map is accompanied by two reference maps (1) to show the location of the Miyagi Prefecture in Japan and (2) the location of the Miyagino and Wakabayshi wards in Sendai, Miyagi Japan.

## Data Collection:

Data used in this project came from the following sources:

- Spatial data of Japan: <http://www.diva-gis.org/datadown>
  - JPN\_adm0: shapefile boundary of Japan
  - JPN\_adm1: shapefile boundary of prefectures of Japan
  - JPN\_adm2: shapefile boundary of cities and towns of Japan
- DEM data of Northeastern Japan:
  - <http://asterweb.jpl.nasa.gov/gdem.asp>
  - Created account through GDEx
  - Download from LP DAAC Global Data
- Miyagino and Wakabayshi ward image:
  - <http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=wards+of+sendai+image&id=EDFA47EB9AE444CC74A7F2C42CD1E0AB7C21D4B&FORM=IQFRBA#view=detail&id=EDFA47EB9AE444CC74A7F2C42CD1E0AB7C21D4B&selectedIndex=0>

- Population of cities in Miyagi:
  - <http://www.citypopulation.de/Japan-Miyagi.html>
  - Data according to 2010 census data of Japan

## Data Preprocessing:

The chosen coordinate system for this project was WGS\_1984\_UTM\_zone\_54N. Data collected from the Aster data set were initially downloaded and projected in the GCS\_WGS\_1984 coordinate system so preprocessing was required to convert the coordinate system into UTM. Use Data management project tool to change the input coordinate system (GCS\_WGS\_1984) to new output coordinate system (WGS\_1984\_UTM\_zone\_54N).

The JPN\_adm shapefiles were projected on the fly when imported into ArcGIS and therefore did not need to be projected.

Georeferencing was required for the imported image of the Miyagino and Wakabayshi wards of Sendai (wards.png) to JPN\_adm0 shapefile.

## ArcGIS Processing:

*These are the following steps that I took to analyze the data imported into ArcGIS to create my final map and table:*

1. Add all data to ArcMap
2. Create new shapefile of the Miyagi Prefecture
3. Create a new shapefile for cities of Miyagi Prefecture
4. Create a mask of the DEM to the new Miyagi Prefecture
5. Create a hillshade of the new DEM of the Miyagi Prefecture
6. Digitize Miyagino and Wakabayshi wards of Sendai as polygons
7. Export data of the new Miyagino and Wakabayshi polygon shapefiles
8. Add population, and area data to attribute table of "m\_city\_clp"
9. Create 10 meter contour value within Miyagi Prefecture
10. Create 10 meter constant raster for Miyagino and Wakabayashi wards using the "constant raster tool"
11. Use cut fill tool to show areas affected by 10 meter storm surge
12. Use "feature to point tool" to create center points for population of each ward
13. Calculations of population affected

## 1. Add all data to ArcMap

- a. Open blank ArcMap document
- b. Connect to project folder (GIS\_Final\_Project)
- c. Add data:
  - i. JPN\_adm0
  - ii. JPN\_adm1
  - iii. JPN\_adm2
  - iv. Miya\_ras

## 2. Create new shapefile of Miyagi Prefecture

- a. Open attribute table of JPN\_adm2 and select Miyagi
- b. Export data to create a separate Miyagi shapefile (yellow polygon below is Sendai)

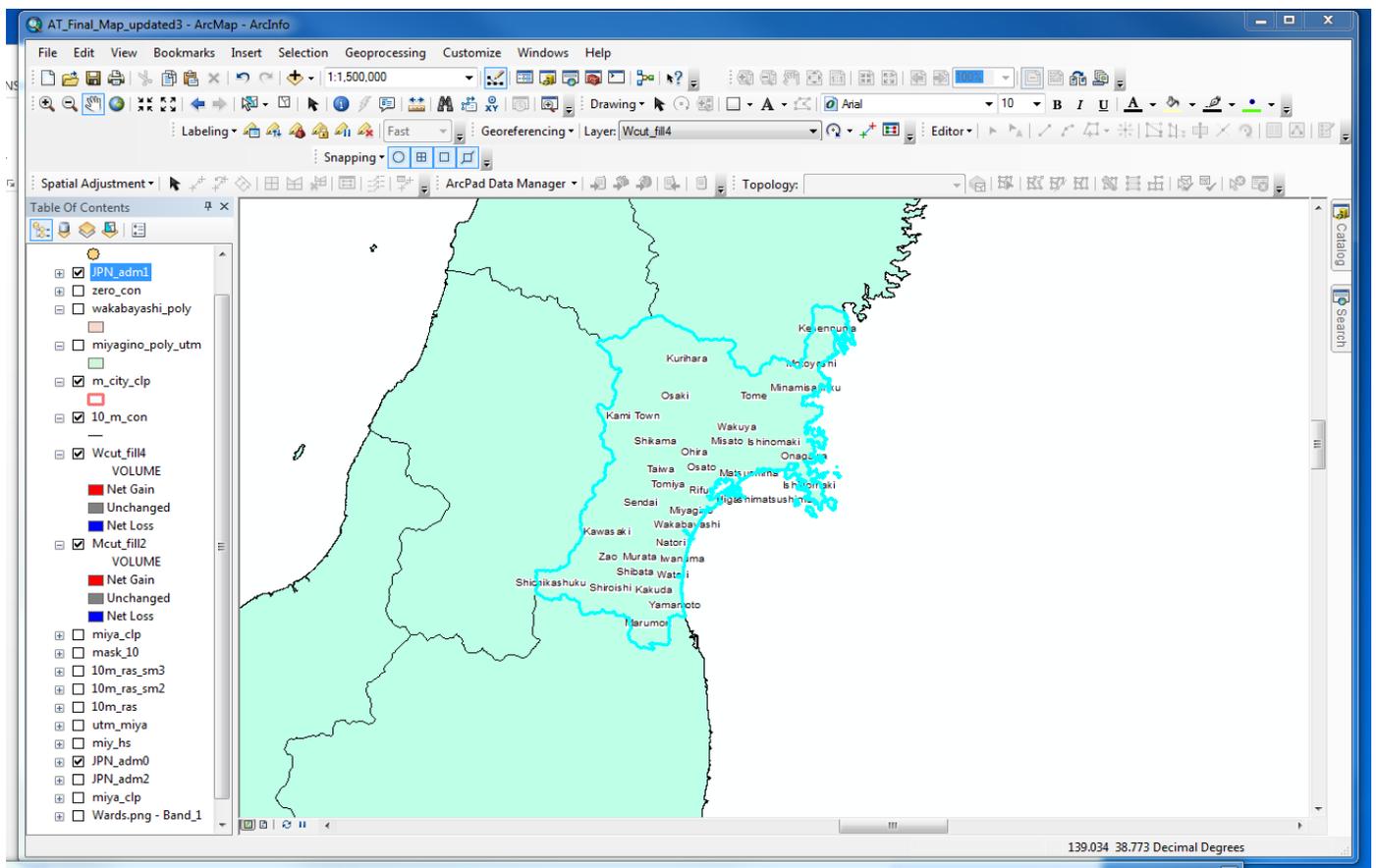


Figure 1: Miyagi Prefecture selected from attribute table

## 3. Create a new shapefile for cities of Miyagi Prefecture

- a. Open JPN\_adm2 attribute table and select all cities and towns within the Miyagi Prefecture

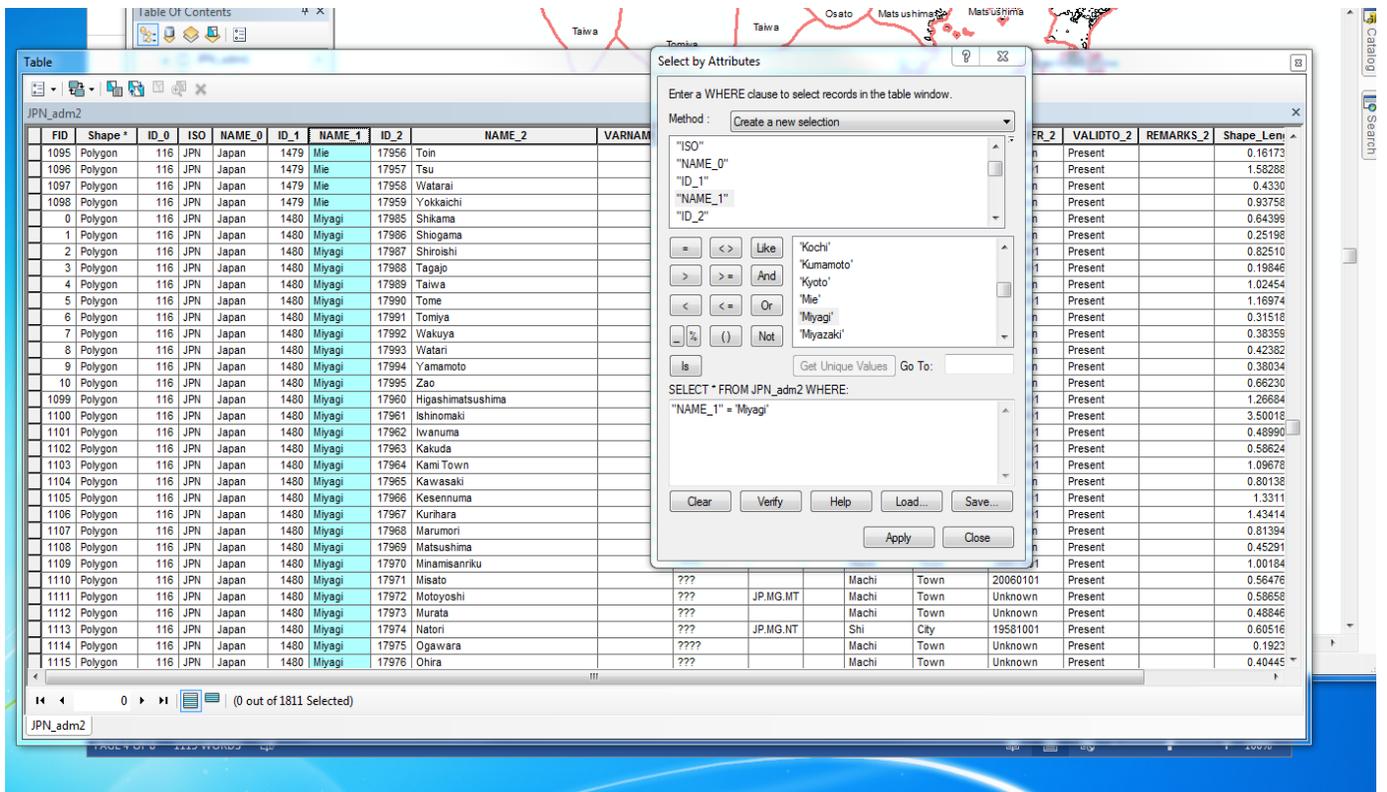


Figure 2: JNP\_adm2 attribute table showing selection of all cities and towns within the Miyagi Prefecture

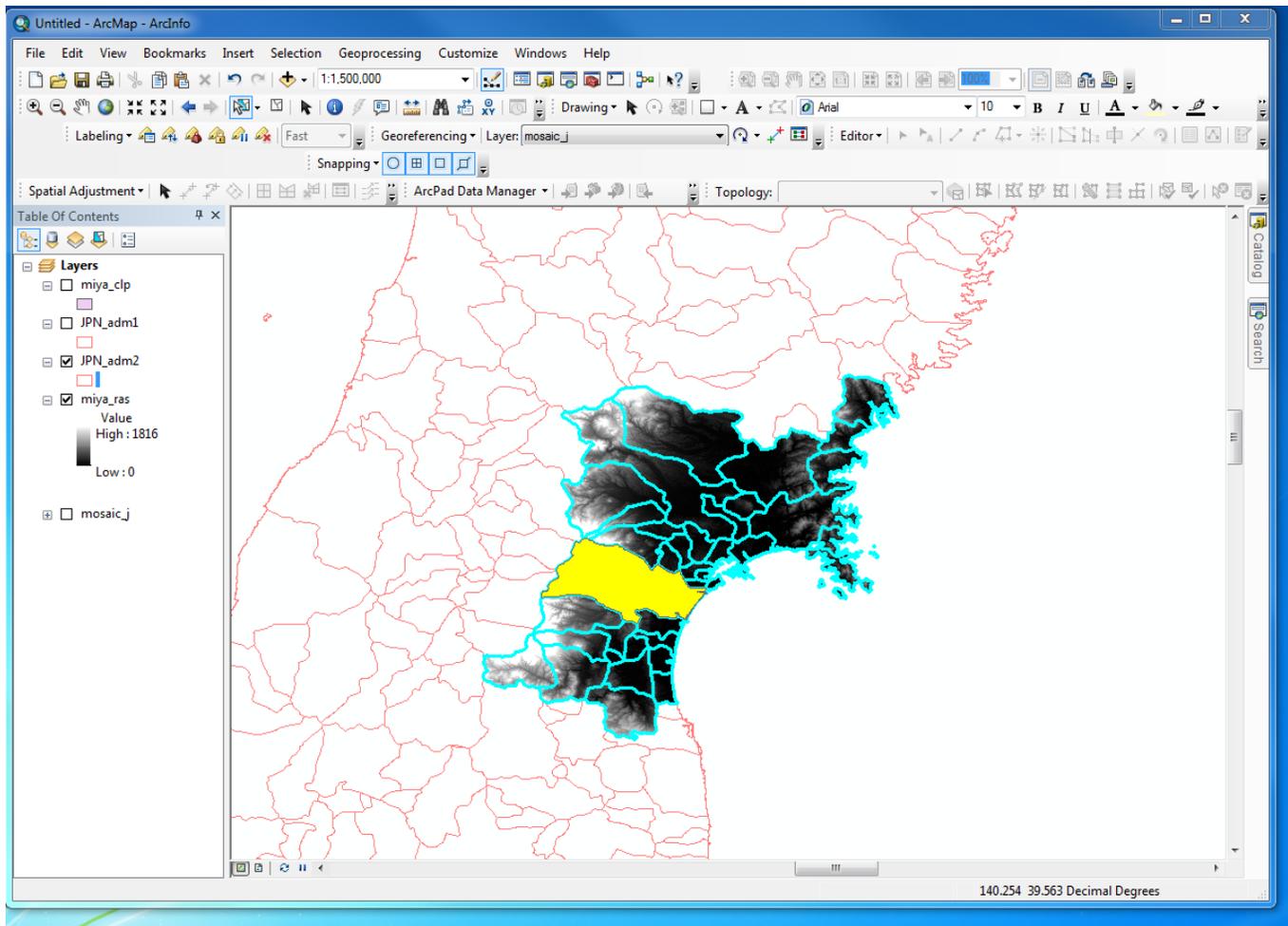


Figure 3: Cities of Miyagi selected from attribute table

- i. Done by “select by attributes” → Name\_1=Miyagi
  - b. Export data to new shapefile layer, called “m\_city\_clp”
- 4. Create a mask of the DEM to the new Miyagi Prefecture**
- a. Use “extract by mask” spatial analyst tool
  - b. Use utm\_miya as a mask for the miya\_ras

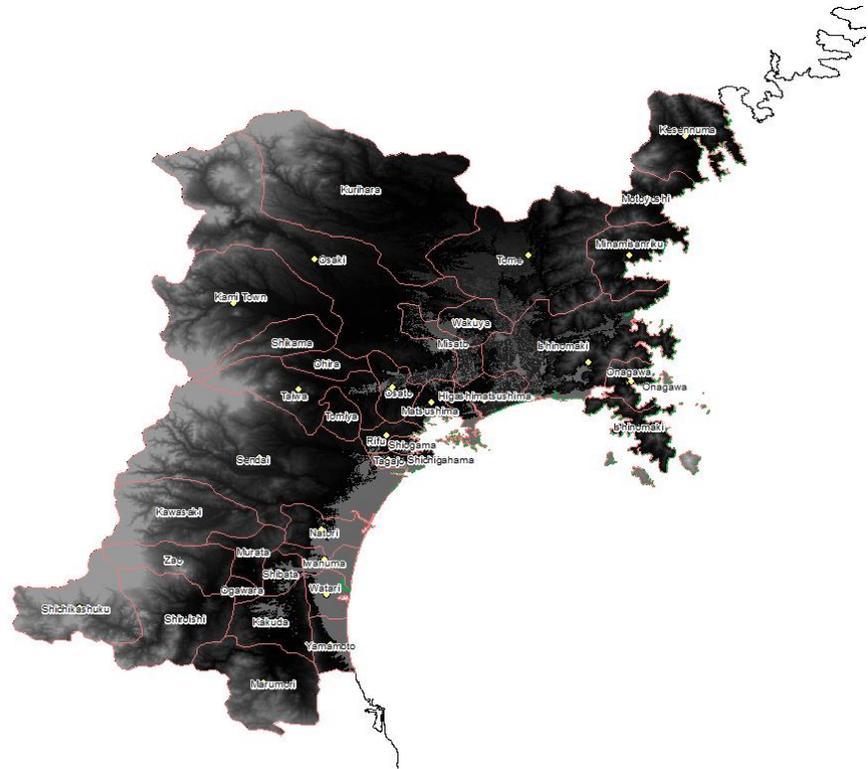


Figure 4: Mask of DEM of Miyagi Prefecture

**5. Create a hillshade of the new DEM of the Miyagi Prefecture**

- a. Use hillshade spatial analyst tool to create a hillshade of the Miyagi Prefecture
- b. Input raster is utm\_miya
- c. Output raster is miy\_hs
- d. Make transparency of utm\_miya 40%

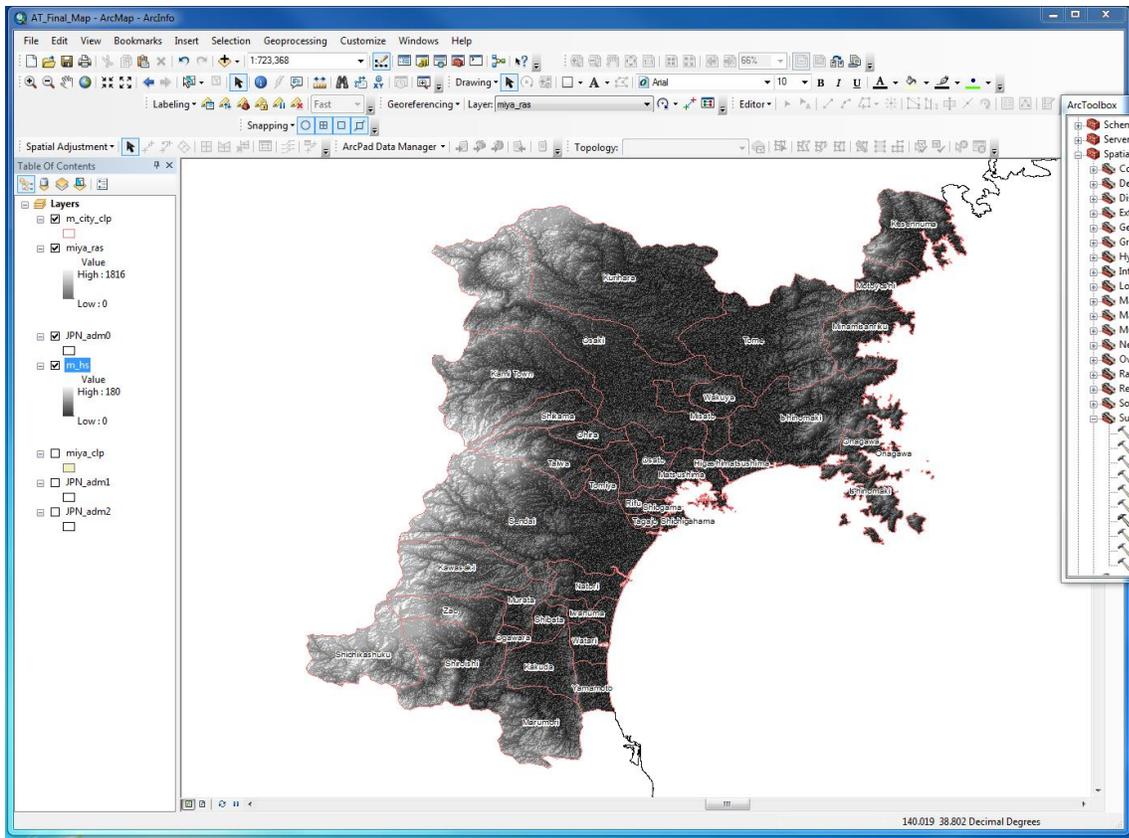


Figure 5: Hillshade of Miyagi Prefecture

## 6. Digitize Miyagino and Wakabayshi wards of Sendai as polygons

- a. Use editing tool to create new polygons following the borders of the Miyagino and Wakabayshi wards.

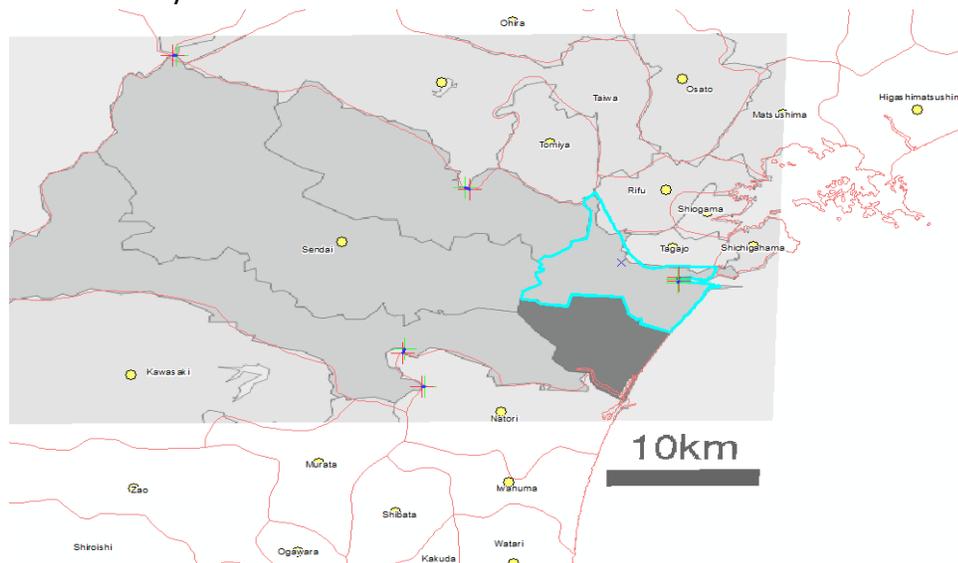


Figure 6: Overlain ward maps shown as reference for digitizing Wakabayshi and Miyagino wards

## 7. Export data from new digitized polygons to make two individual polygon shapefiles

- a. Shapefiles saved as wakabayashi\_poly and miyagnio\_poly\_utm

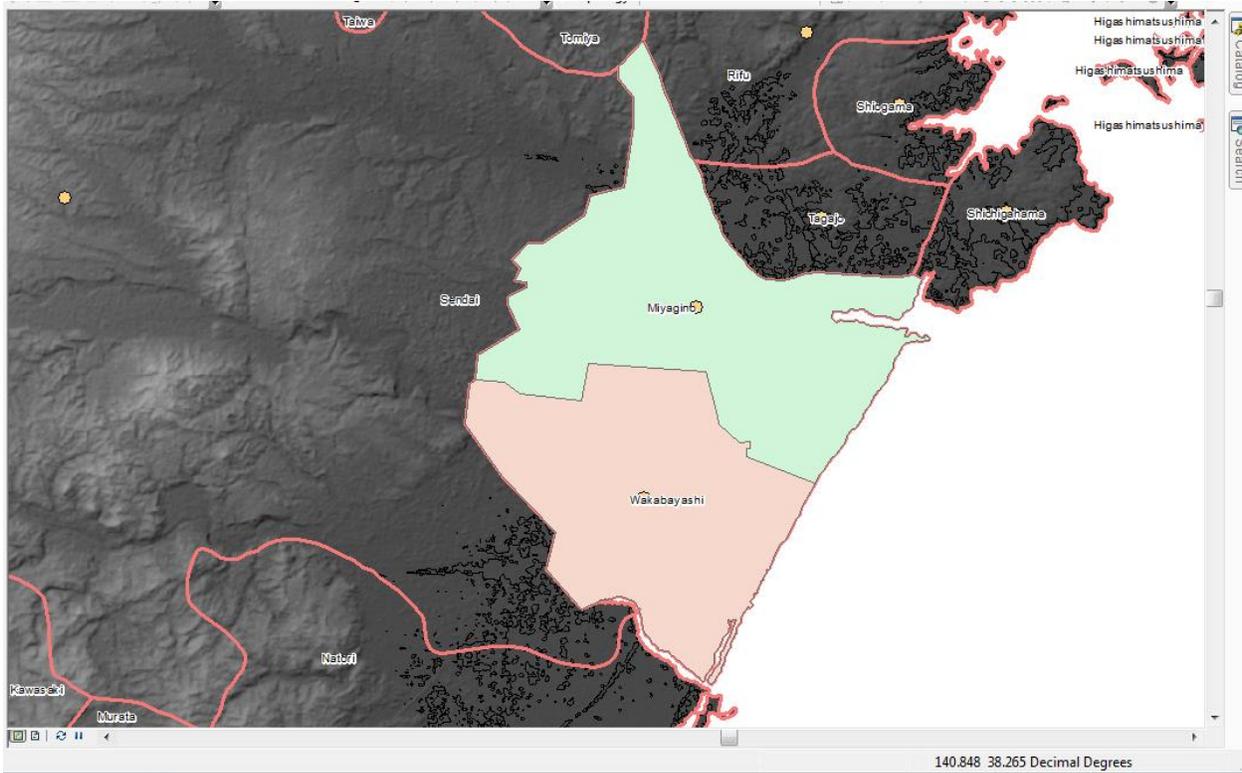


Figure 7: Exported Wakabayshi and Miyagino wards

## 8. Add population, and area data to attribute table of “m\_city\_clp”

- a. Create new fields in the “m\_city\_clp” attribute table
  - i. Drop down “Table option menu” in “m\_city\_clp” attribute table
  - ii. Select “add field”
  - iii. Name “population 2010 census”
  - iv. Short integer type
  - v. Precision=8
  - vi. Start and editing session, select “m\_city\_clp” to manually edit and add population values

- vii. Add values for each of the cities/towns of Miyagi Prefecture and the Miyagino and Wakabayashi wards
- viii. Manually add area value of both the wards (different field)

## **9. Create 10 meter contour with in the Miyagi Prefecture**

- a. Open contour tool in toolbox
- b. Set input raster as “utm\_miya”
- c. Set output polyline features to the “10\_m\_con”
- d. Set contour interval to 1820, because that is the highest elevation on the DEM
- e. Set base contour to 10, so that contour interval will mark 10 meters

## **10. Create 10 meter constant raster for both the Miyagino and Wakabayashi wards using the “constant raster tool”**

- a. The purpose of creating a constant 10 meter raster is so that this raster can be used as the “input after raster surface” in the next step, the cut and fill tool. This constant raster will show an even plane that will divide the area above and below the constant raster as areas that area affected by the storm surge, and areas that are not affected. The final goal of this project.
- b. Open “constant raster tool”
- c. Make extents “wakabayashi\_poly” and “miyagino\_poly\_utm” for respective Wakabayashi and Miyagino wards
- d. Constant value=10
- e. Cell size=30
- f. Name “10m\_ras\_sm2” (miyagino ward)
- g. Name “10m\_ras\_sm3” (wakabayashi ward)

## **11. Use cut fill tool to show areas affected by 10 meter storm surge**

- a. The cut fill tool will create two planes (red and blue) representing the area above the 10 meter storm surge plane (blue) and the area below the 10 meter storm surge plane (red)
- b. Repeat the following processes for both the Miyagino and Wakabayashi wards
- c. Make input before raster surface= “utm\_miya”
- d. Make input after raster surface= “10m\_ras\_sm2” and “10m\_ras\_sm3” for respective Miyagino and Wakabayashi wards; these are the constant 10 meter raster’s from step 10
- e. Save output as “Mcut\_fill2” (for Miyagino ward) and “Wcut\_fill4” (for Wakabayashi ward)
- f. These two new polygons represent the areas above “net loss” and below “net gain” the 10 meter constant raster, these values also align with the 10 meter contours created earlier, showing that the “cut fill” tool correctly did its job

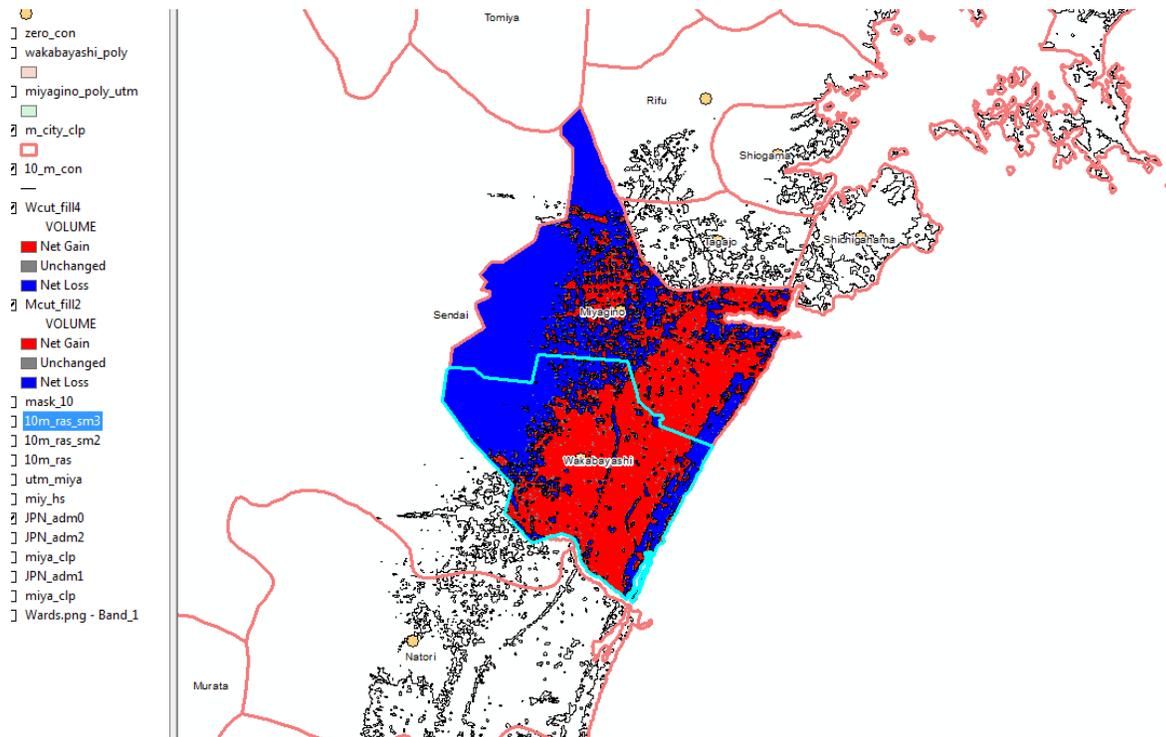


Figure 8: Effects of the cut and fill tool, showing area above and below 10 meter raster

## 12. Use “feature to point tool” to create center points for population of each ward

- Use feature to point tool under data management tool
- Input feature= “m\_city\_clp” shapefile
- Name output “miya\_cent” shapefile
- Populations of each city and the two wards have now been symbolized by yellow dots in the center of each polygon
  - Population values are present in the attribute tables

## 13. Calculations of population affected

- In the final map, the red region signifies area flooded by 10 meter storm surge and the blue region signifies the areas not flooded by the 10 meter storm surge.
- View attribute tables of both Wcut\_fill4 and Mcut\_fill2 polygons and organize by volume, select all values by doing query where volume<0 do statistics and will select area affected by flood.

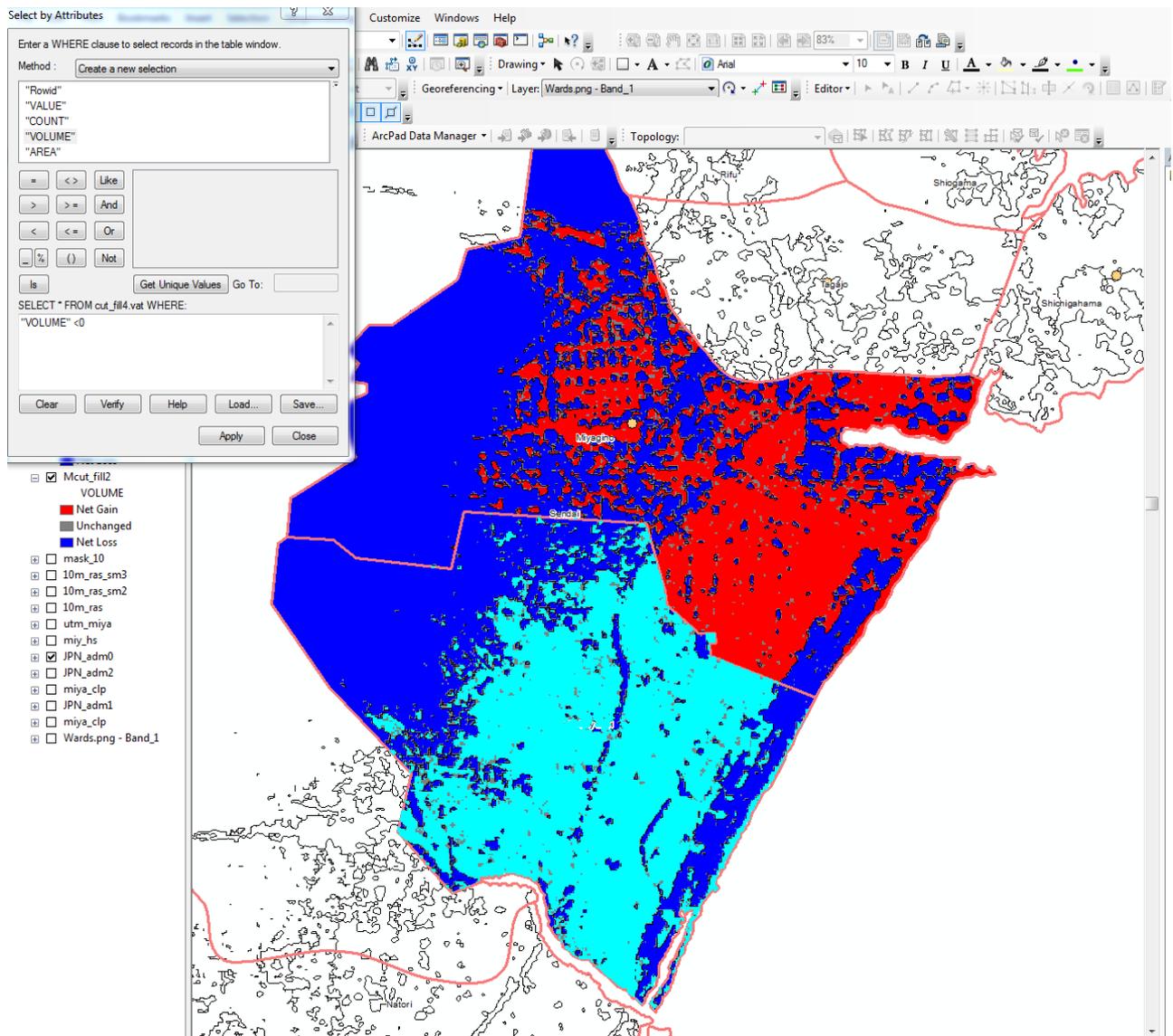


Figure 9: How to select the "Net gain" area of the cut fill

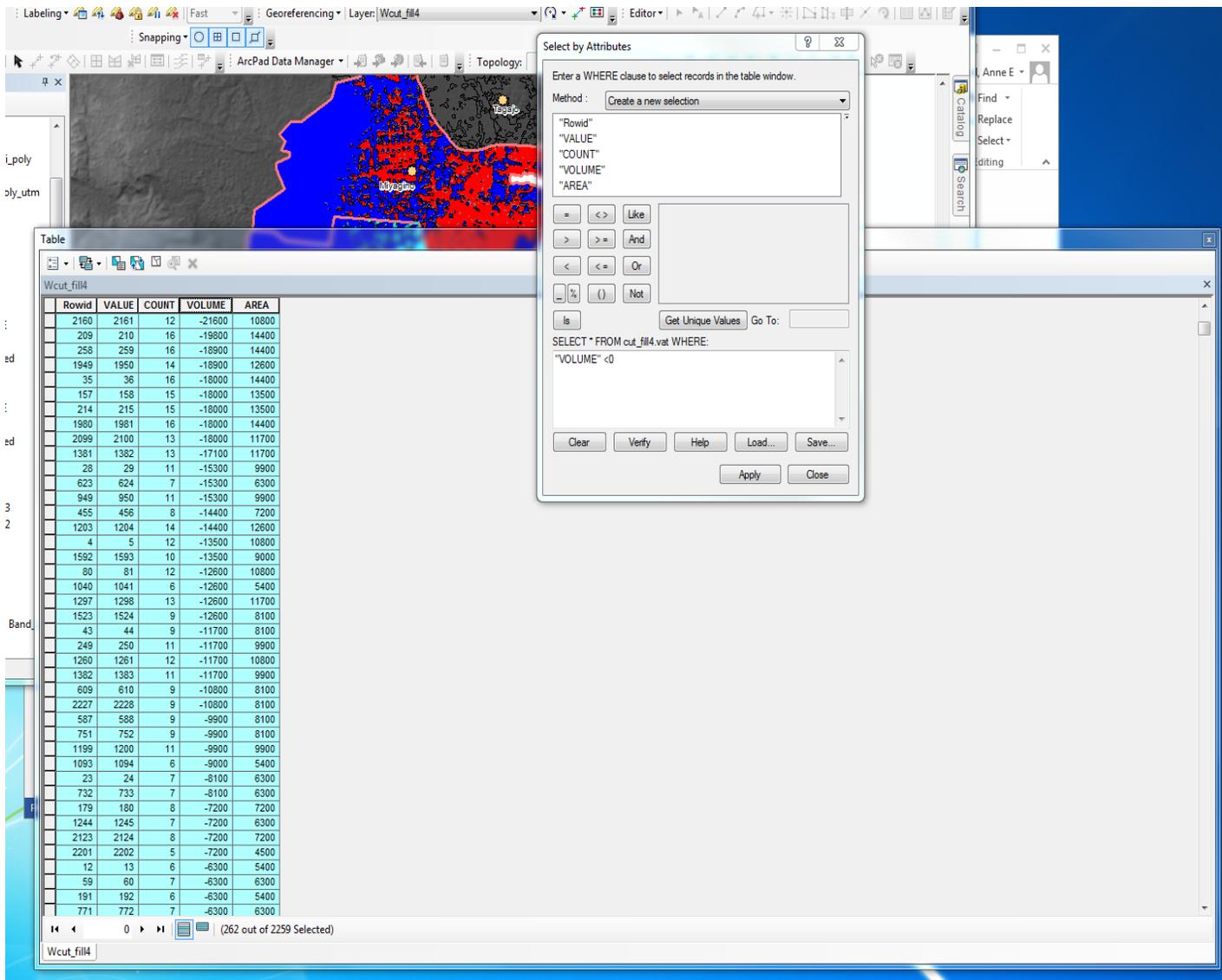


Figure 10: Table showing that volume selected for “Net gain” are the negative values

c. Right click “area” field and select statistics

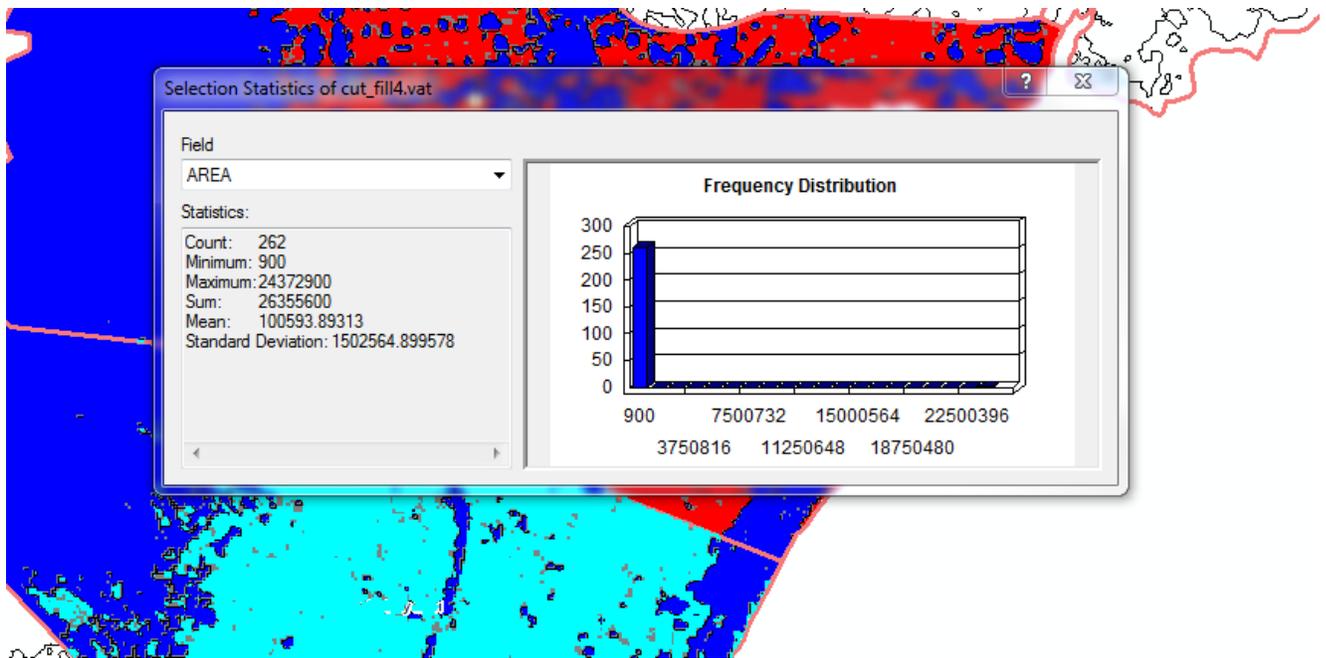


Figure 11: Showing the sum of the area affected by the 10 meter storm surges

- d. This will tell you the sum of the area affected by the 10 meter storm surge
- e. Make percentage of area affected by flood
  - i.  $(\text{Sum of area affected}) / (\text{Total area of ward}) \times 100 = \text{Percentage of area affected by 10 meter storm surge}$
- f. Multiply the "Percentage of area affected by 10 meter storm surge" by total population of the wards assuming even distribution of population, as calculated by "miya\_cent" point file.
- g. Do these steps (b-f) for both the Miyagino and Wakabayashi wards

## Results:

**Table of Calculated Populations affected in the Miyagino and Wakabayashi wards of Sendai, Japan**

	Miyagino	Wakabayashi
Sum of Area affected by 10 meter storm surge	20.8161 km <sup>2</sup>	26.3556 km <sup>2</sup>
Total area of ward	58.1 km <sup>2</sup>	50.69 km <sup>2</sup>
Percent area affected by storm surge	35.83%	51.99%
Population of ward	190,473 people	132,306 people
<b>Population affected by 10 meter storm surge</b>	<b>68,247 people affected</b>	<b>68,786 people affected</b>

From this project, I have concluded that 68,247 people were affected by 10 meter storm surge of the Great Sendai Earthquake in Miyagino and 68,786 people were affected in Wakabayashi. Totaling to 137,033 people.

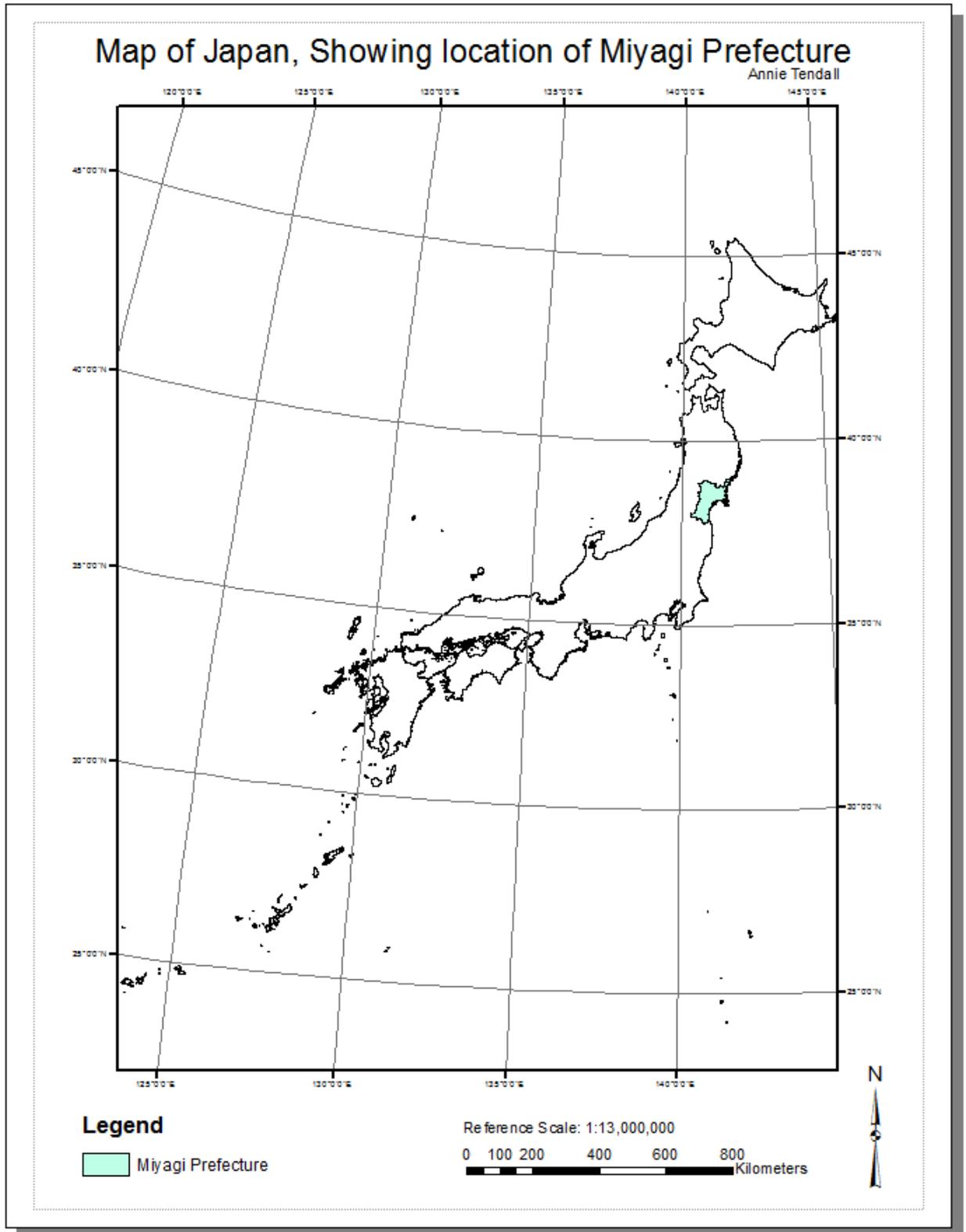
This number is a good estimate for the population affected but several factors must be accounted for that could change the actual populations affected. The assumption I made that the population was evenly distributed throughout the wards is one source of error, in reality, the population density is greater on the coast of Japan. This alone would mean that my population calculated could be smaller than the actual number. Another source of error in my calculation is the assumption made that there is a constant 10 meter storm surge. Some areas are going to have had storm surges higher and lower than the 10 meters I calculated the populations affected with. I also used a 2010 census for population values, so the actual number will be slightly different than what I calculated with.

I looked for data online to compare my numbers with, and found death tolls, numbers of houses damaged and things of that nature but was not able to find exact numbers of populations affected in the Miyagino and Wakabayashi wards of Sendai, Japan.

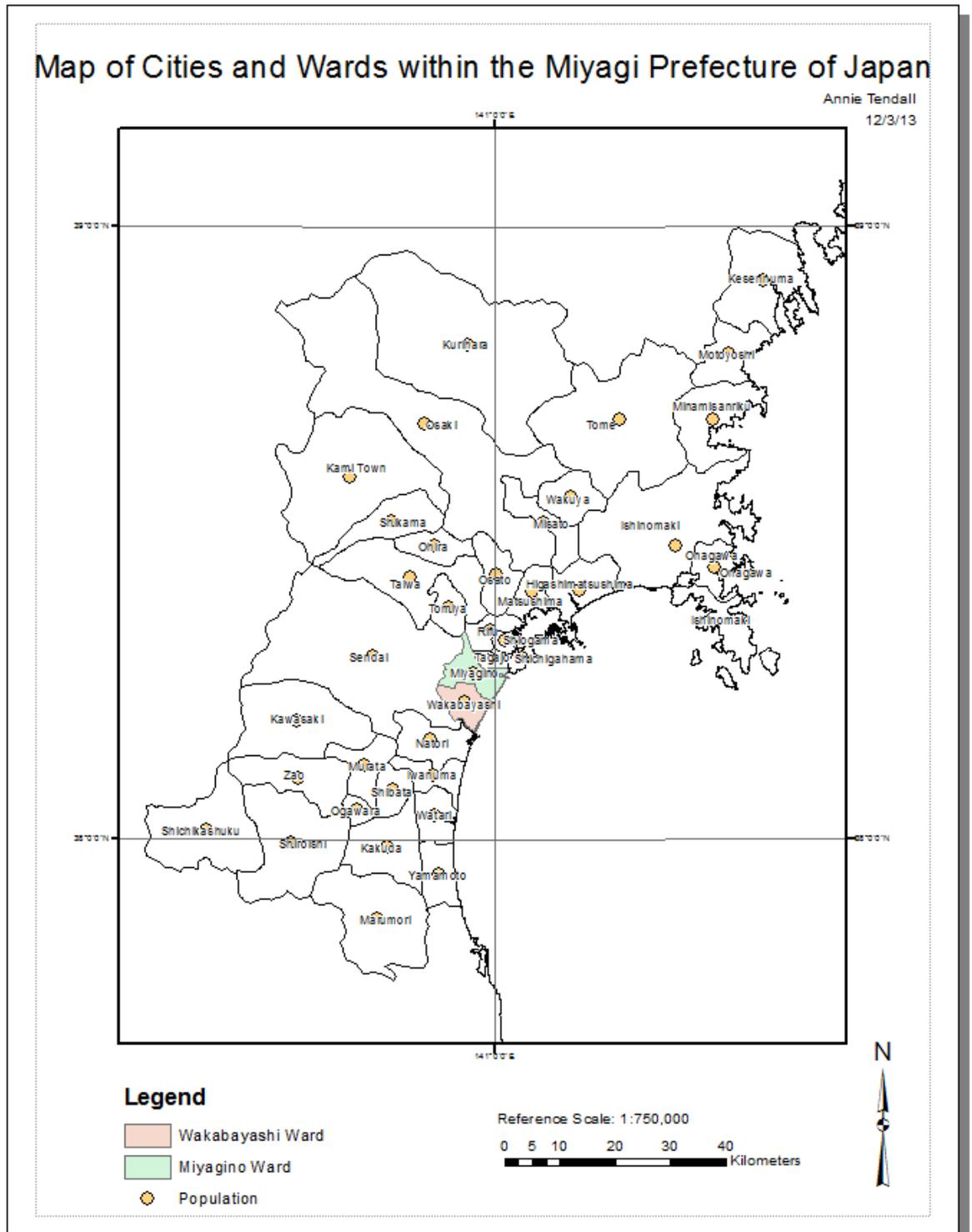
Overall, my calculations do represent the horrific damage and catastrophic effects the Great Sendai Earthquake had on the people of Japan, as seen by the large number of people that were affected by the 10 meter storm surge.

## **Deliverables (Maps)**

1. Basic map of Japan to show location of Miyagi Prefecture



2. Map of Cities and Wards within the Miyagi Prefecture of Japan
  - a. To show location of Miyagino and Wakabayashi wards of Sendai



3. Final Product Map: Showing the areas above and below the 10 meter storm surge in Wakabayashi and Miyagino Wards of Sendai, Japan following the Great Sendai Earthquake of 2011

