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Introduction to SEDAC

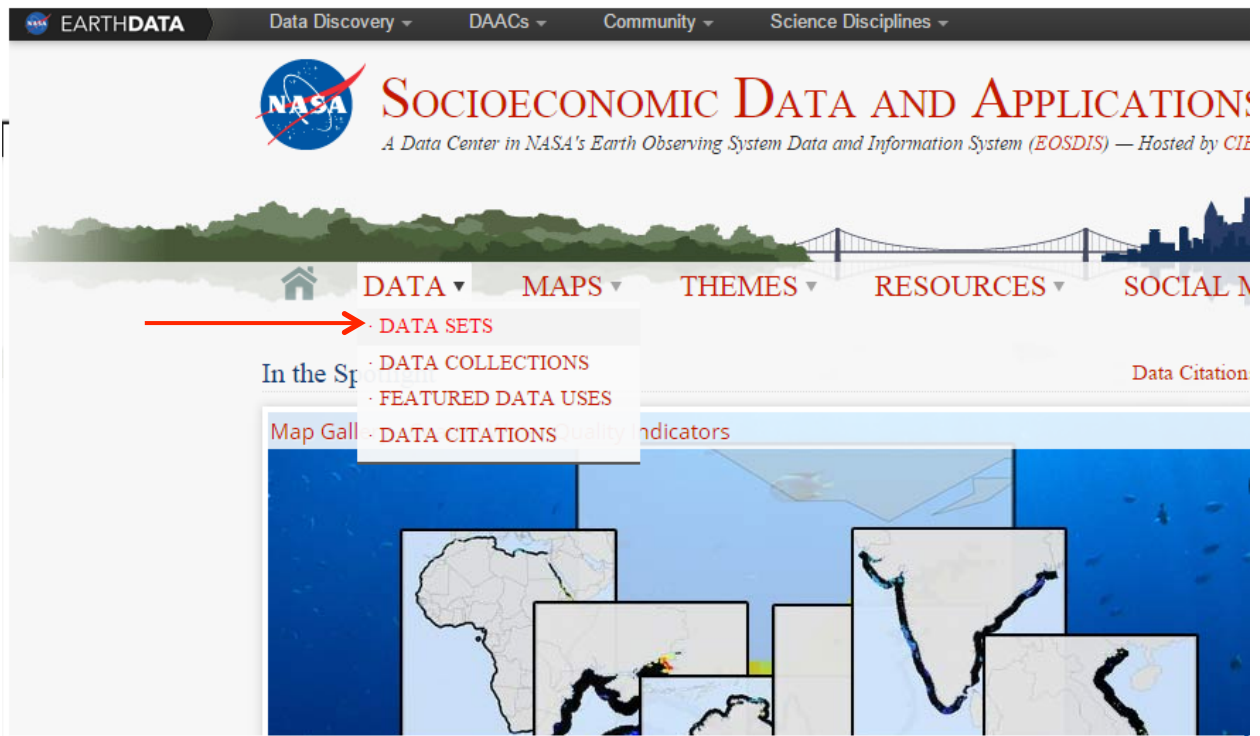
Objective: Locate, download, import and display SEDAC socioeconomic data in QGIS

There are two parts to this exercise:

1. Access SEDAC socioeconomic data products
2. Import and visualize SEDAC data products in QGIS

Part 1: Access SEDAC socioeconomic data products

- Go to the Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center (SEDAC) online repository:
<http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/>
- **Login** using your SEDAC username and password previously created
- Click on the **Data** tab and select **Data Sets**



You can then browse the data sets available by using the search feature, selecting a specific theme, the year published, year of data, or format.

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Energy Infrastructure

Overview To provide estimates of total, urban and rural populations and land areas in proximity to nuclear power plants.

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Overview To provide a global data set of point locations and attributes describing nuclear power plants and reactors.

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Global Estimated Net Migration Grids By Decade, v1 (1970–2000)
Population Dynamics

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Global Annual PM2.5 Grids from MODIS, MISR and SeaWiFS Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD), v1 (1998–2012)
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We will be downloading two datasets (1) Population Density and (2) Roads.

1. Population Density:

- Type in 'population density' in the All Fields search box

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Global Rural-Urban Mapping Project (GRUMP), v1

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Population Density Grid, v1 (1990, 1995, 2000)
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Global Rural-Urban Mapping Project (GRUMP), v1

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Global Rural-Urban Mapping Project (GRUMP), v1

Overview To provide a raster

- Then click **Next** to go to the **3rd** page of results
- Select the **‘Population Density Grid, v3’** dataset

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Gridded Population of the World (GPW), v3

Overview To provide a time series of raster data on population density to facilitate data integration.

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- This will bring us to the dataset’s page containing information about the data
- Click the **Data Download** tab

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Select and download data:

Geography: Country » Malawi

Data Set: Population Density Grid

Data Attributes: .ascii 2.5' 1990, 1995, 2000

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Malawi Summary

- This page allows users to select subsets of the global data
- Under **Geography** select **Country > Malawi** from the dropdown
- Set **Data Set** to **Population Density Grid**
- Next select **.ascii, 2.5’, 1990, 1995, 2000** for the **Data Attributes**
- Click **Download**

2. Roads:

- Type in 'roads' in the All Fields search box
- Select the **Global Roads Open Access Data Set (gROADS) v1**

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Global Roads Open Access Data Set (gROADS), v1 (1980–2010)
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To provide an open access, well documented global data set of roads between settlements using a consistent data model (UNSDI-T v.2) which is, to the extent possible, topologically integrated.

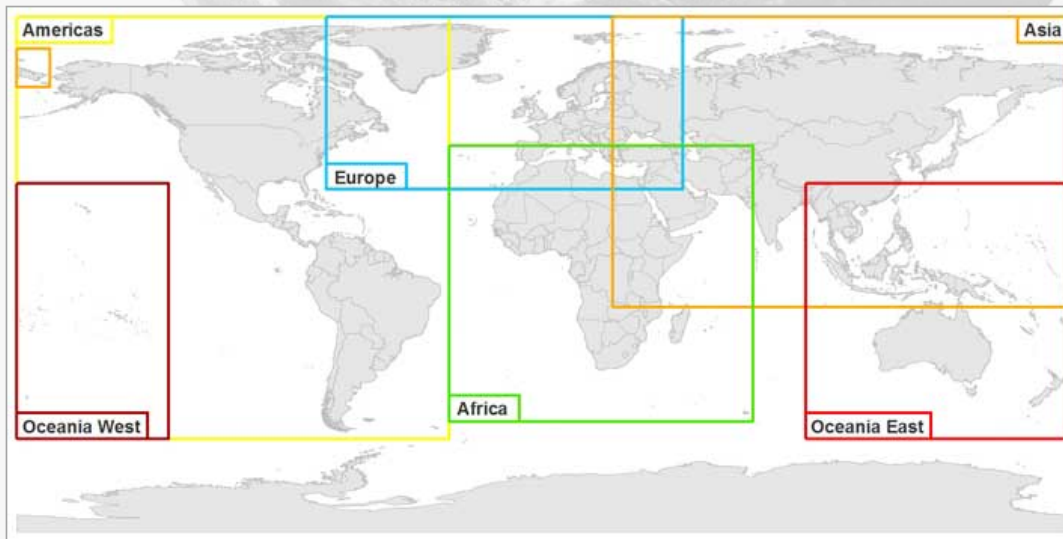
CODATA Catalog of Roads, v1 (1976–2008)
Global Roads

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To provide documentation on roads data sets that are potential candidates for inclusion in the Global Roads Open Access Data Set (gROADS), and which may be useful to others searching for data on road infrastructure.

- Click on the **Data Download** tab and scroll down to the map

Extents of Regional Data Downloads:

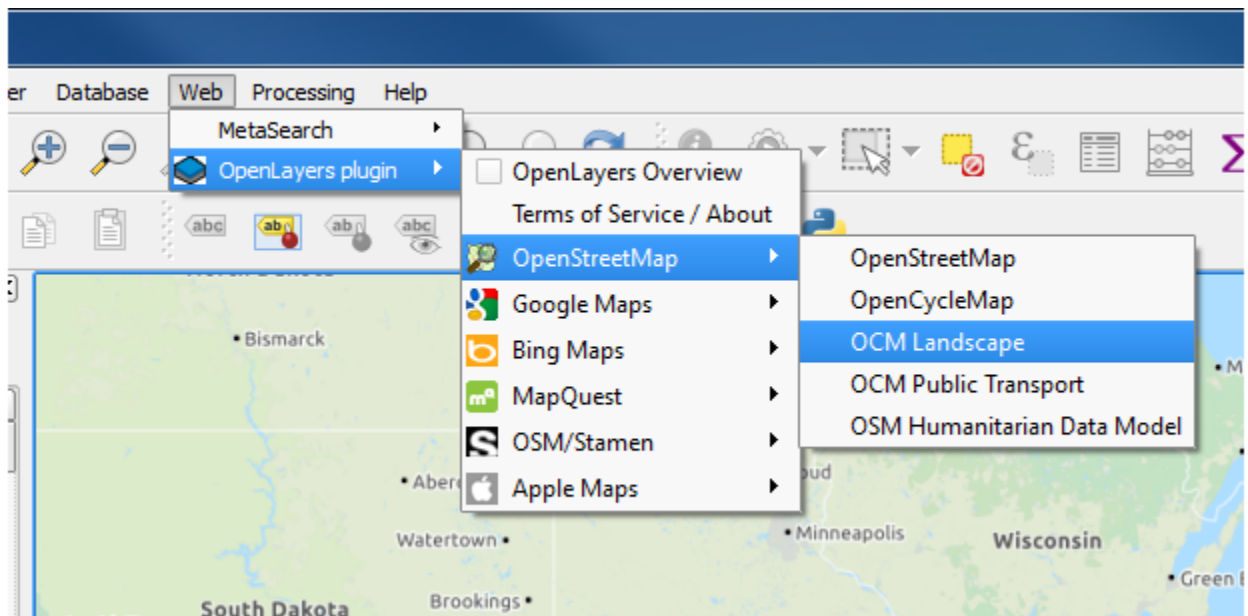


Global	Geodatabase (196 MB)	
Africa	Geodatabase (91.9 MB)	Shapefile (206 MB) ←
Asia	Geodatabase (86.7 MB)	Shapefile (194 MB)
Europe	Geodatabase (53.9 MB)	Shapefile (81.9 MB)
Americas	Geodatabase (48.1 MB)	Shapefile (62 MB)
Oceania East	Geodatabase (9.5 MB)	Shapefile (13.6 MB)

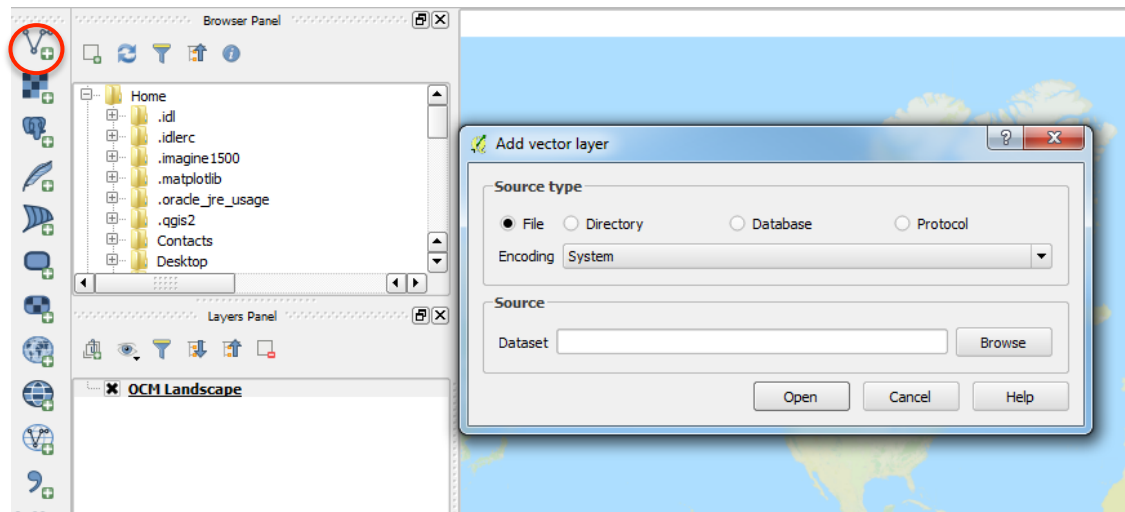
- This will show the extent of each dataset and allow the user to download data by continent
- We will then select the **Africa Shapefile**, this will begin the download

Part 2: Importing and Visualizing SEDAC Data Products in QGIS

- Once the data has finished downloading **Extract** each folder containing our data from SEDAC
- Open **QGIS Desktop**
- Load a basemap using the **OpenLayers** plugin and choose a basemap of your choice

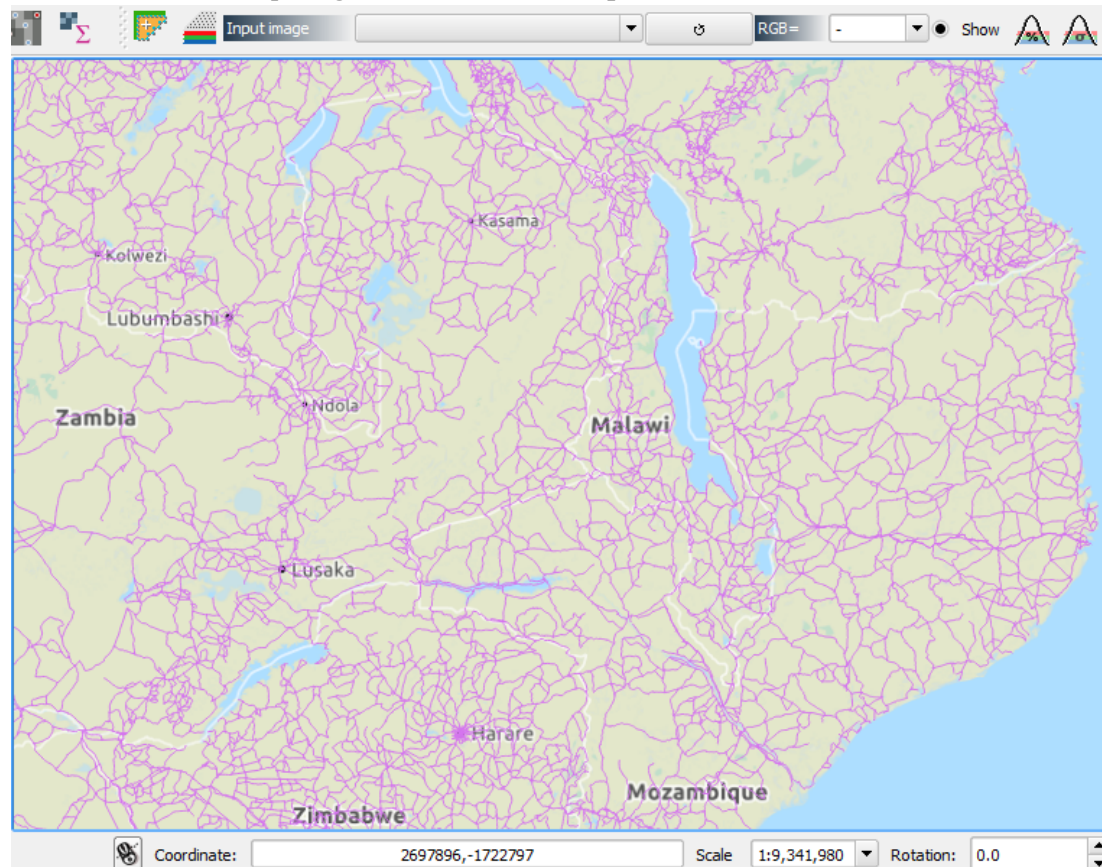


- Next we will add in the roads shapefile we downloaded
- Using the **Add Vector Layer** icon, click **Add Vector**



A window will open for you to navigate to the location of the downloaded SEDAC roads data product.

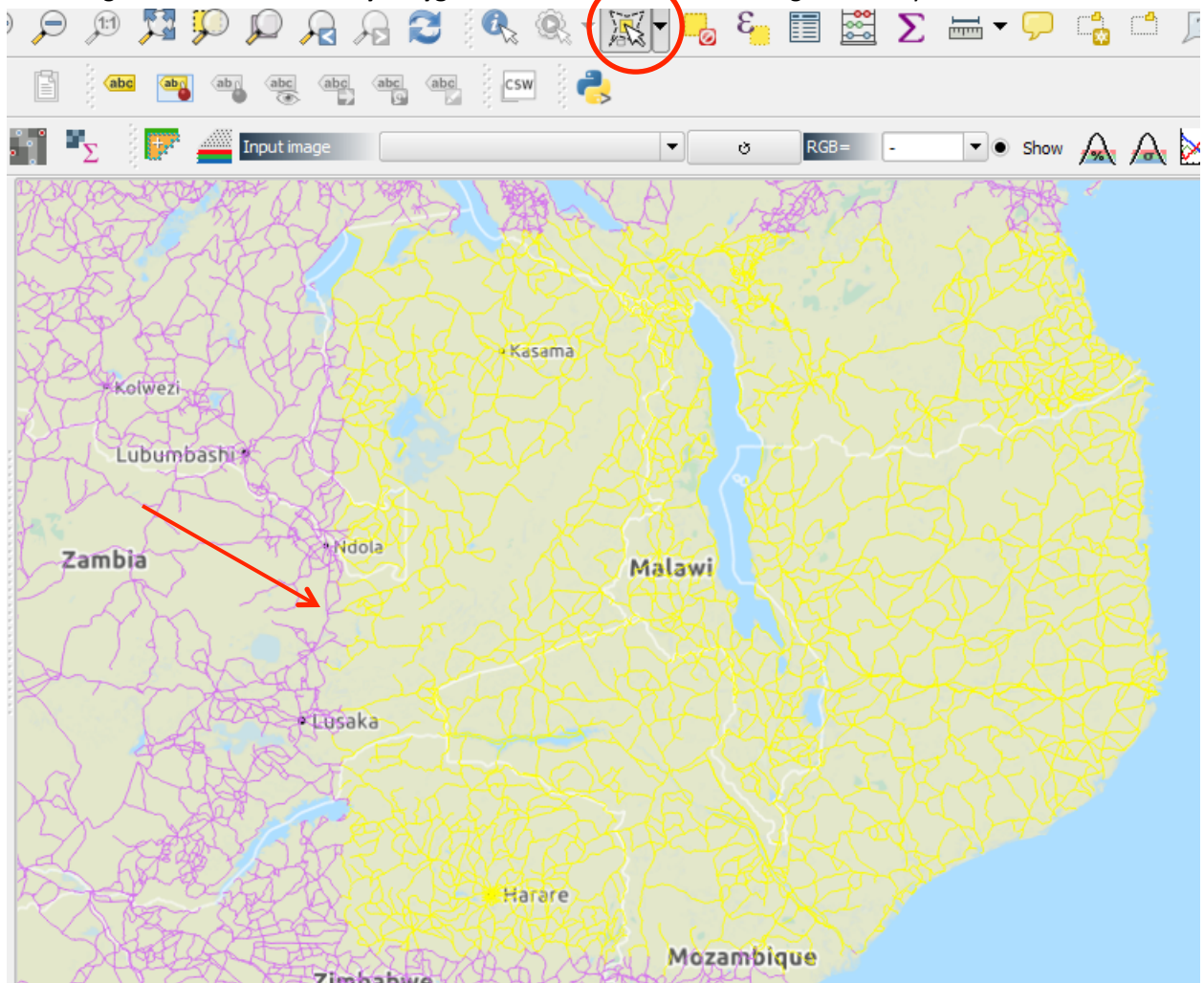
- Select the **shapefile ‘.shp’** and click **open**
 - Example: **‘gROADS-v1-africa.shp’**



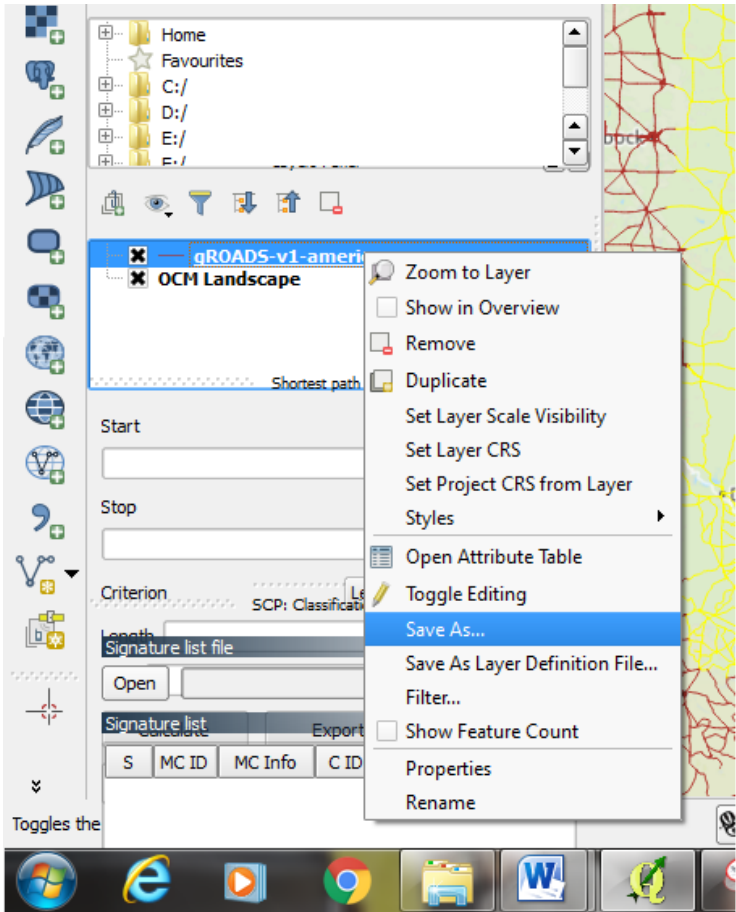
This file contains road data for all of Africa.

- **Zoom** in to the study area near Malawi
- Since the file is so large we will want to create a subset of the data so that it only contains information within and around the study area. This will allow the data to load and display faster.

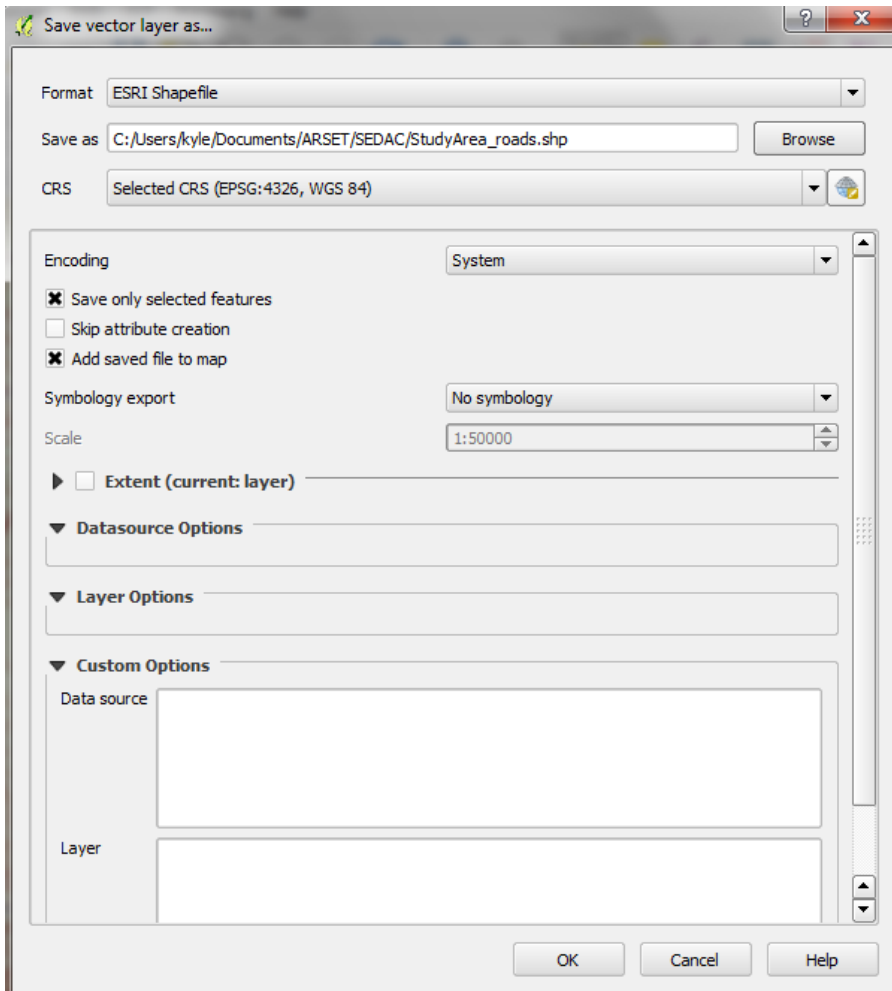
- Using the **Select Features by Polygon** tool draw a box around targeted study area



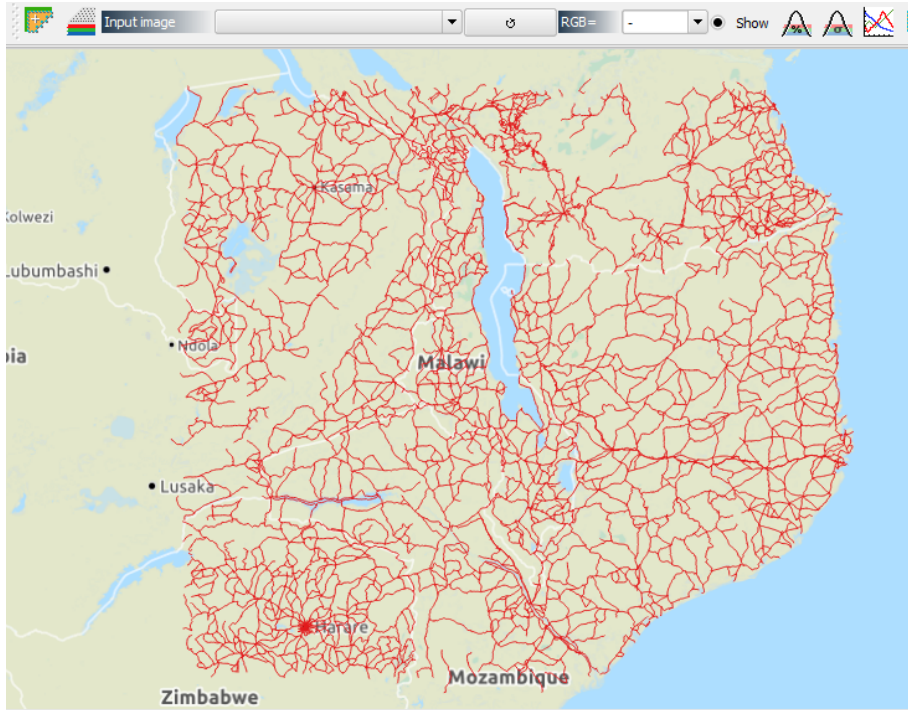
- Once you have created the desired box around the study area **right click** to make the selection. This will highlight the selected area.
- Next, we will create a subset of the Americas road data. **Right click** on the 'gROADS-v1-africa' layer and select **Save As**.



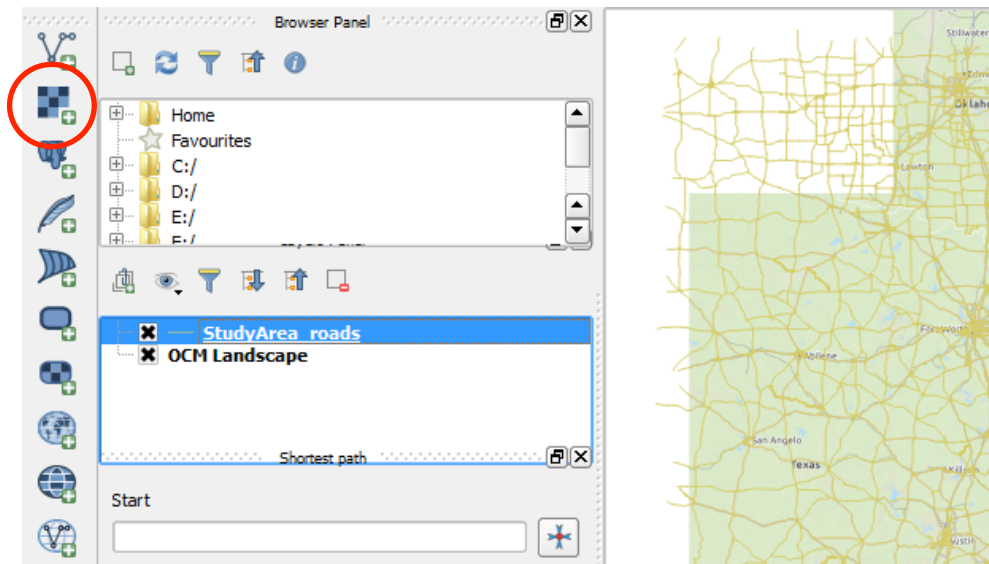
- You will then create a name for the file and under **Encoding** check the ‘**Save only selected features**’ box



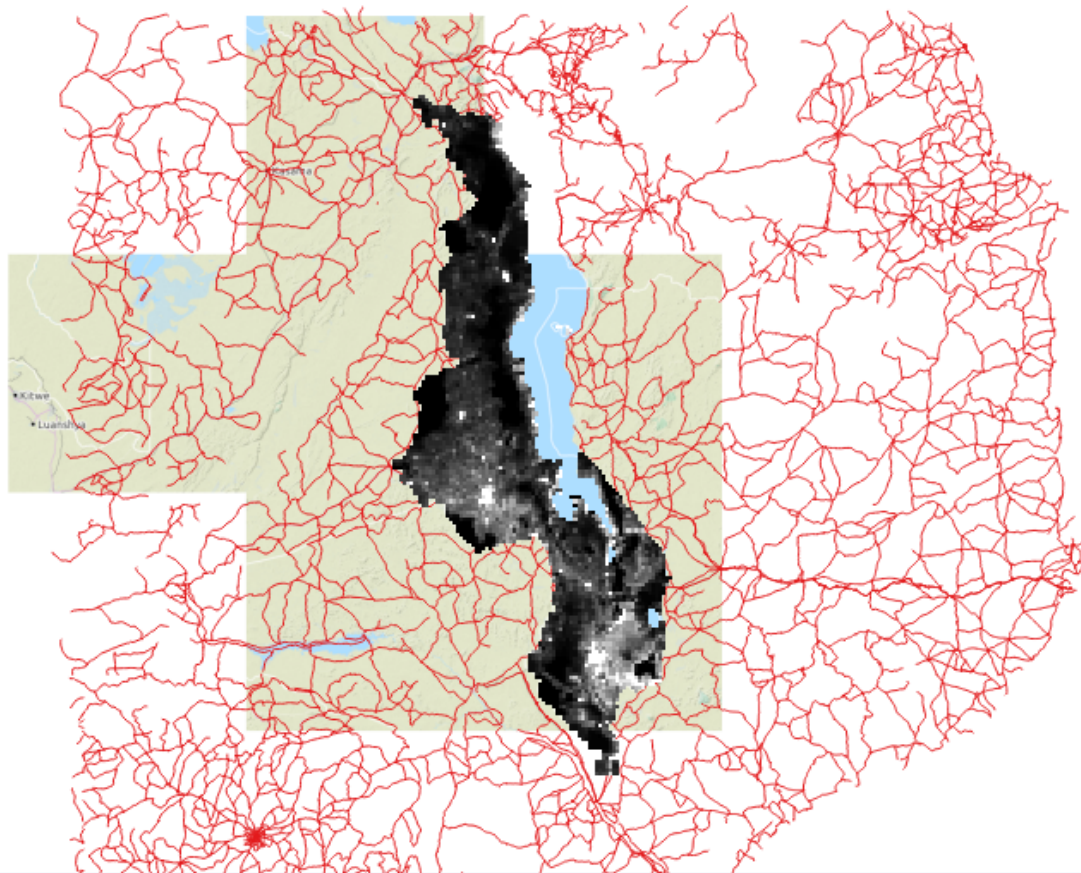
- Click **OK**
- This will create an independent vector file from the selected features. The file will automatically be loaded into the viewer.



- Next we will import the population density data from SEDAC using the **Import Raster Layer** icon



- You will then browse to the downloaded population density file ending in '.asc' and select open
 - Example: **'mwids00g.asc'**



The population density raster will appear as a black to white scale. White values being the greatest density and black the lowest.

We now have both a roads and population density layer that is clipped to the study area that can be used for further analysis.