Downloading and inserting Shapefiles into AEGIS 3

1. Go to this web page www.vdstech.com/map_data.htm for the Shapefiles

2. Click on a Zip file of the country you wish to use.

> I have tested Brazil, USA states and Japan – they all work OK.

3. Save the Zip file on your computer, then extract the files using WinZip, Zip Central or other decompression program

> Create a folder to save the Zipped file and extract the files to this folder.

4. You are now ready to insert the files into AEGIS 3.

> Each Zipped file will make three Shapefiles of the same name but with different file extensions.

5. Load AEGIS 3, start from a new blank page, then go to Insert Map. Choose a Shapefile, and open the country.shp file.

> Although there are three files in your country folder, only the .shp file will appear in the list.

6. In the next Dialogue screen, click on Area Layer 1, and in the Create Seeds box. Move on to the next box, and leave the scaling as it is set.

> This will automatically add a data table to the AEGIS 3 document and scale the map correctly

7. Now choose the attributes (fields) for the data table, and the attribute to use as a seed name (map link field).

> In these files, it is important to choose ADMIN_NAME both for the data table and as the seed name. There may be other data, e.g. POP_ADMIN to add to the data table.

8. Click on Finish to see your map and data table in AEGIS. Your map and data are now ready to use.

> Try displaying different charts and area shading on the map.

9. You can now tidy up the map – you may like to hide the seeds (Use Map, Display Layers), add text boxes, add more data to the table and save the worksheet as an AEGIS 3 file.