



RE: [BGS#EA25/236] RE: Permissions question for academic usage of a map sheet

From IPR <ipr@bgs.ac.uk>
Date Thu 8/28/2025 7:14 AM
To Davis, Ella <ella98@vt.edu>
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Hi Ella,

Thank you for the details you've provided in your email.

I've spoken to one of the co-authors of the publication and she has confirmed that BGS is indeed the copyright holder of those figures.

Additionally, your use of those particular BGS figures in your thesis from 'Lewisian, Torridonian and Moine Rocks of Scotland — Geological Conservation Review Series No. 34' by John Mendum et al 2009' is fine, provided that you include the following attribution in the caption: "*contains British Geological Survey materials © UKRI [year]*" accompanied by a link to the material.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any further questions.

Best,

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Sent: 28 August 2025 10:00
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Hello,

Sounds good on the BGS map I will make sure I've got that added in.

For the Mendum et al. 2009 figures:

1. I have not purchased a copy, I have been using the online pdf. I'm fairly certain that my advisor has a hard copy, but I will need to check with him to be sure if needed.
2. We have used figures 8.19 and 8.21- although the map was made primarily with 8.19 as it covers from Lochailort to just east of Loch Eilt.
3. To make the map we ended up using a screengrab of the pdf online.

Do you need a screenshot of my figure or the figure from Mendum et al. 2009 that we used?

Thanks for your help,
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Regarding '[Lewisian, Torridonian and Moine Rocks of Scotland — Geological Conservation Review Series No. 34](#)' by John Mendum et al 2009, I can confirm that BGS does indeed hold the copyright to this material.

Can I please check:

1. Have you purchased a hard copy version of this publication?

2. Which map from this publication do you wish to reproduce?

3. Have you taken a screenshot from an online version or have you scanned the hard copy version?

Best,

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Hello,

Yes we have used the Kintail sheet 72W map (1971-
<https://webapps.bgs.ac.uk/data/MapsPortal/map.html?id=10883300010883>).

I've attached the pdf of our map and a screenshot of where we were referencing on the Kintail sheet.

Also, and apologies for tacking another question onto this email- in another section of my thesis we use a map figure published in 'Lewisian, Torridonian and Moine Rocks of Scotland — Geological Conservation Review Series No. 34' by John Mendum et al 2009. I contacted the JNCC who host the book on their platform but was told that the permission rights are not through them and may be through the BGS. Do you know if this is true?

Thanks,
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From: IPR <jpr@bgs.ac.uk>

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Dear Ella,

I hope that you're well.

Thank you for your interest in BGS material.

I understand that you've reproduced a map of Glen Shiel from the BGS 1984 Kintail sheet (72W) paper as a base for one the figures in your thesis.

Assuming that my understanding is correct, can you please confirm if the map you're eluding to is from this particular paper: [Kintail district, sheet 72W and part of 71E, memoir for 1:50 000 map](#)

Additionally, can you please provide me with a screenshot of the exact BGS map you've reproduced?

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best,

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Hello,

My name is Ella Davis and I am currently finishing up my master's thesis. One of my map figures is of Glen Shiel and we (my advisor Dr. Richard Law and I) used the BGS 1984 Kintail sheet (72W) as a base for this figure- however it has been modified from the original. I have looked through the information provided online, but to make sure I've covered the correct bases- how can I get permissions or give an appropriate acknowledgment for use of this map?

If needed I can provide a copy of the modified figure.

All the best,
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