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The abstract should present the main points of the paper and the major conclusions. It should be a single paragraph of no more than 150 words.

Key words Below the abstract insert approximately 6 key words separated by semicolons, only the first keyword should be written starting from the big letter, the following keywords should be written with small letters. Include the approach, techniques, models used and geographical location of the study, as appropriate for an international audience.

Introduction containing a formulation of the subject, a statement on the present stage of knowledge in the field and a clear definition of the aim of the paper.

Headings should be lower case bold. Avoid numbering headings.

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Acknowledgements place between the end of the paper and the reference list

Number pages of the typescript, including tables, figure captions and figures.

Table headings tables should be submitted in separate files (please indicate in the text the place where they should be inserted). The filename for a table should be descriptive, e.g. Table1, Table2. Avoid tables exceeding the size of a printed page. In the heading above each table provide Arabic numerals in the order in which they are mentioned in the text and a self-explanatory description of the table content. Use single spacing for the body of each table. Below each table should be defined a source of it. In case of developing a table by authors, please note: "Source: own elaboration".

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The minimum font size should be 9. Lines should preferably be 0.2 mm. Figures should not be framed. Maps should be framed and should have a scale bars instead of number scales (please refer to detailed instruction on bar scales design on the last page of this document). Include legends in the figures themselves and not in figure captions.

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Scale bars on maps Publishing processes require that maps included in a paper as illustrations display a scale bar, i.e. a graphic presentation of the ratio of image size to real-world size. A numerical scale is usually of no practical use. The commonly used default scale bar templates from GIS software packages are, unfortunately, often incorrect (see examples of incorrect solution at the bottom of this page). The author should understand the scale and select the most appropriate type. The simplest scale is of a line representing **reasonable distance** that allows the reader to estimate distances and the size of areas on the map (see below).



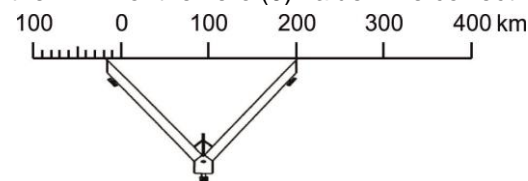
A slightly more developed scale can be made to facilitate readers' use of the map. This solution entirely suffices for most of maps in geographical journals.



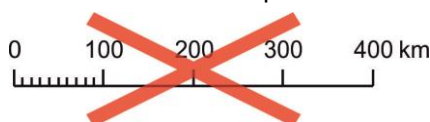
A scale can also be designed for measuring distances on the map, though this, in practice, is rare with regards to scale bars of maps published in articles. The first division of scale bar can be subdivided into smaller subdivisions. These subdivisions should not be of less than 1 mm long on the scale.



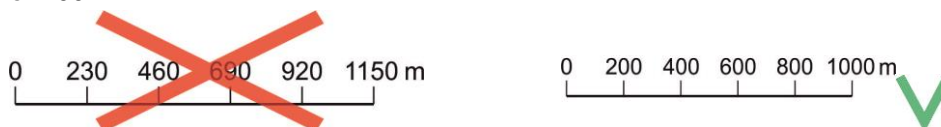
The basic requirement for correctly devising such a scale is that the subdivisions must be included to the LEFT of the zero (0) value. The correct way to measure a distance is shown in below:



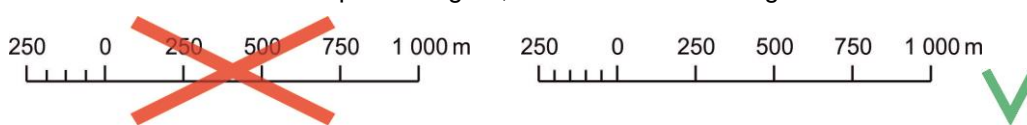
It is thus incorrect to place these subdivisions to the right of the zero point:



For scales with a "non-rounded" denominator, e.g. 1:23,000, it is a common mistake to use 1 cm as the base of a scale. This would require that successive divisions be labelled 230, 460, 690 m, etc. In such cases, calculations should be made to divisions of the scale bar on a "rounded" value, e.g. 100 or 200.



It is also necessary to ensure that the subdivisions represents rounded values (on the left it is 250 m divided into four divisions representing 62,5 m whereas on the right: 250 m into five divisions of 50 m).



Below please find examples of scale bars not satisfying the recommendations:

