

Sensitive and Terrestrial Ecosystems Labels



Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory of the Sunshine Coast and Adjacent Islands

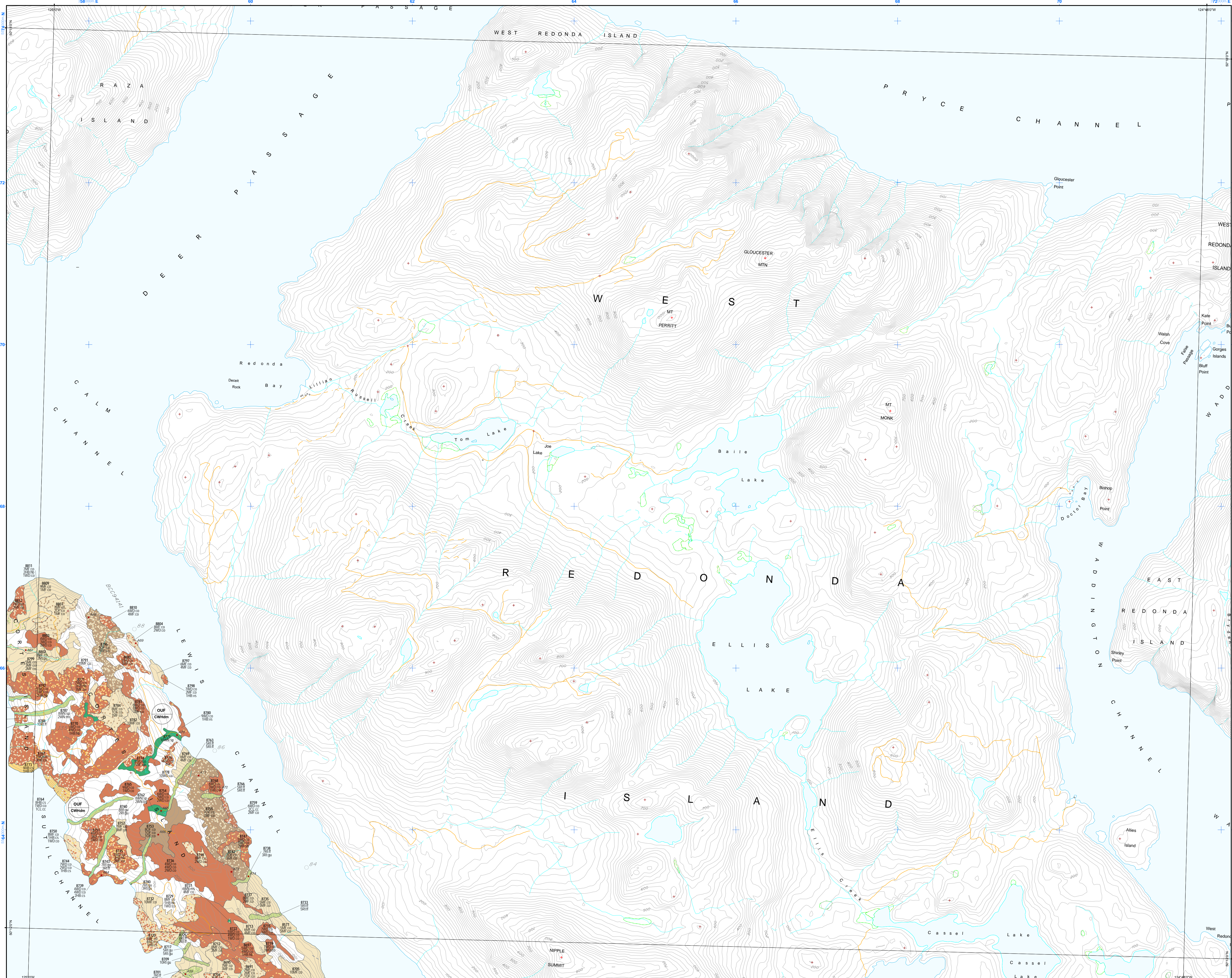


Table listing various ecosystem codes and site unit names, including columns for codes and descriptions.

Structural Stages table with columns for stage number, description, and structural stage.

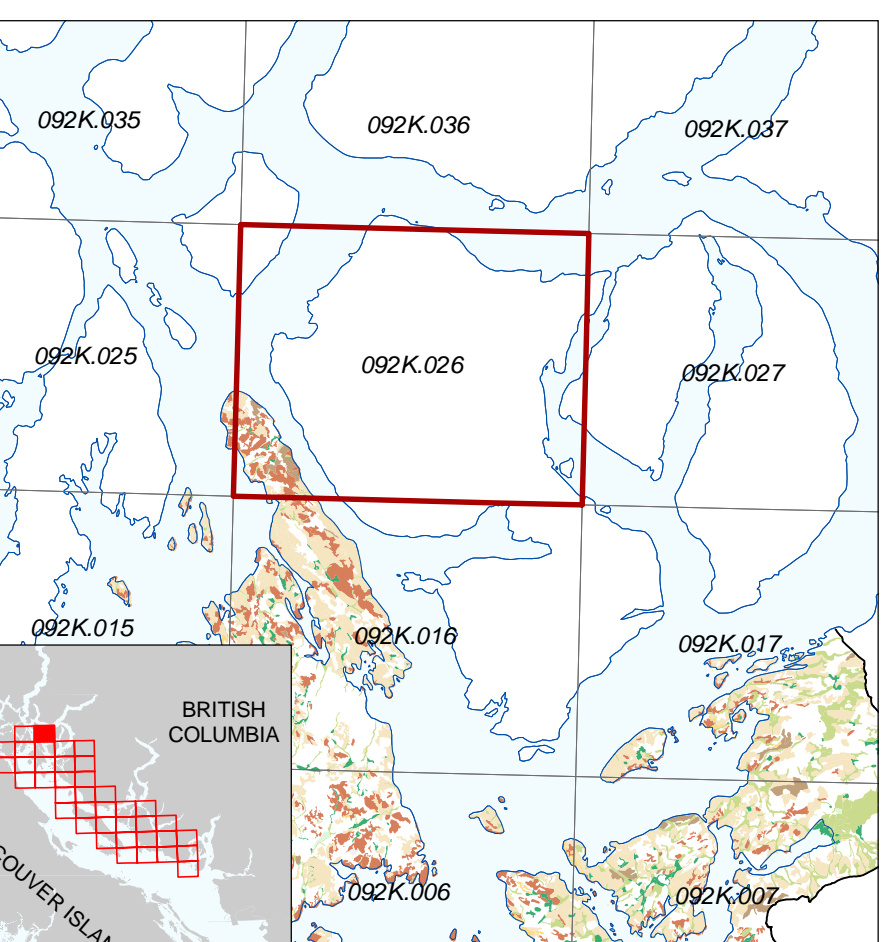
What is a Sensitive Ecosystem? For the purpose of this study, an ecosystem is considered to be a portion of the landscape with relatively uniform dominant vegetation.

Rationale Ecologically significant lands and important wildlife habitats are fast disappearing throughout the lowlands surrounding the Strait of Georgia.

Methodology The mapping methods are based on the Vancouver Island SEI project and the Resources Information Standards Committee (RISC) Standard for Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping (TEM) in BC.

Plan and implement all development activities in a manner that will not adversely affect or disturb the sensitive ecosystem.

Aerial photographs were used from between 1994 and 1999, most are at 1:150,000 scale, some at 1:116,000 scale.



Sensitive Ecosystems

Sensitive ecosystems are fragile and/or rare, or are ecologically important because of the diversity of species they support.

Legend and key for the map, including sections for Old Forest (OF), Woodland (WD), Herbaceous (HB), Riparian (RI), Wetland (WN), Cliffs (CL), Other Important Ecosystems, Mature Forests (MF), Seasonally Flooded Agricultural Fields (FS), Other Mapped Ecosystems, Young Forests (YF), Polygon Label, Ecosystem Components, Biogeoclimatic Units, Ecosystems, and Map Symbols.