

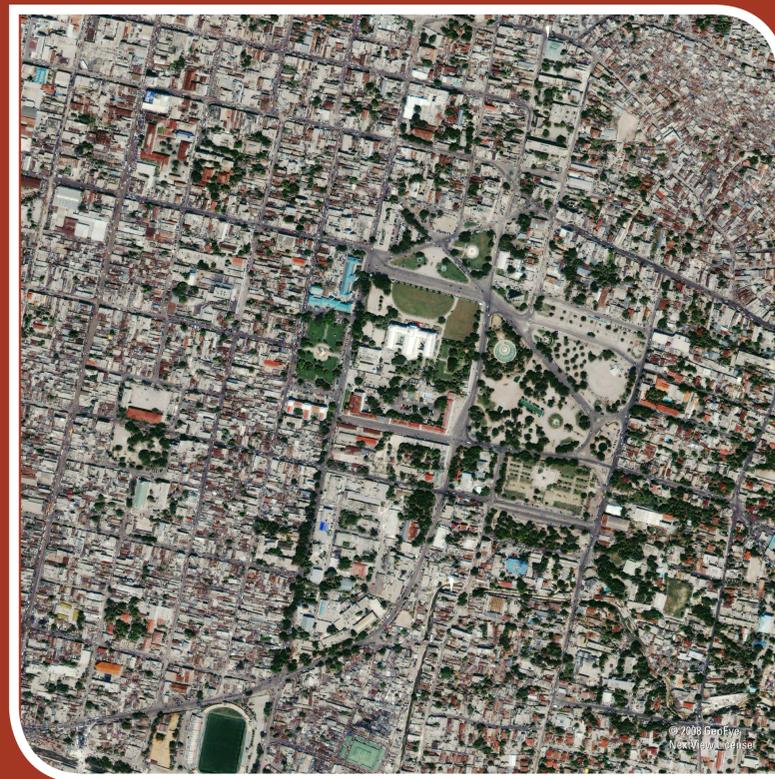
# U.S. Geological Survey Disaster Response and the International Charter Satellite Program

The “International Charter for Space and Major Disasters” consortium has become an important resource for those using satellite data to evaluate and provide support for both natural and man-made disasters. The 10 Charter members quickly respond when called upon by national emergency management authorities. Satellite data are made available at no cost to these emergency managers – the Charter operates on a voluntary, no-exchange-of-funds basis. The data from these satellites has helped emergency managers worldwide to deal with a variety of natural and man-made disasters.

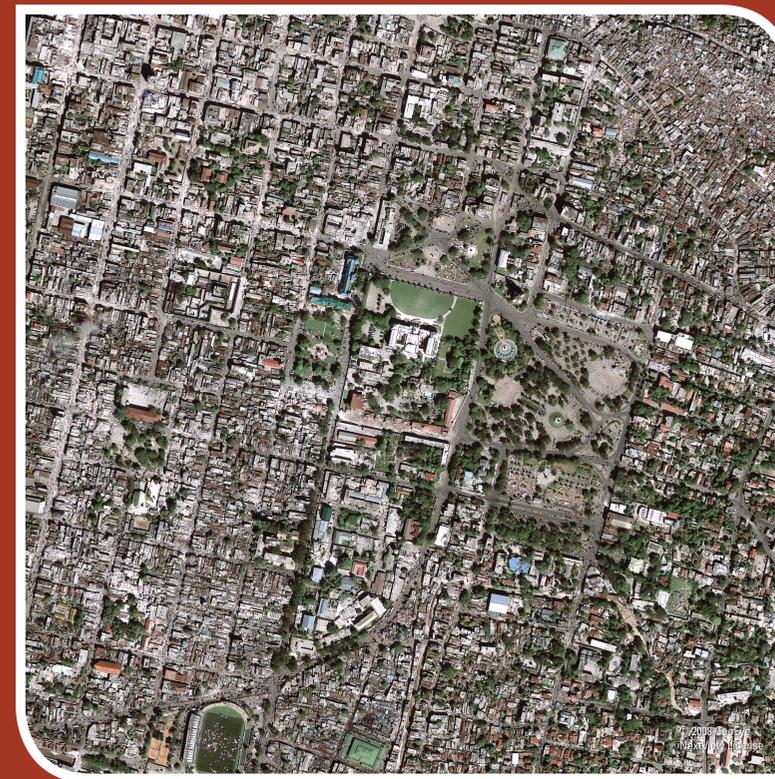
The U.S. Geological Survey is an active member, drawing on federal and commercial data to support Charter needs. The wealth of archived and current satellite data have proven useful to disaster management agencies, international relief organizations, and the science community at large.

For more details regarding the International Charter and samples of the information products which its members have provided, please see:

<http://www.disasterscharter.org/>



September 29, 2008



January 13, 2010

High resolution satellite imagery showing the Presidential Palace at Port-au-Prince, Haiti before (IKONOS data) and immediately after (GEOEYE-1 data) the January 12, 2010 earthquake.

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