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- Necessity for PGC’s Acknowledgement Policy
- Referencing PGC support in the acknowledgements
- Citing PGC products in publications, captions, and maps