

## **GSN and GUAN stations in *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup>**

The KML-files showing the GSN and GUAN stations are made for direct usage in *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup>. They contain the basic station metadata as known from GSN/GUAN list (status as of January 2008). Once the *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup> software has been installed on your computer, the downloaded KML files allow you to identify the location of the GSN and GUAN sites.

Please note that the GSN and GUAN stations will disappear when you are zooming in closer than 200 kilometers above the ground. This restriction has been applied, because the coordinates of the GSN and GUAN sites are not accurate enough to allow for a more closely examination of the sites' position.

### **1. Technical Requirements**

A version of *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup> must be available on the computer. *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup> can be downloaded from <http://earth.google.com/>. It is recommended to update *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup> from time to time using the menu item "Help/Check for updates" inside.

Once the *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup> software has been installed on your computer, a click on the selected file will open the download window to start *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup> directly. Alternatively, the file can be saved on your computer. Depending on the used web browser the start of *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup> from the website could fail. In this case, please download the KML file, start *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup> separately and open the file from *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup> menu. For organizing and saving folders or tuning the display, please use the "Help" menu of *GoogleEarth*<sup>TM</sup>.

### **2. Disclaimer**

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