

Imaging procedure for GCOM-C(SHIKISAI) product by using QGIS

This document shows how to read the GCOM-C (SHIKISAI) level-2 land surface temperature product by using QGIS and visualize it as an image. For detail of QGIS, please refer to the link below.

<https://gportal.jaxa.jp/gpr/information/tool?lang=en>

Please refer to the "G-Portal User's Manual" below for how to search for and download products from G-Portal.

https://gportal.jaxa.jp/gpr/assets/mng_upload/COMMON/upload/GPortalUserManual_en.pdf

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[STEP1] Prepare Land Surface Temperature product

First, prepare land surface temperature product in "GeoTIFF" format to load into QGIS.
There are two ways to get it:

- A. Using the processing request function of G-Portal, convert land surface temperature product to GeoTIFF format and download it.
- B. Download land surface temperature product from G-Portal, convert the HDF5 format to GeoTIFF format using "SGLI Map projection & GeoTIFF conversion Tool".

[STEP1-A](1/2) Get data in GeoTIFF format using G-Portal's processing request function

- (1) Search land surface temperature data of GCOM-C (Shikisai) from G-Portal that you want to display as an image in QGIS.
- (2) When the search results are displayed, click the "Processing" button in the row of the desired data.

The screenshot shows the G-Portal search interface. On the left, the search criteria are set to "Infrared" and "GCOM-C/SGLI". The search results table is displayed below, showing a list of search results for "Land-Surface Temperature" data. The table has columns for selection, product name, description, spacecraft/sensor, and time. The "Processing" button for the selected row is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points to it from a text box that says "click the 'Processing' button".

	Product Name	Description	Spacecraft, sensors, physical quantities	Information	Setting	
<input type="checkbox"/>	L2-LST	Land-Surface Temperature	GCOM-C/SGLI	2022-08-10 01:28:30.00	2022-08-10 03:15:07.00	Details Download Processing Add to My List
<input type="checkbox"/>	L2-LST	Land-Surface Temperature	GCOM-C/SGLI	2022-08-10 01:28:30.00	2022-08-10 23:24:39.60	Details Download Processing Add to My List
<input type="checkbox"/>	L2-LST	Land-Surface Temperature	GCOM-C/SGLI	2022-08-10 01:29:24.00	2022-08-10 03:15:32.40	Details Download Processing Add to My List
<input type="checkbox"/>	L2-LST	Land-Surface Temperature	GCOM-C/SGLI	2022-08-10 01:30:28.80	2022-08-10 23:26:09.60	Details Download Processing Add to My List
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	L2-LST	Land-Surface Temperature	GCOM-C/SGLI	2022-08-10 01:31:30.00	2022-08-10 01:37:26.40	Details Download Processing Add to My List
<input type="checkbox"/>	L2-LST	Land-Surface Temperature	GCOM-C/SGLI	2022-08-10 01:31:58.80	2022-08-10 03:17:56.40	Details Download Processing Add to My List
<input type="checkbox"/>	L2-LST	Land-Surface Temperature	GCOM-C/SGLI	2022-08-10 01:32:45.60	2022-08-10 01:37:04.80	Details Download Processing Add to My List
<input type="checkbox"/>	L2-LST	Land-Surface Temperature	GCOM-C/SGLI	2022-08-10 01:34:26.40	2022-08-10 01:42:28.80	Details Download Processing Add to My List
<input type="checkbox"/>	L2-LST	Land-Surface Temperature	GCOM-C/SGLI	2022-08-10 01:34:26.40	2022-08-10 01:42:28.80	Details Download Processing Add to My List
<input type="checkbox"/>	L2-LST	Land-Surface Temperature	GCOM-C/SGLI	2022-08-10 01:34:55.20	2022-08-10 01:42:36.00	Details Download Processing Add to My List
<input type="checkbox"/>	L2-LST	Land-Surface Temperature	GCOM-C/SGLI	2022-08-10 01:35:45.60	2022-08-10 23:29:52.80	Details Download Processing Add to My List

※ If you click the "Download" button, the data will be downloaded in HDF5 format.

[STEP1-A](2/2) Get data in GeoTIFF format using G-Portal's processing request function

- (3) Execute the processing request as follows, and download the GeoTIFF file after receiving email of “[G-Portal] Notice of completion of product production”.

Request processing

Product selected: GCOM-C/SGLI L2-LST GC1SG1_20220810D01D_T0529_L2SG_LST_Q_3000

Load Conditions Save Conditions

Cutout Shift

Please specify the cutout area.

Shift amount

H direction(% ▲ ▼)

V direction(% ▲ ▼)

Cutout amount

H direction(% ▲ ▼)

V direction(% ▲ ▼)

Set Clear the setting

Format conversion

Select output format

No conversion

GeoTIFF

Restrict dataset (variable)

LST

Request processing Close

Check "GeoTIFF", and
Click "Request processing" button.

[STEP1-B](1/2) Convert HDF5 format to GeoTIFF format

Open command prompt and convert HDF5 product to GeoTIFF using SGLI Map projection & GeoTIFF conversion Tool.
Please refer to the following instruction manual for SGLI Map projection & GeoTIFF conversion Tool.

<https://gportal.jaxa.jp/gpr/information/tool?lang=en#GCOM-C>

```
C:\xxxxx\Desktop\GCOM-C_L2-LST>SGLI_geo_map_win.exe GC1SG1_20220810D01D_T0529_L2SG_LST_Q_3000.h5 -d Image_data/LST
===== Input parameters =====
Input file          = GC1SG1_20220810D01D_T0529_L2SG_LST_Q_3000.h5
Projection coordinates = Geodetic Latitude/Longitude
Pixel spacing       = Default (7.5sec/15sec/30sec)
Resampling method   = BL
Data selection      = Image_data/LST
Output directory    = .
=====
product_type = L2/tile
tile = 0529
pid = GC1SG1_20220810D01D_T0529_L2SG_LST_Q_3000
hemi = 0
p=0, Image_data/LST
data rank = 2
data size = 4800/4800
data type = unsigned short
INFO: type of attr is int -> cast to unsigned short! function (H5_common_read2.c) line = 272
max_valid_DN = 65534
x range = 129.4125000000, 141.6000000000
y range = 30.0000000000, 38.8083333333
outsize = 5850, 4228
output = [.%GC1SG1_20220810D01D_T0529_L2SG_LST_Q_3000_LST.tif]
output = [.%GC1SG1_20220810D01D_T0529_L2SG_LST_Q_3000_LST.xml]
done...
```

[Example]
we will use the tile data for Japan
on August 10, 2022.

[STEP1-B](2/2) Convert HDF5 format to GeoTIFF format

Command options for SGLI Map projection & GeoTIFF conversion Tool

Set band offset/scaling(slope) values from HDF attributes to GDAL_METADATA Tag (42112) with an option specified at METADATA.

If you specify the option, you can omit the calculation of the slope/offset value in the formula described on page 18 of this document. However, please note that the temperature is in absolute temperature (K).

[Example]

```
>SGLI_geo_map_win.exe GC1SG1_20220810D01D_T0529_L2SG_LST_Q_3000.h5 -d Image_data/LST -a default
```

For details of options, refer to page 4 of the instruction manual mentioned in the previous section.

<https://gportal.jaxa.jp/gpr/information/tool#GCOM-C>

[STEP2] Read GeoTIFF with the free tool QGIS (<https://qgis.org/en/site/>) and image it

<Prepare - Download the land data input to QGIS ->

Download the land data (used to color land when imaging data with QGIS) from the following sites.

<https://tapiquen-sig.jimdofree.com/english-version/free-downloads/world/>

World Shapefiles (*.shp) - Geog X

https://tapiquen-sig.jimdofree.com/english-version/free-downloads/world/

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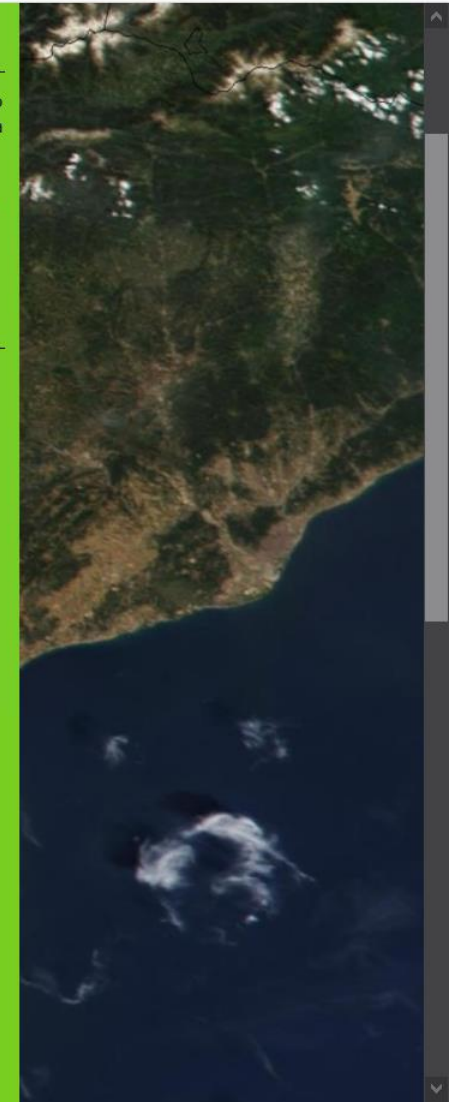
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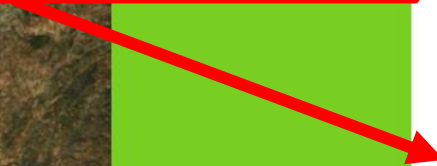
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Click here, select "Save file" and press "OK".
(Please note that the save location varies depending on the browser you are using.)

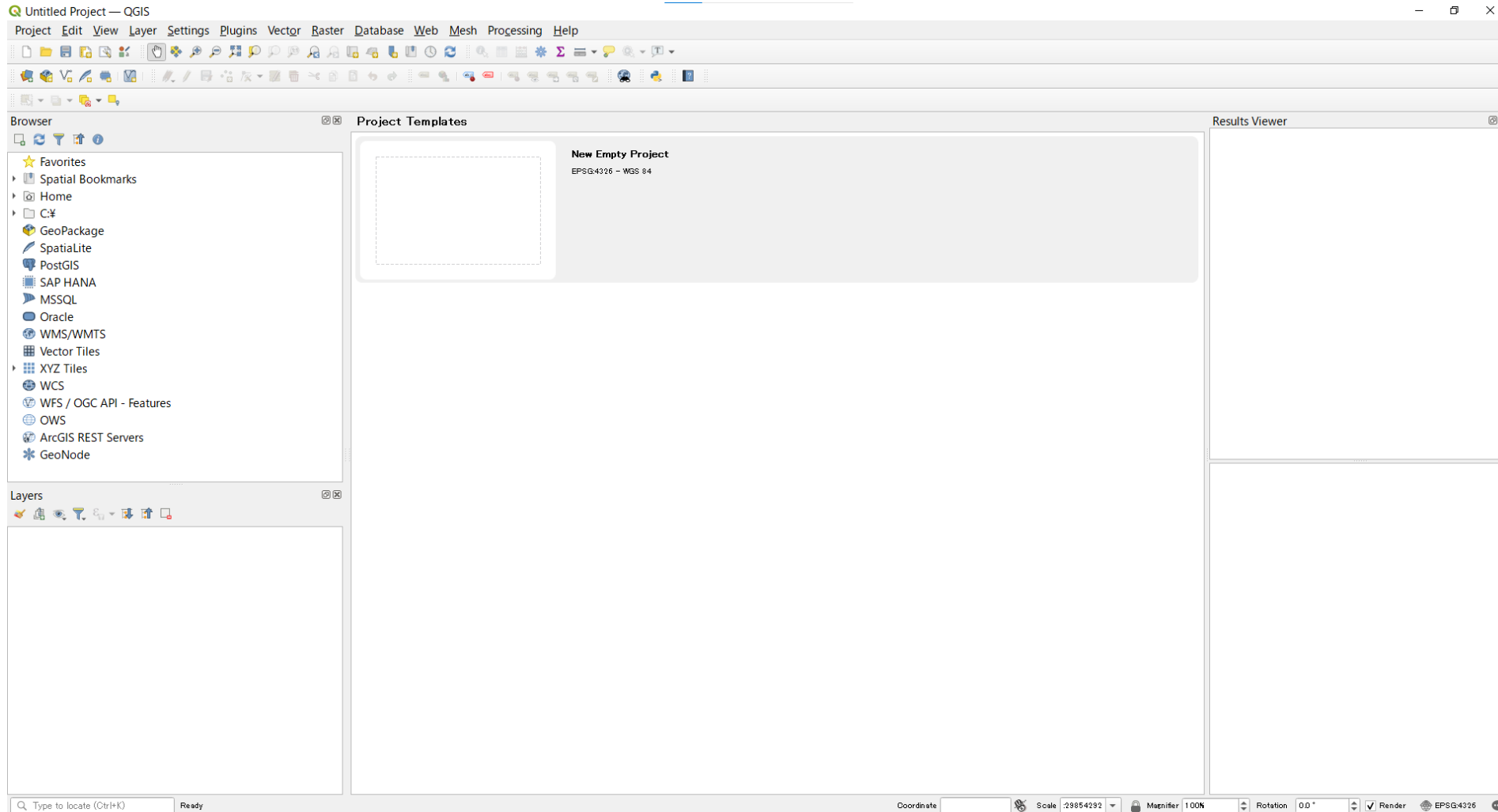


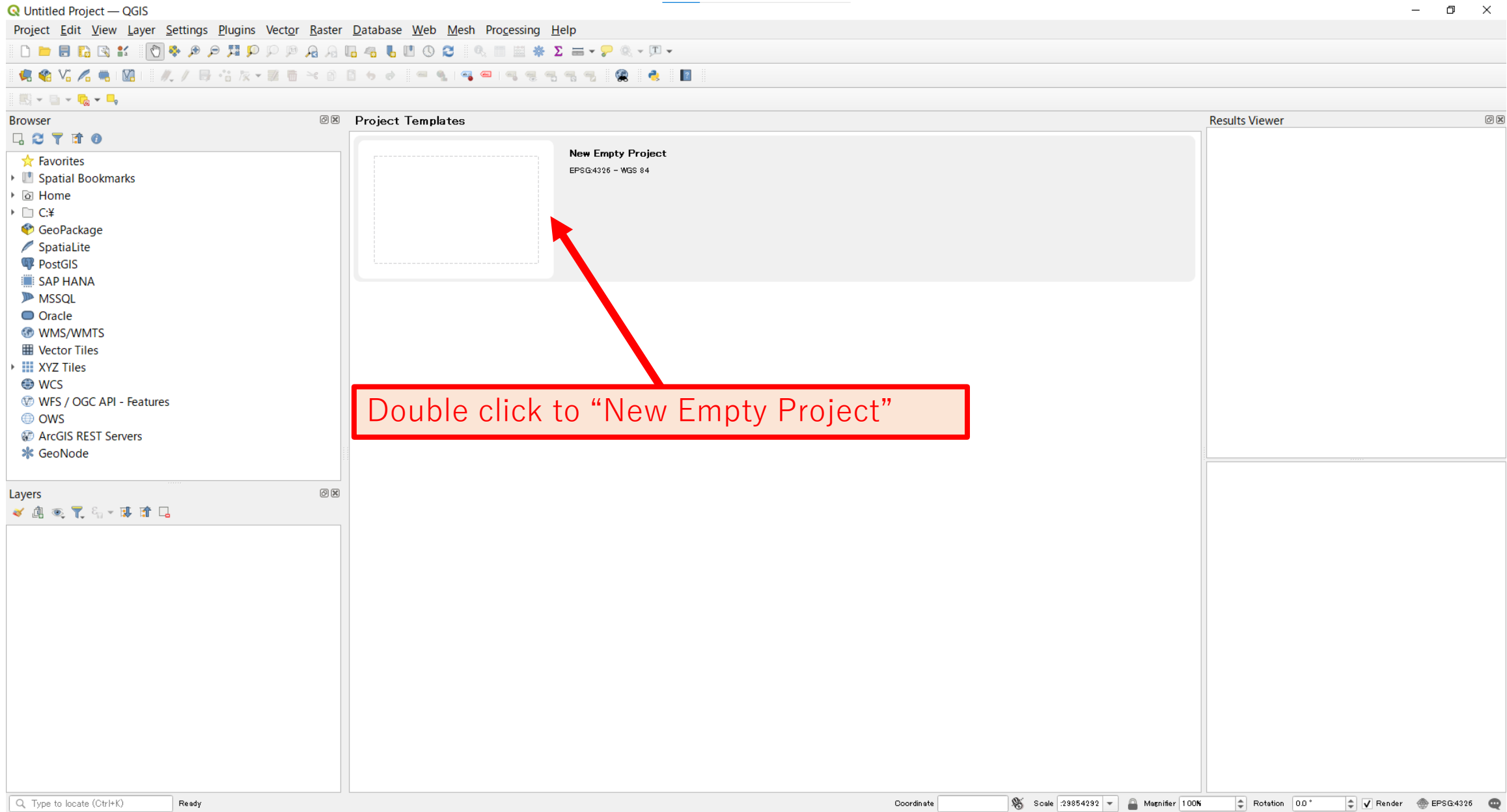
Open the folder where you saved the file and double-click the file named "World_Countries.rar" to unzip it, and you will see the file "World_Countries.shp".
(The "World_Countries.shp" will be used later.)

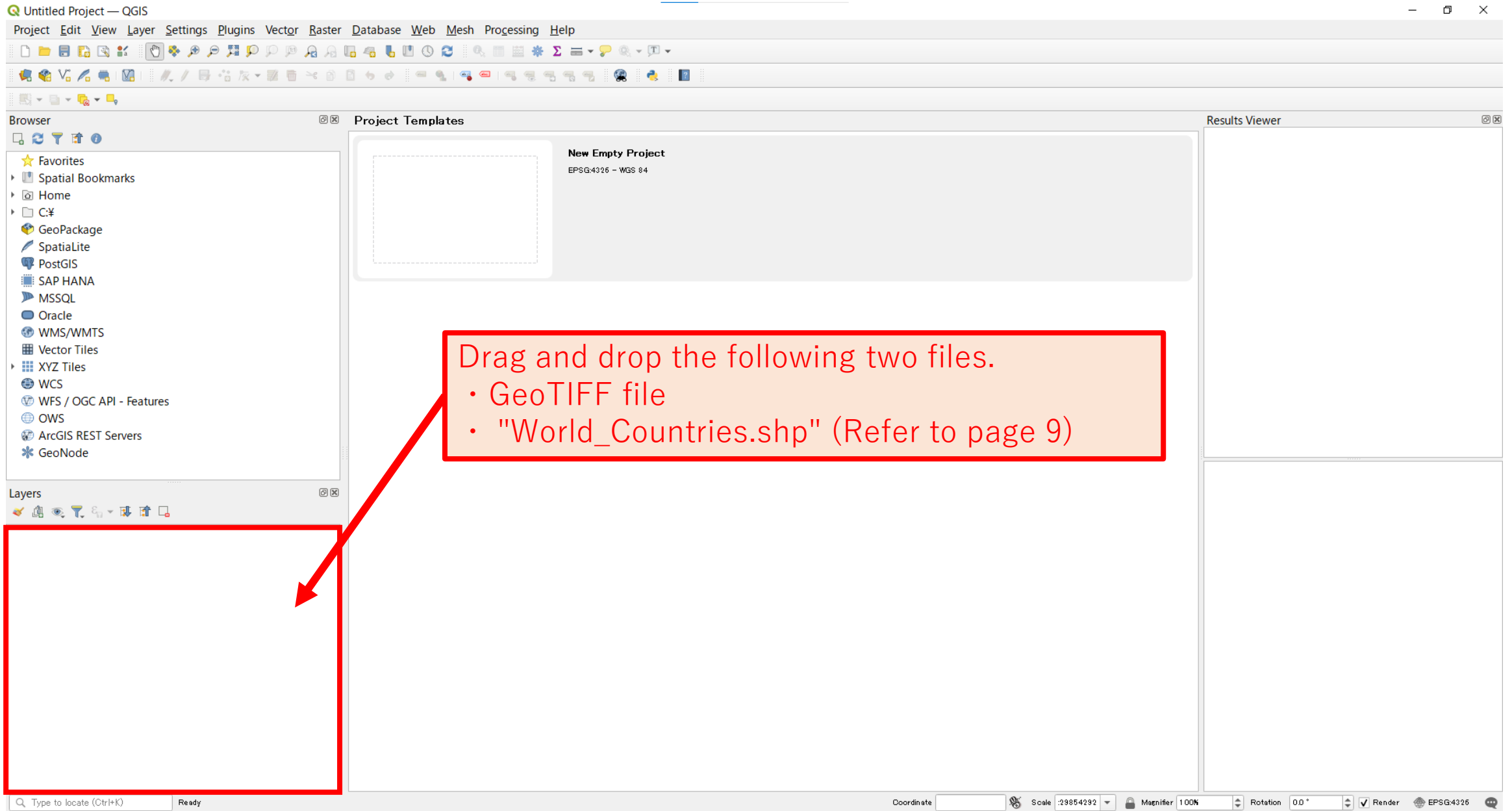
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- World_Countries.prj
- World_Countries.sbn
- World_Countries.sbx
- **World_Countries.shp**
- World_Countries.shp.xml
- World_Countries.shx
- World_Countries_README.txt

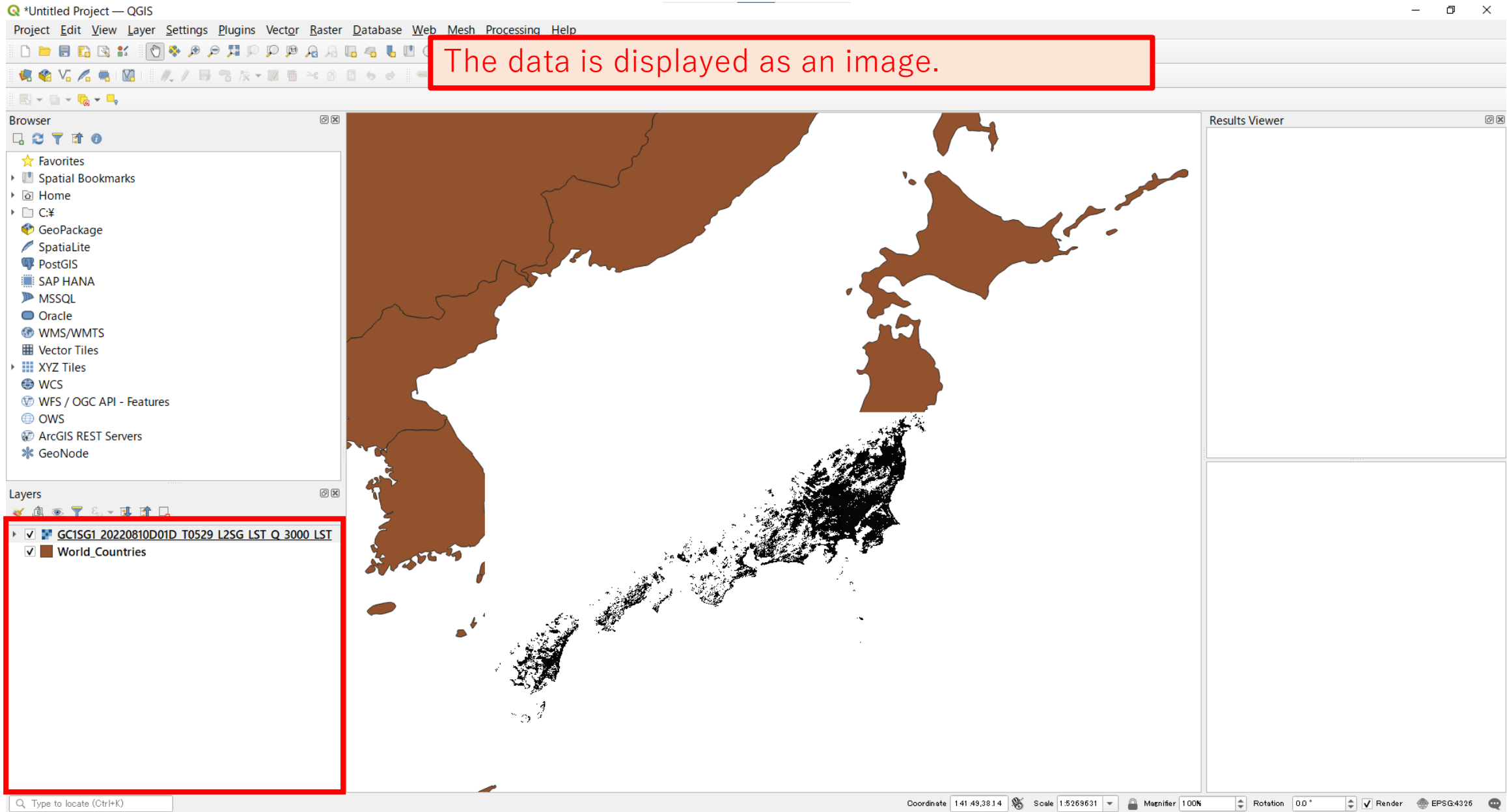
[STEP3] Load GeoTIFF data into QGIS

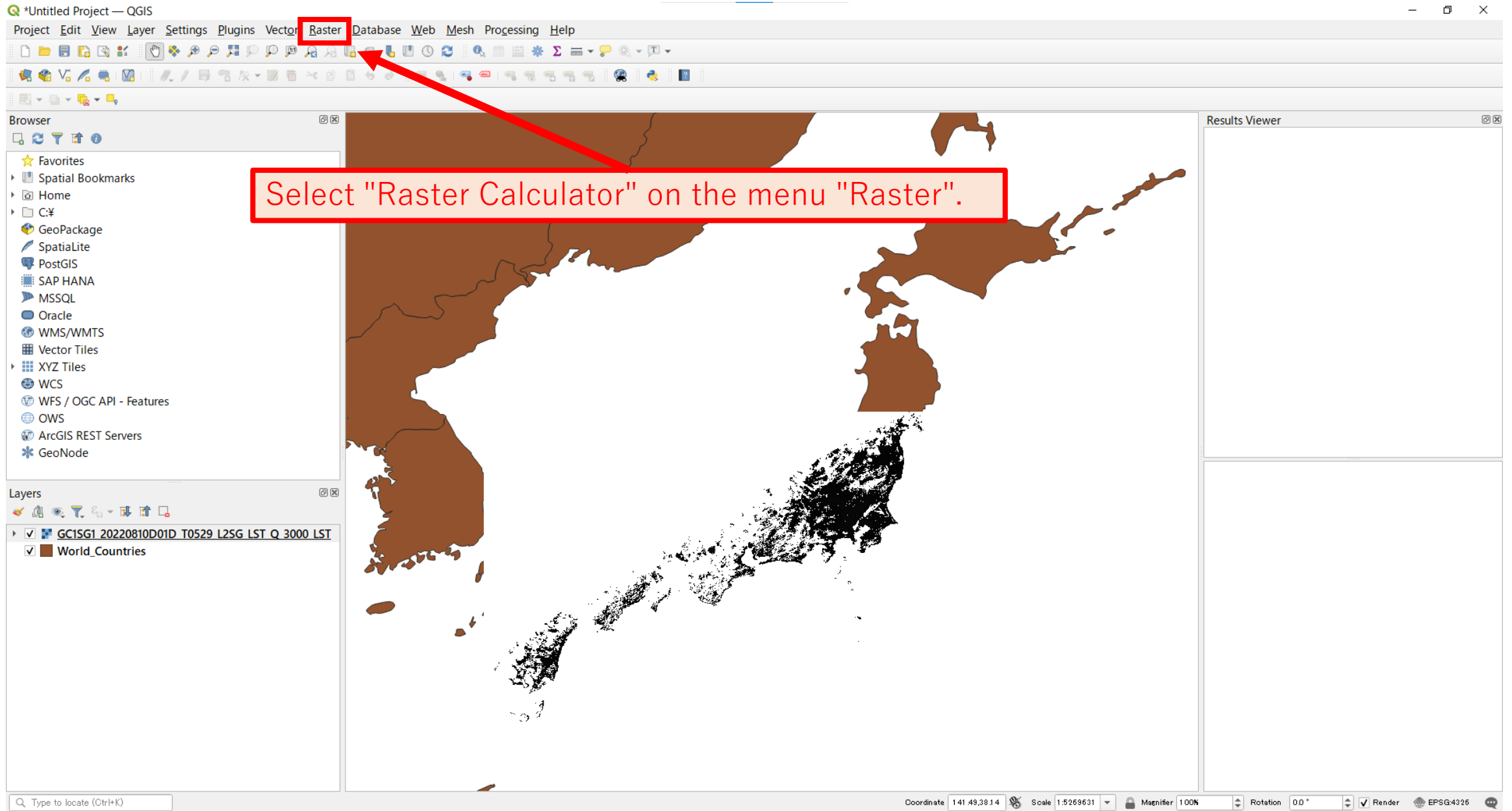
1. Start QGIS.

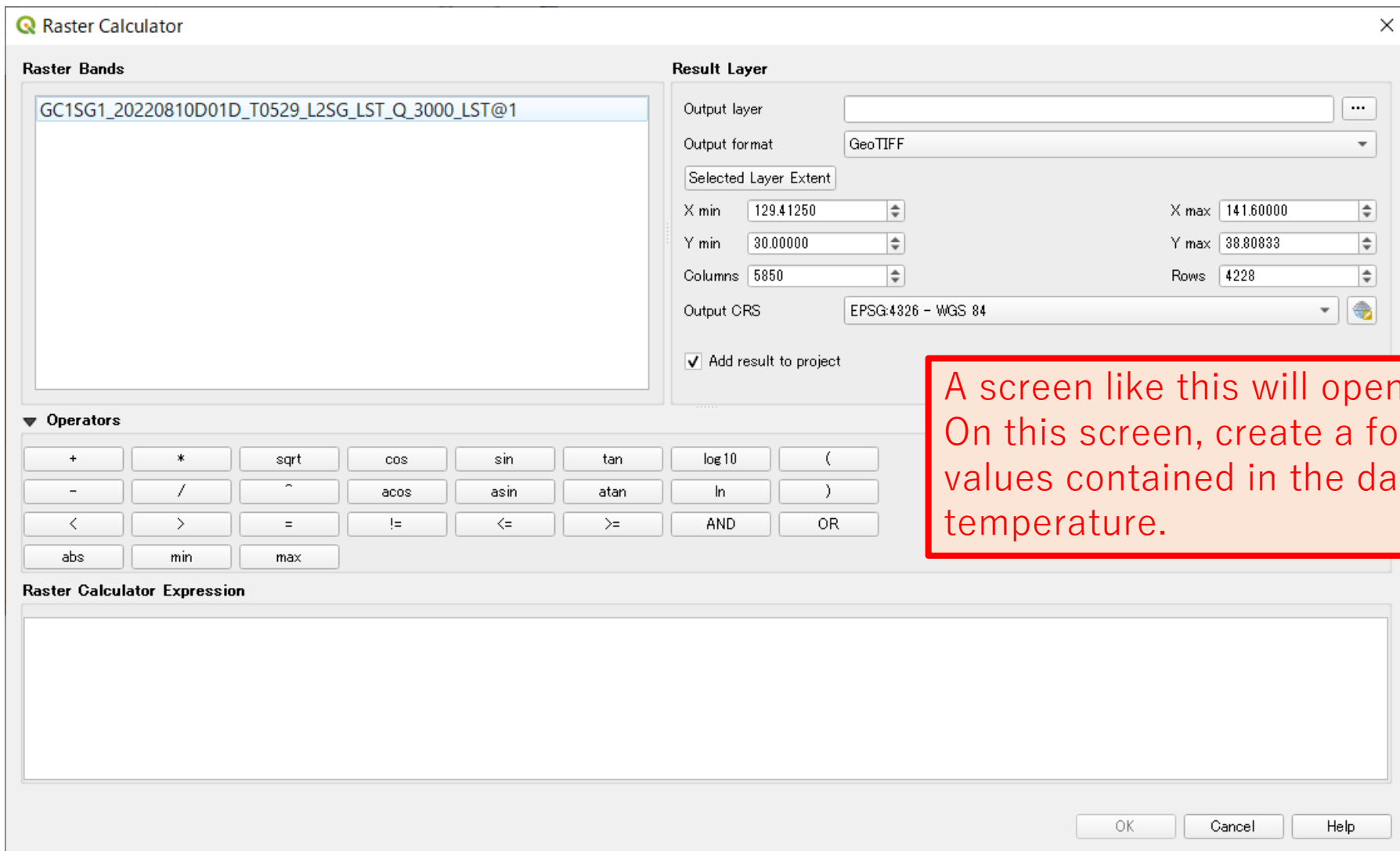




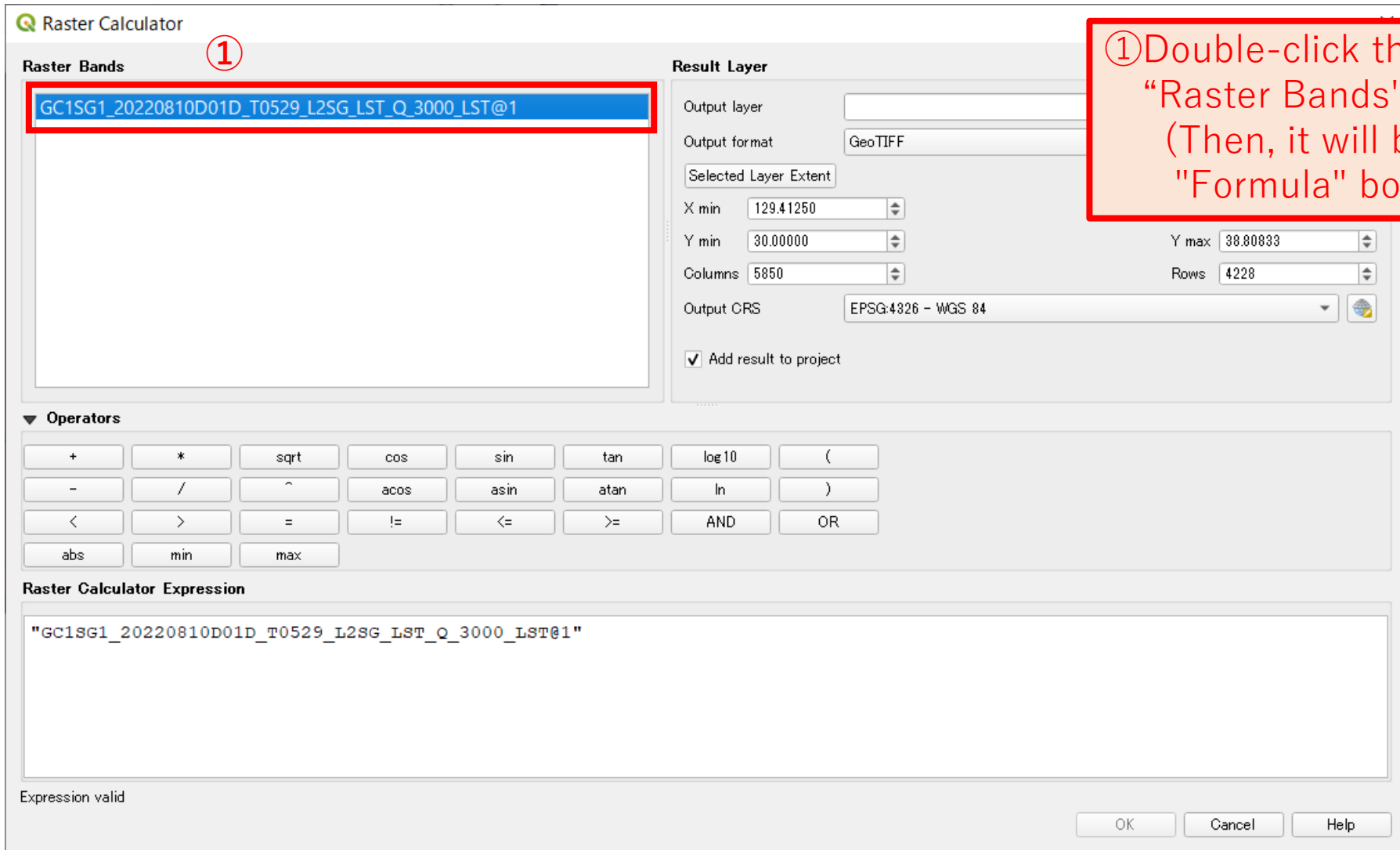




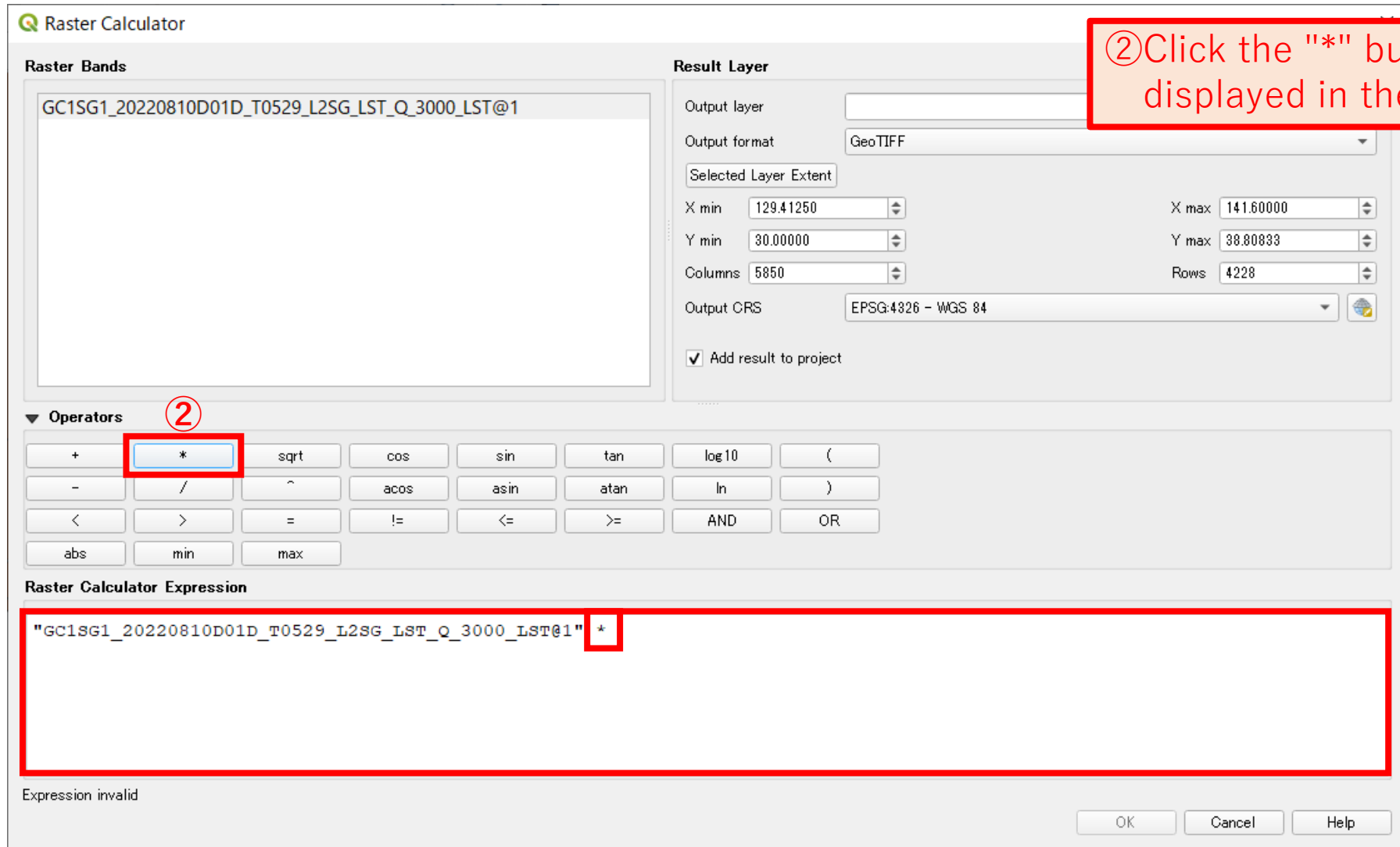




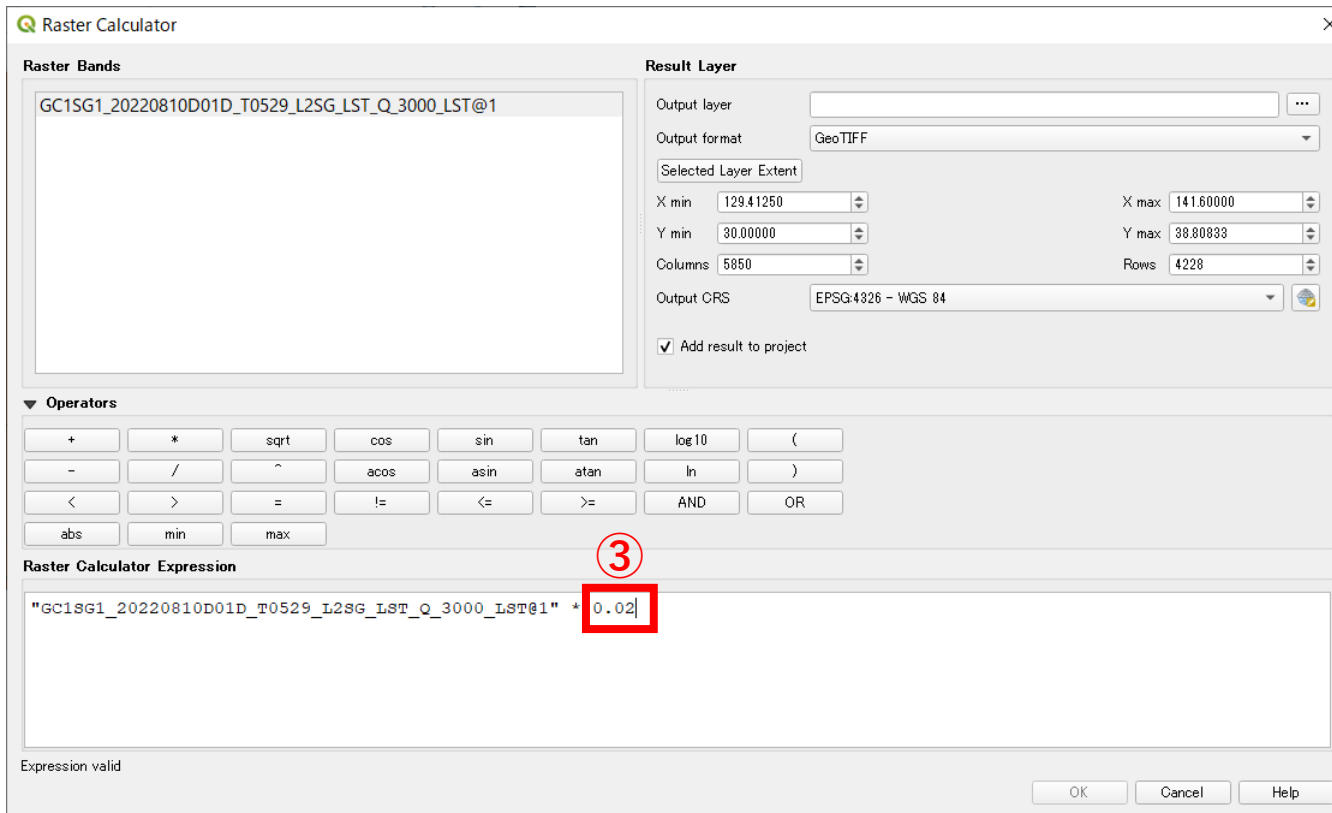
A screen like this will open. On this screen, create a formula to convert the values contained in the data into the land surface temperature.



① Double-click the file name in the "Raster Bands" frame. (Then, it will be displayed in the "Formula" box below.)



② Click the "*" button. (Then, it will be displayed in the "Formula" box below.)



③ Place the cursor on the right side of "*", click once, and input "0.02".

※ The value stored in the data can be converted to temperature (°C) by the following formula.

$$\text{Temperature (}^\circ\text{C)} = [\text{value stored in data}] * [0.02 \text{ (slope value for LST)}] + [0 \text{ (offset value for LST)}] - 273 \text{ (K)}$$

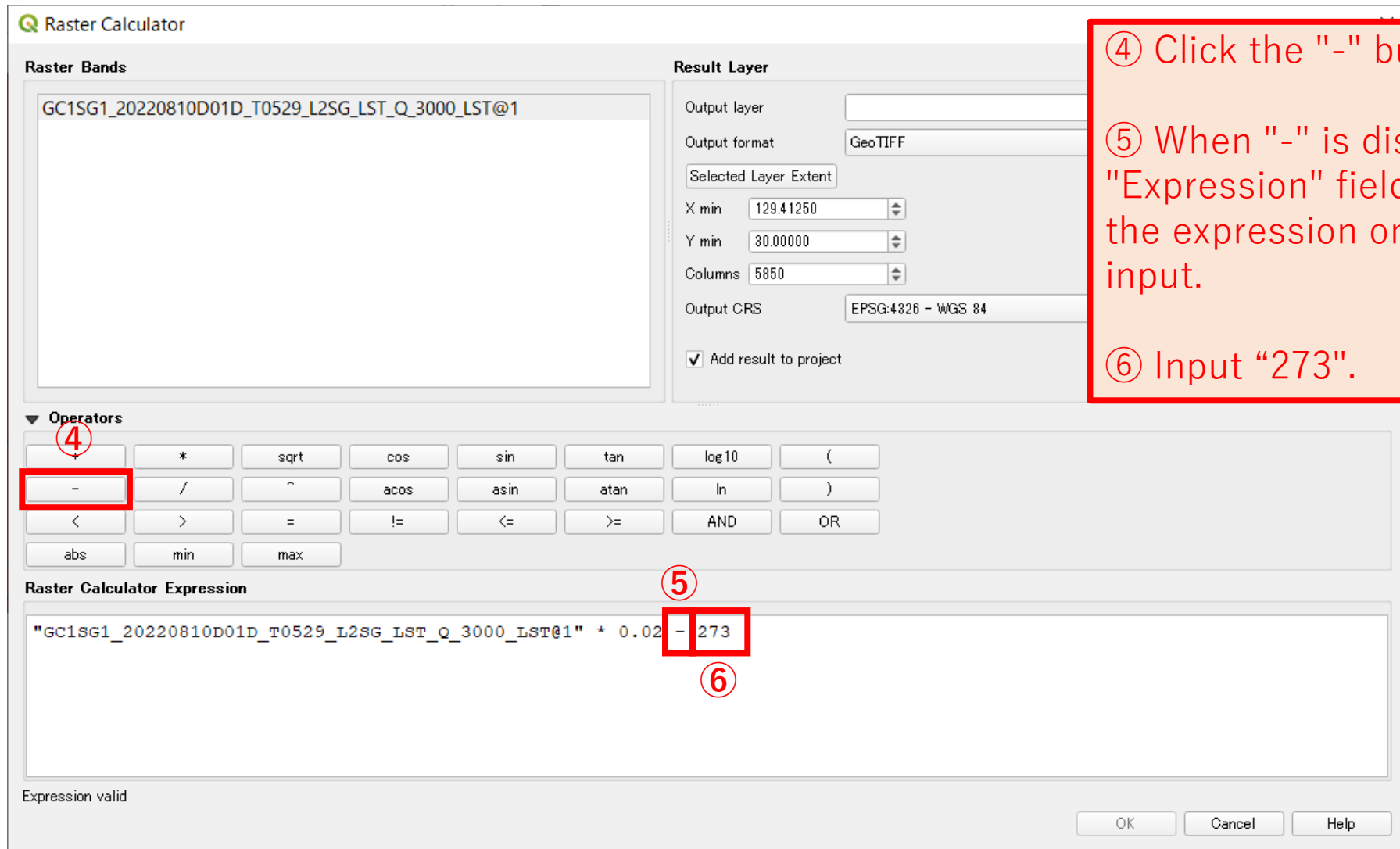
Attribute information

Ver.1,2,3	Attribute	Remarks	
Attribute of Image_data			
E01			
E02			
LST	Data_description	Land Surface Temperature (LST)	
16-bit unsigned integer	Error_DN	65535	
	Mask_for_statistics	63507	Detail: QA_flag_information(~L3_mask)
	Maximum_valid_DN	65534	
	Minimum_valid_DN	0	
	Offset	0	
	Slope	0.02	
	Unit	Kelvin	

How to use

- Physical quantity=DN*slope + offset
- Valid values are during Minimum_valid_DN~Maximum_valid_DN

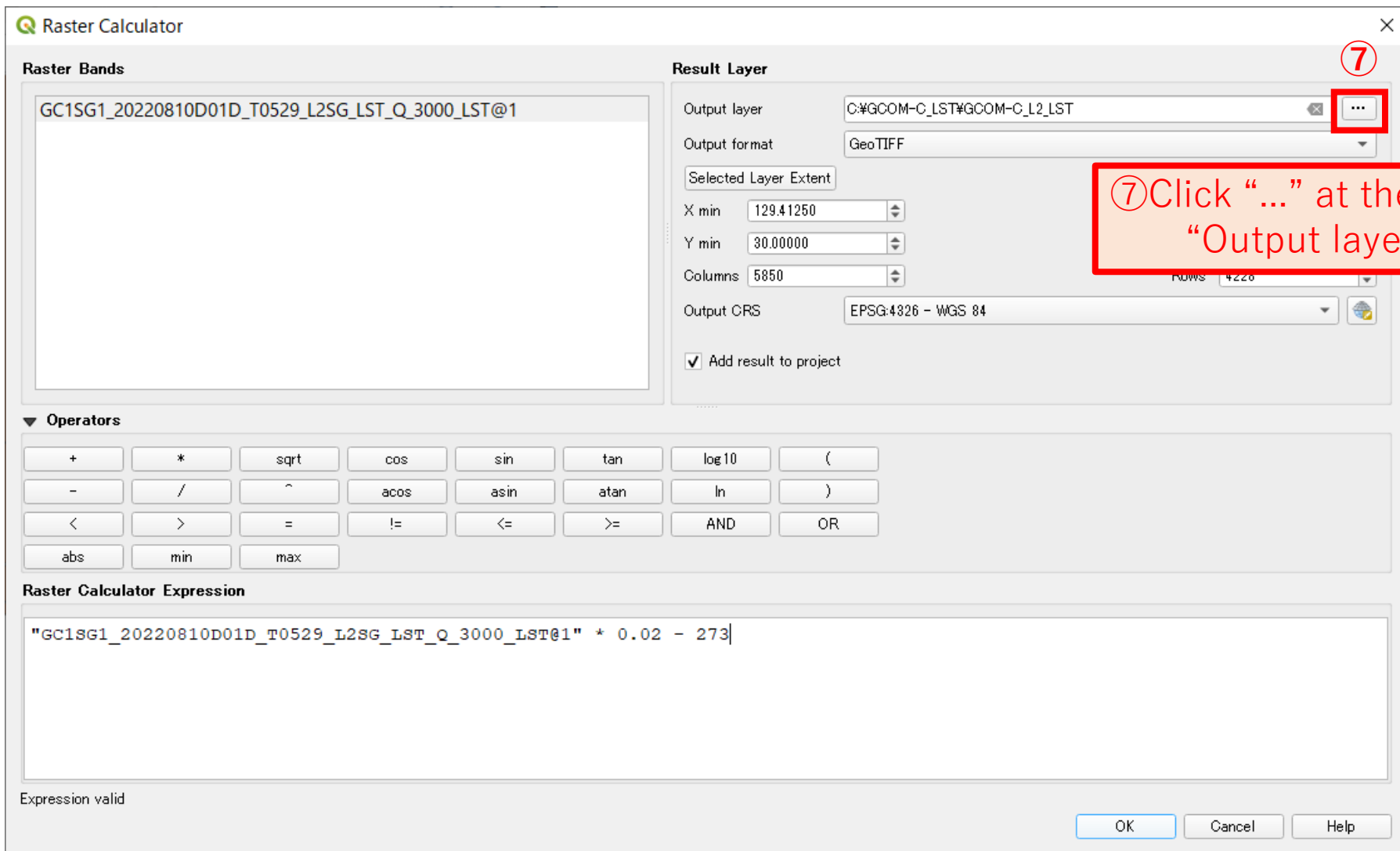
https://suzaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GCOM_C/data/update/Algorithm_LST_en.html

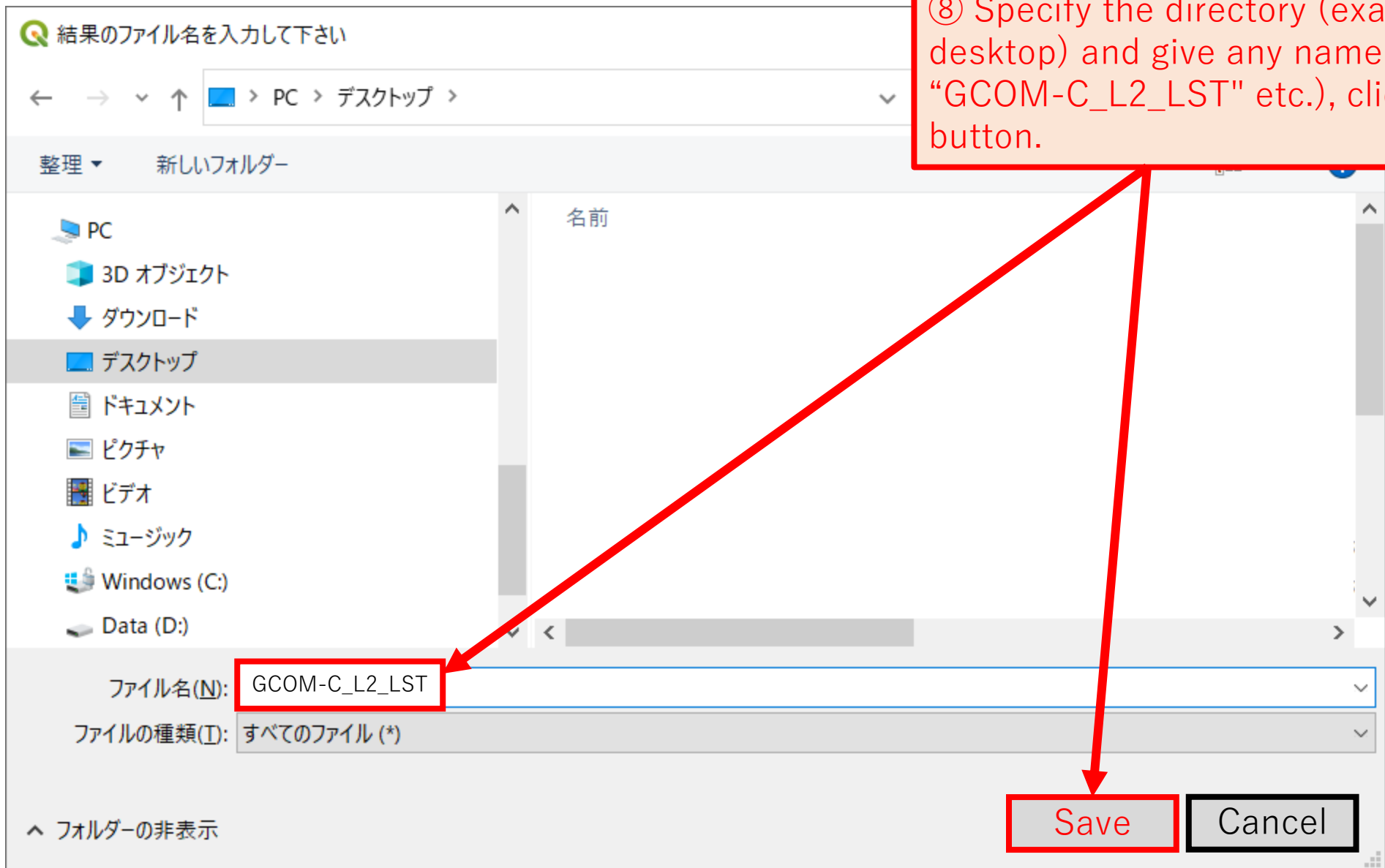


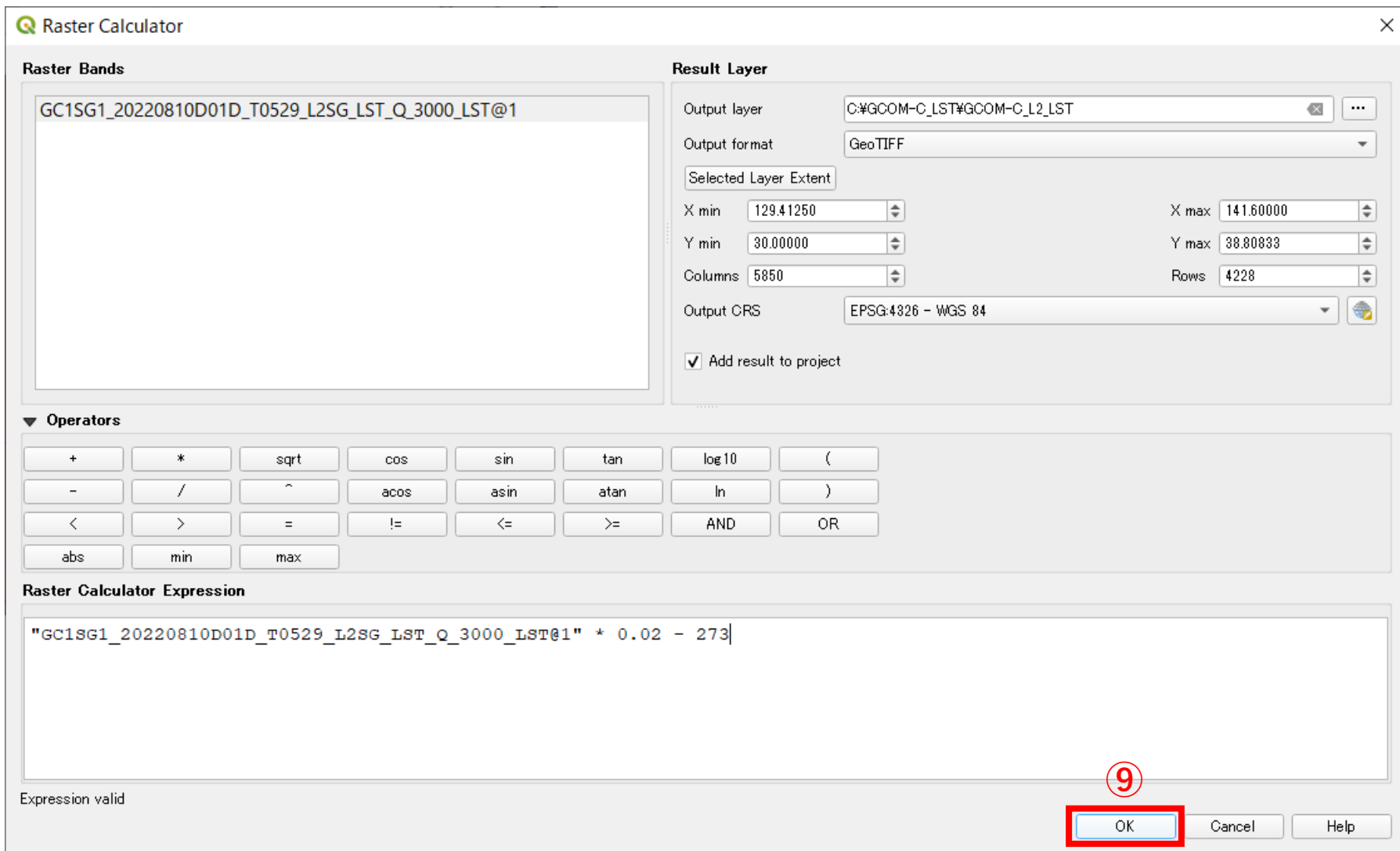
④ Click the "-" button.

⑤ When "-" is displayed in the "Expression" field, click the right side of the expression once to make it ready for input.

⑥ Input "273".

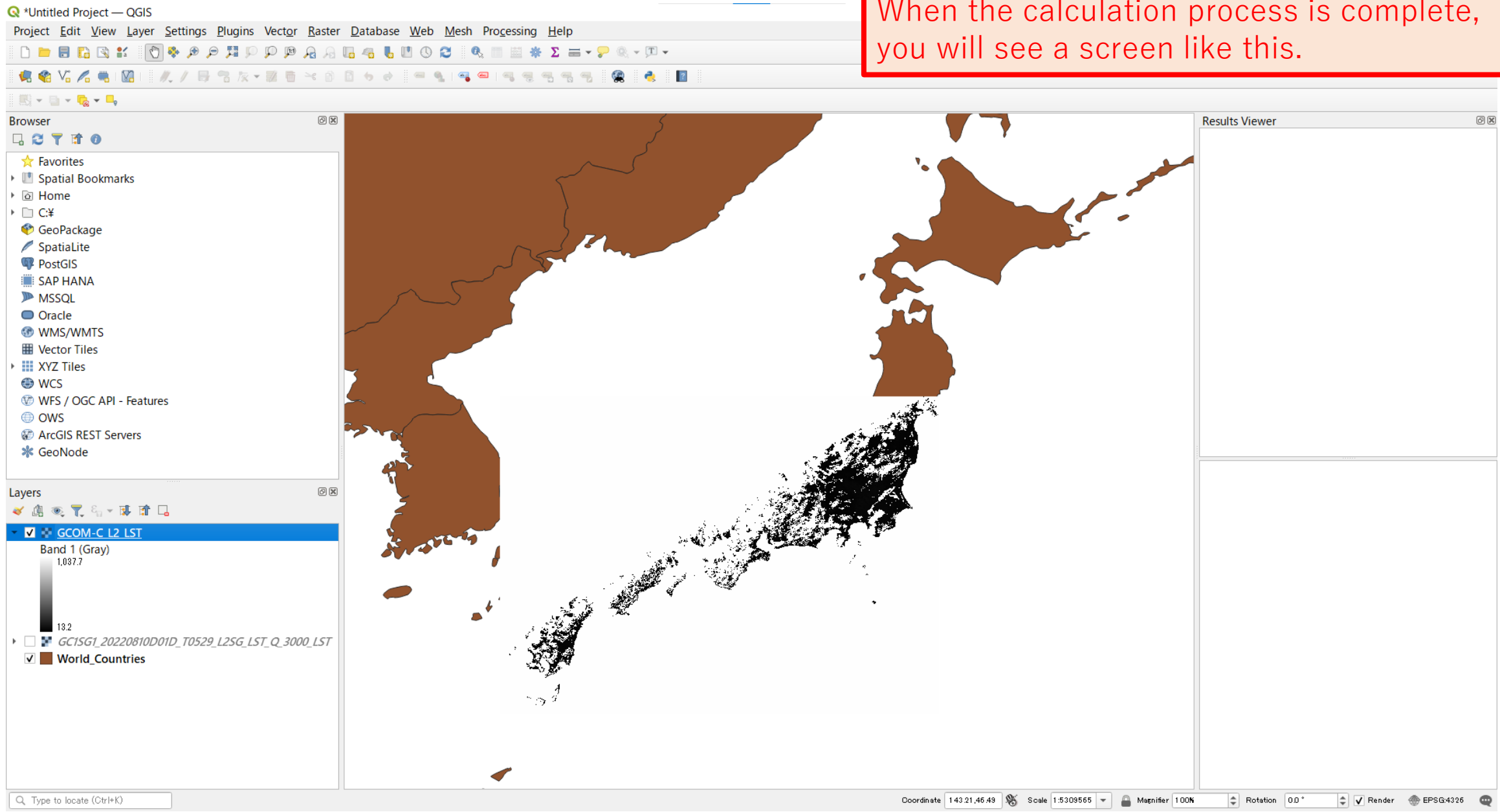






⑨ Click to "OK".

When the calculation process is complete, you will see a screen like this.

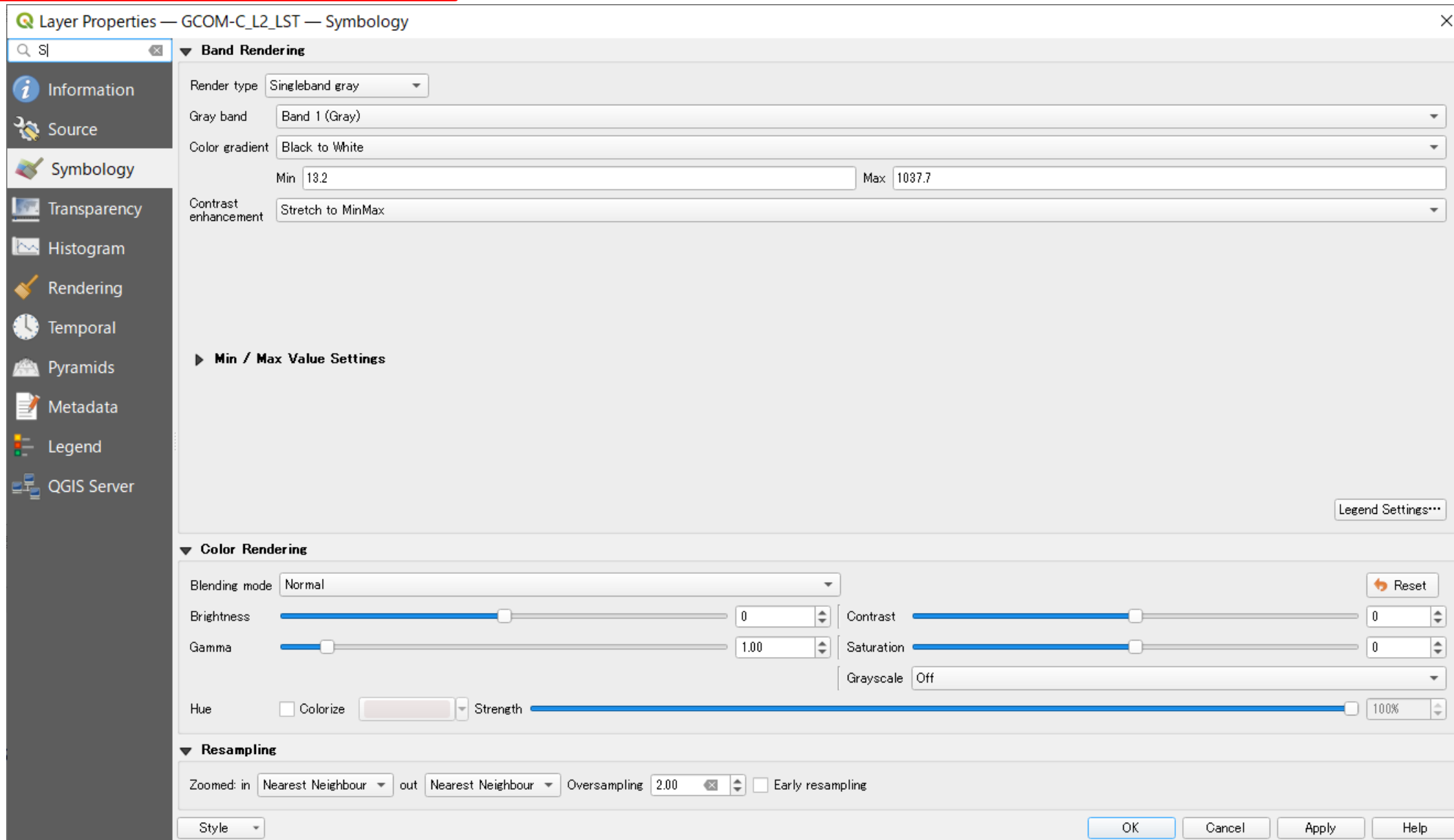


The following explanation is how to create a colored image

The screenshot displays a GIS application window. On the left, the 'Browser' panel lists various data sources, and the 'Layers' panel shows the current map layers. The 'Layers' panel includes a legend for 'Band 1 (Gray)' with a scale from 1,037.7 to 13.2. The map shows a grayscale LST layer and a brown 'World_Countries' layer. A red box highlights the 'GCOM-C L2 LST' layer name, and a red arrow points to a text box below.

Double-click the name of the file saved on page 21.

A window like this will open.



Layer Properties — GCOM-C_L

Band Rendering

Render type: **Singleband pseudocolor**

Band: Band 1

Min: 13.1999998 Max: 1037.6999512

Min / Max Value Settings

Interpolation: Linear

Color ramp: [Color Ramp]

Label unit suffix: [Text Box]

Label precision: 4

Value	Color	Label
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Mode: Continuous Classes: 5

Classify [Icons]

Clip out of range values

Legend Settings...

Color Rendering

Blending mode: Normal

Brightness: [Slider] 0

Contrast: [Slider] 0

Reset

Style

OK Cancel Apply Help

[Select "Singleband pseudocolor" from "Render type".]

Layer Properties — GCOM-C_L2_LST — Symbology

Band Rendering

Render type: Singleband pseudocolor

Band: Band 1 (Gray)

Min: 20 Max: 60

Min / Max Value Settings

Interpolation: Linear

Color ramp: [Color ramp]

Label unit suffix: [Label unit suffix]

Label precision: [Label precision]

Value	Color	Label
20	[Red]	20.0000
30	[Orange]	30.0000
40	[Yellow]	40.0000
50	[Green]	50.0000

Mode: Continuous Classes: 5

Classify [Add] [Remove] [Refresh] [Folder] [Save]

Clip out of range values

Legend Settings...

Color Rendering

Blending mode: Normal

Brightness: [Slider] 0

Contrast: [Slider] 0

Reset

Style

OK Cancel Apply Help

Enter the land surface temperature range you want to display. In this example, set the 20° C as the minimum value (lowest temperature) and 60° C as the maximum value (highest temperature).

Layer Properties — GCOM-C_L2_LST — Symbology

Band Rendering

Render type: Singleband pseudocolor

Band: Band 1 (Gray)

Min: 20 Max: 60

Min / Max Value Settings

Interpolation: Linear

Color ramp: [Color Ramp]

Label unit suffix:

Label precision:

Value	Color	Label
20	[Red]	20.0000
30	[Orange]	30.0000
40	[Yellow]	40.0000
50	[Green]	50.0000

Mode: Continuous

Classify [+] [-] [Refresh] [Folder] [Save]

Clip out of range values

Color Rendering

Blending mode: Normal

Brightness: [Slider] 0

Contrast: [Slider] 0

OK Cancel Apply Help

Invert Color Ramp

- Blues
- Greens
- Greys
- Magma
- RdGy
- Reds
- Spectral
- Viridis

All Color Ramps

Create New Color Ramp...

Edit Color Ramp...

Save Color Ramp...

When you make image the land surface temperature data with the default settings, high temperatures are displayed as blue and low temperatures are displayed as red. If you want to reverse it, press "▼" on the right side of the color ramp, and then press "Invert color ramp" in the displayed items.

Layer Properties — GCOM-C_L2_LST — Symbology

Band Rendering


Render type: Singleband pseudocolor

Band: Band 1 (Gray)

Min: 20 Max: 60





Min / Max Value Settings

Interpolation: Linear






Color ramp: 

Label unit suffix:

Label precision: 4

Value	Color	Label
20		20.0000
30		30.0000
40		40.0000
50		50.0000

Mode: Continuous Classes: 5

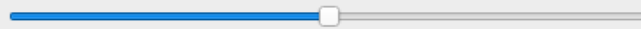
Classify     

Clip out of range values

If checked, any pixels with a value out of range will not be rendered

Color Rendering

Blending mode: Normal

0 Contrast  0

Reset

OK Cancel Apply Help

The color ramp will be reversed like this.





Put a check mark.

Layer Properties — GCOM-C_L2_LST — Symbology

Color ramp

Label unit suffix

Label precision 4

Value	Color	Label
20		20.0000
30		30.0000
40		40.0000
50		50.0000

Mode Continuous

Classes 5

Legend Settings...

Clip out of range values

Color Rendering

Blending mode Normal

Brightness 0

Gamma 1.00

Contrast 0

Saturation 0

Grayscale Off

Hue Colorize Strength 100%

Resampling

Zoomed: in Nearest Neighbour out Nearest Neighbour Oversampling 2.00 Early resampling

Style

OK Cancel Apply Help

You can also make fine adjustments to "Brightness", "Saturation" and "Contrast" in this field.

Layer Properties — GCOM-C_L2_LST — Symbology

Color ramp: [Color Ramp]

Label unit suffix: []

Label precision: 4

Value	Color	Label
20	[Blue]	20.0000
30	[Green]	30.0000
40	[Yellow]	40.0000
50	[Orange]	50.0000

Mode: Continuous

Classes: 5

Clip out of range values

Color Rendering

Blending mode: Normal

Brightness: [Slider] 0

Gamma: [Slider] 1.00

Contrast: [Slider] 0

Saturation: [Slider]

Grayscale: Off

Hue: Colorize [Slider] Strength [Slider] 100%

Resampling

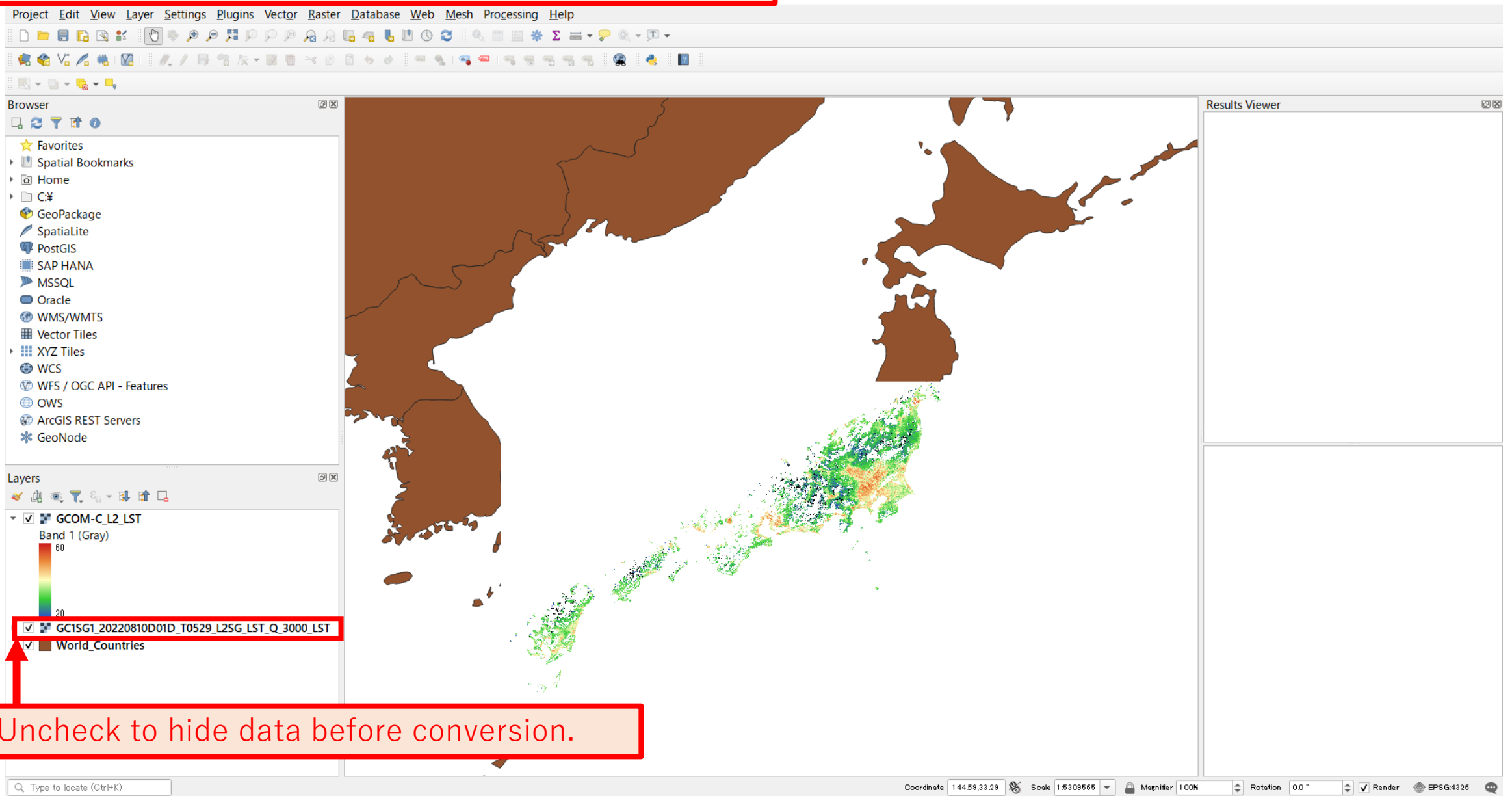
Zoomed: in Nearest Neighbour out Nearest Neighbour Oversampling 2.00 Early resampling

Style []

OK Cancel Apply Help

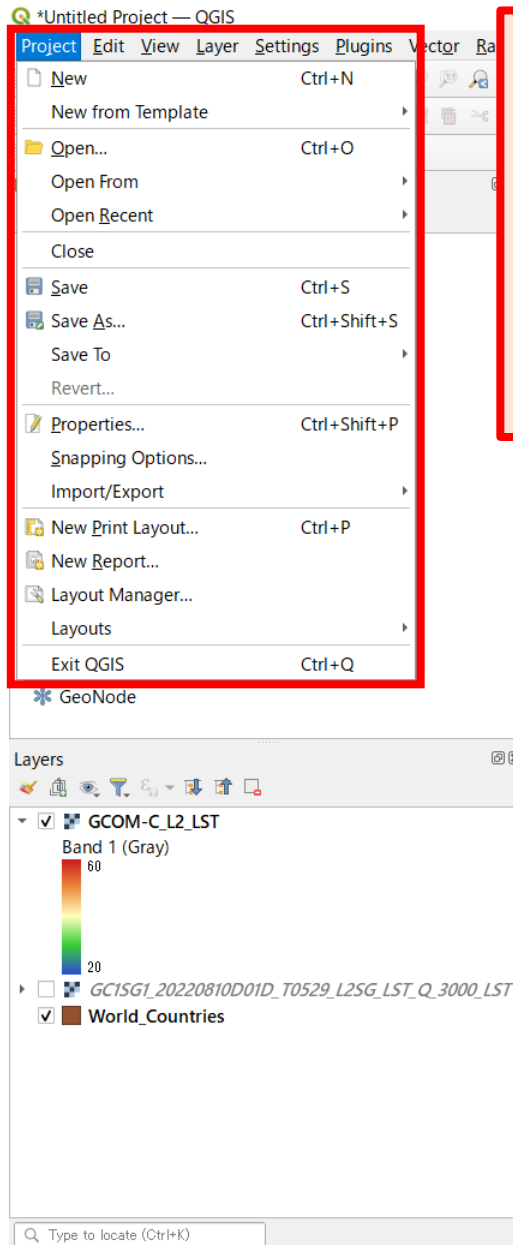
Click "Apply" and then "OK".

As a result, you will see an colored image like this.



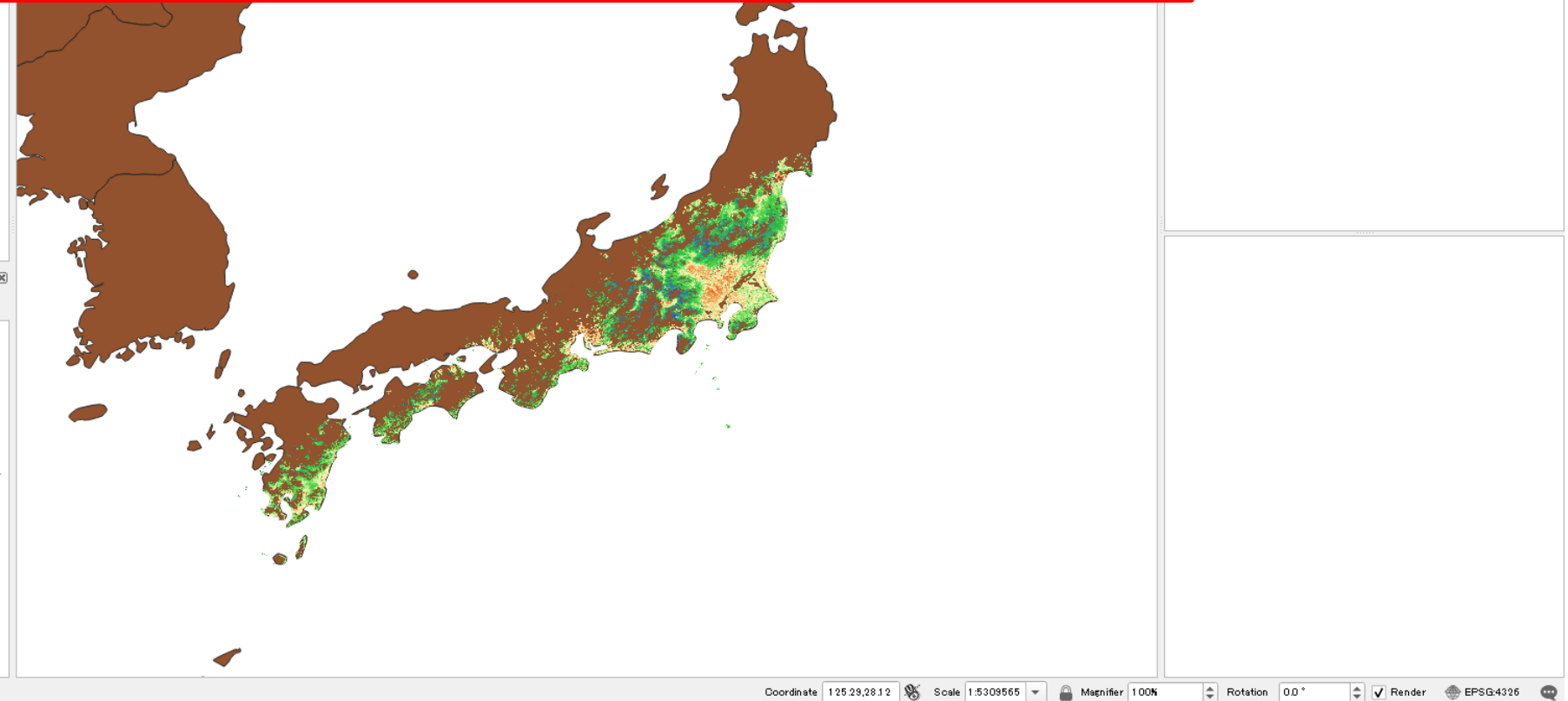
Uncheck to hide data before conversion.

The image shows the QGIS desktop application window. The title bar reads '*Untitled Project — QGIS'. The menu bar includes Project, Edit, View, Layer, Settings, Plugins, Vector, Raster, Database, Web, Mesh, Processing, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons, with three specific icons highlighted by red boxes and red arrows: a magnifying glass with a plus sign (Zoom in), a magnifying glass with a minus sign (Zoom out), and a hand cursor (Pan Map). A red-bordered callout box with a light orange background contains the following text: 'Zoom in', 'Zoom out', 'Pan Map', and 'You can zoom in/out or move the area with these tools.' The main map area displays a satellite-style map of Japan with a brown overlay representing world countries. The left sidebar shows the 'Browser' panel with a list of data sources and the 'Layers' panel with a legend for 'GCOM-C_L2_LST' and 'World_Countries'. The bottom status bar shows 'Coordinate 135.99,30.69', 'Scale 1:5309565', 'Magnifier 100%', 'Rotation 0.0°', and 'Render'.



To save the created land surface temperature data, select "Save As" on the "Project" menu, give it any name and save it in any folder.

The next time you want to open the same image, double-click on the saved file and QGIS will automatically launch and open it.



*Untitled Project — QGIS

Project Edit View Layer Settings Plugins Vector Raster Database Web Mesh Processing Help

New Ctrl+N
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Open... Ctrl+O
Open From
Open Recent
Close
Save Ctrl+S
Save As... Ctrl+Shift+S
Save To
Revert...
Properties... Ctrl+Shift+P
Snapping Options...
Import/Export
New Print Layout... Ctrl+P
New Report...
Layout Manager...
Layouts
Exit QGIS Ctrl+Q

Export Map to Image...
Export Map to PDF...
Export Project to DXF...
Import Layers from DWG/DXF...

GeoNode

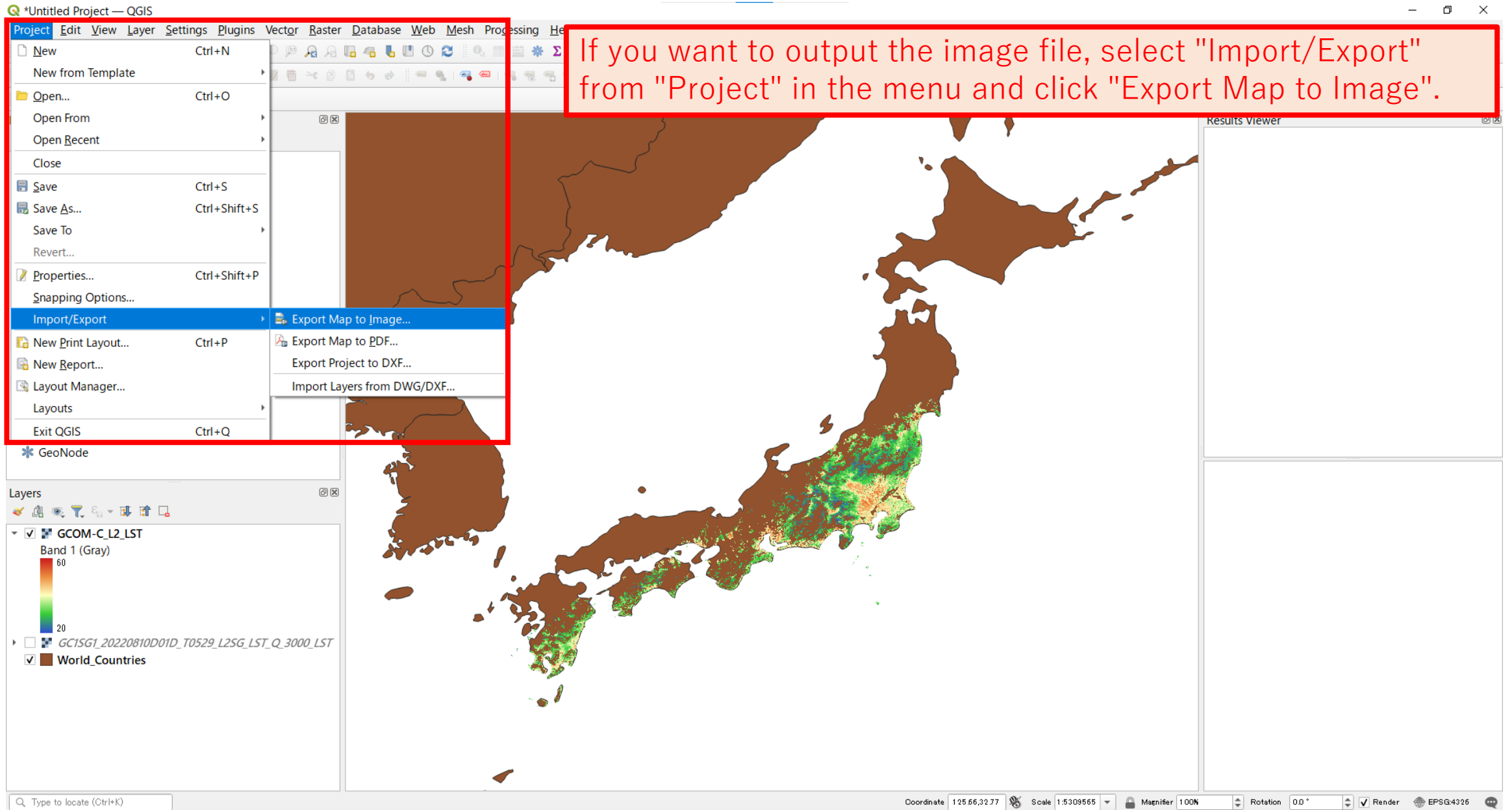
Layers

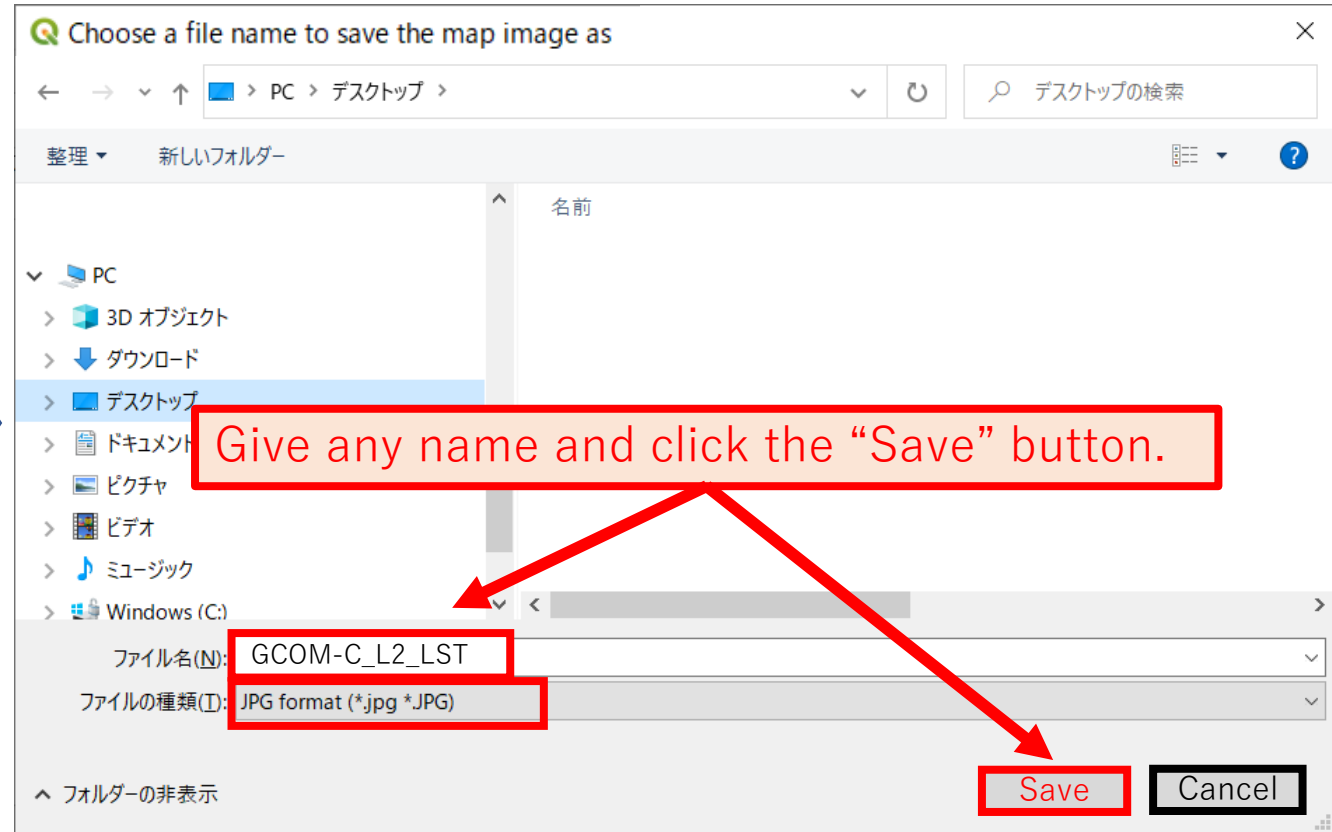
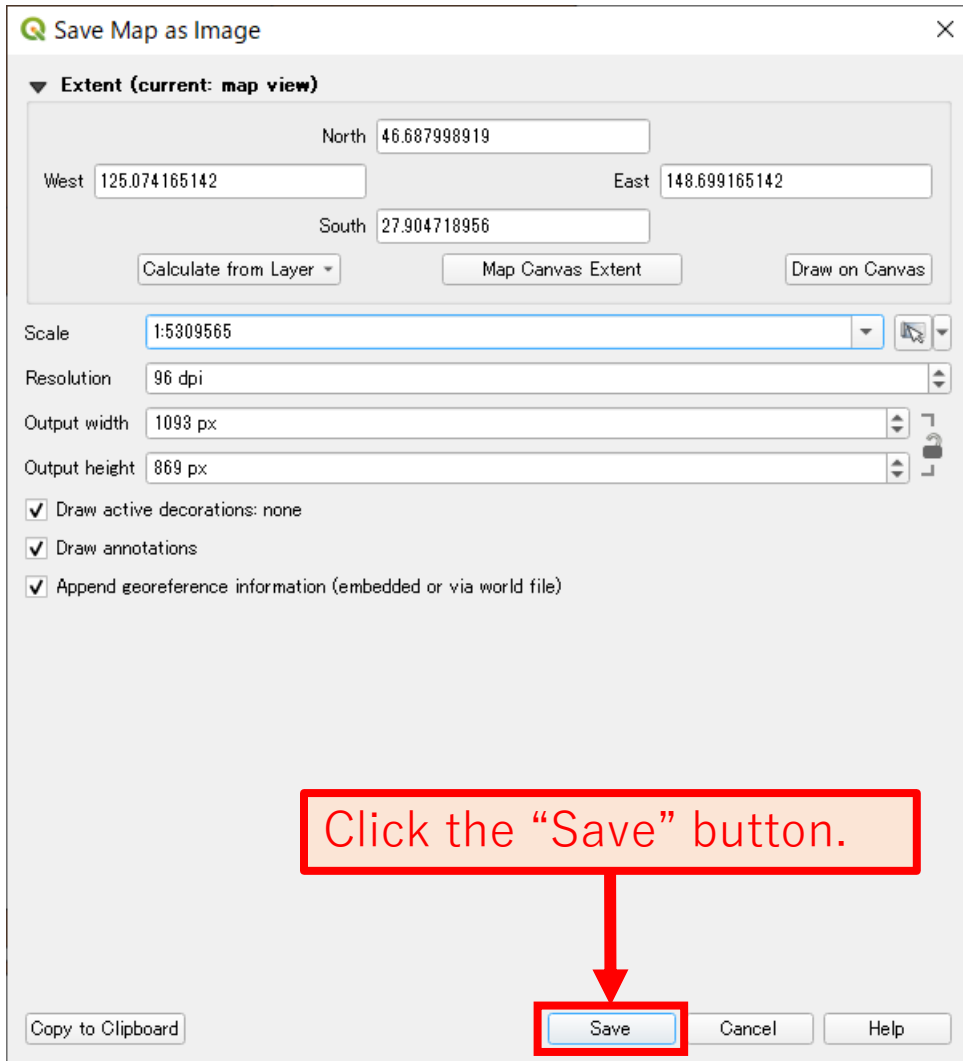
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If you want to output the image file, select "Import/Export" from "Project" in the menu and click "Export Map to Image".

Results Viewer

Coordinate 125.66,32.77 Scale 1:5309565 Magnifier 100% Rotation 0.0° Render EPSG:4326



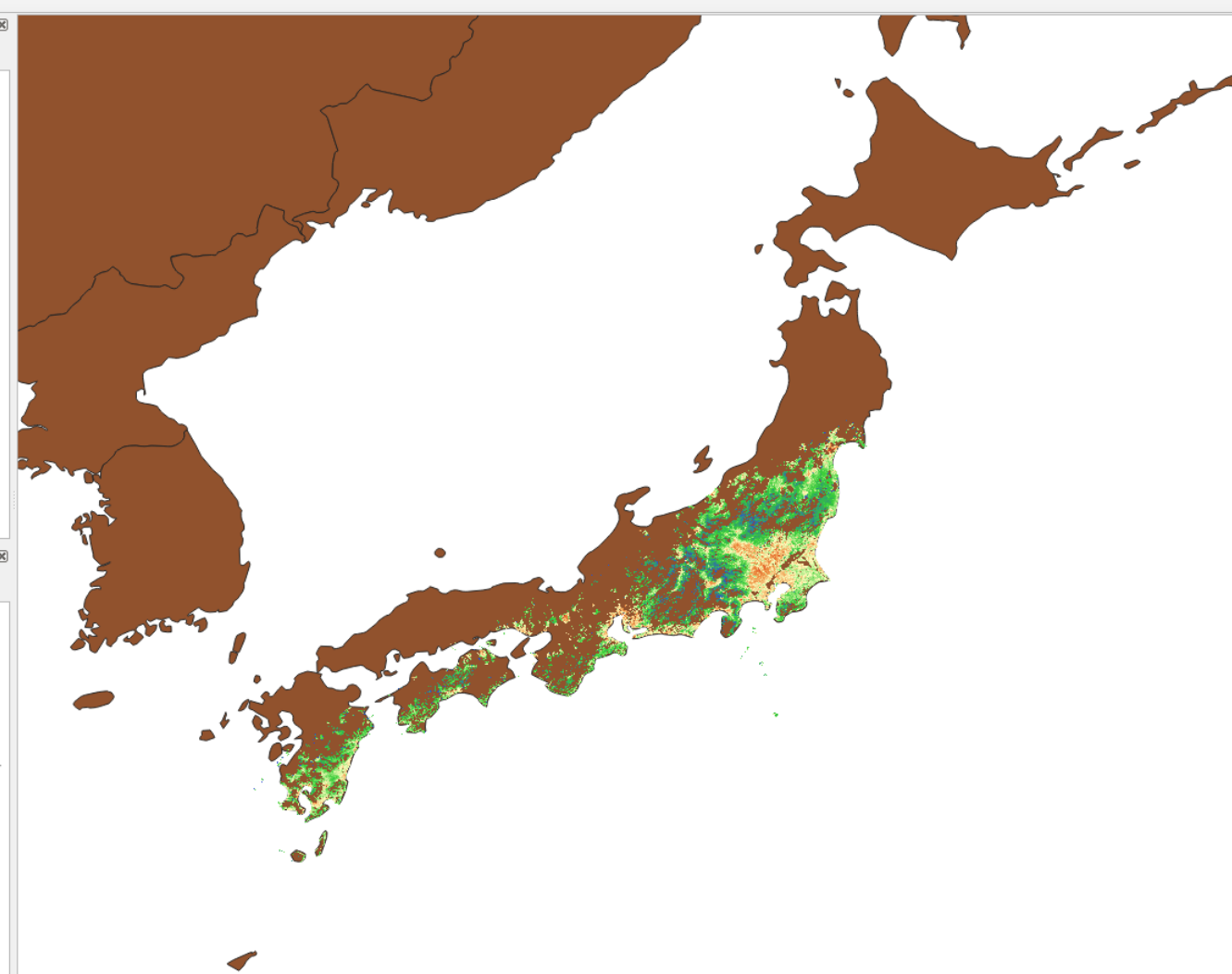


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