Catholic Mission Stations in Colonial Africa

This dataset is based on the 1929 Atlas Hierarchicus (AH) by Karl Streit, published by Boniface Press (Paderborn, Germany). The dataset features information from maps and statistical tables contained in the AH. Overall, it provides information on 770 mission stations that were established before 1929. For the purpose of geo-referencing, the AH maps were digitized and where necessary complemented with additional information on historical place names.[1]

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Variable description

id: Unique ID for each mission station

startdate: Year of establishment[2]

origin: Location of sending societies' headquarter

colony: Location of station according to 1924 borders

longitude: Longitude

latitude: Latitude

[1] National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (https://geonames.nga.mil/namesgaz/).

[2] This information is not available at the station level. As an approximation the variable corresponds to the year the sending society began operating in the respective mission field (i.e. diocese).