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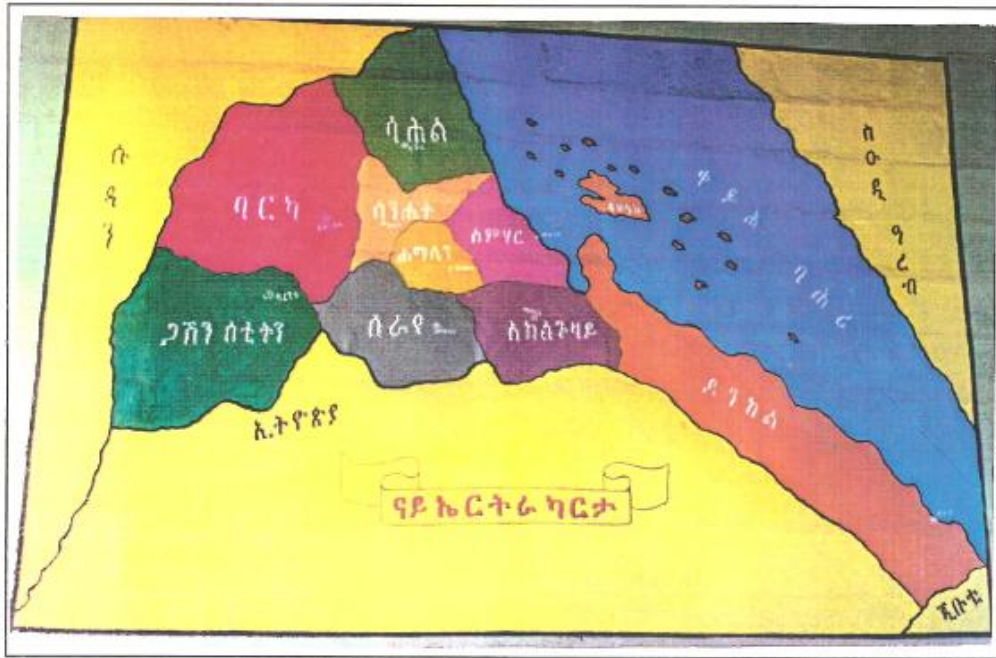
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*In 1992 an interesting book on Eritrea was printed by a college in Norway but I have the feeling that many Eritreans are not aware of its existence. In the following pages I have written with few words some information about the book and its author. The pages that contain the preface, the acknowledgement, and the table of contents of the book are included in the following pages so that the interested reader can have a better glimpse of what it contains.*

*Christopher Brodersen, the author of the book is a resourceful Norwegian who was engaged in variety of projects during the struggle for Eritrean independence. He has visited Eritrea twice. The first time in 1986 and the second time in 1992.*

*For his Thesis C. Brodersen has written a book in Natural Resource Planning and Management. The book which has several pages of maps, diagrams, sketches, figures, images and tables is in paperback format and lays down the necessary preparation for a complete topographical and resource maps that can be utilized in development plans by the independent state of Eritrean.*

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Wall painting of ERITREA in a Asmara schoolyard 1992.

# ERITREA

Land and people.

Maps, images, registers and other georeferenced data. 1992.

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## Preface

This paper is a Thesis for the " District College candidate degree " in Natural Resource Planning and Management at Telemark College, Norway.

The paper constitutes the preliminary study to a proposal for a National Eritrean Map-Plan project, launched by Telemarksforskning a/s in cooperation with Norsk Folkehjelp.

It is my hope that it will be a useful tool for Eritrean authorities, Norwegian professionals and donor bodies involved in mapping and resource management in Eritrea.

Mapping is the art of symbolic representation of truth on a sheet of paper or a screen. To be useful, maps must be so good that looking at them, reality can be recognized. Any map, being topographic or thematic, contains vast amounts of information. The information necessary for the production of maps derives from image interpretation and ground truthing in a very broad sense. Quality mapping and GIS work requires both technical sophistication and cartographic craftsmanship, but also a holistic approach; hence my notes on Eritrean history and way of life.

Chapter 1 outlines the objectives of the Thesis. In chapter 2 methodological approaches and limitations are established. A brief description of Eritrea and its history follows in chapter 3. The results and the framework in which the findings are evaluated are presented in chapter 4 and discussed in chapter 5. The results are synthesized in chapter 6 with regard to their relevance for a National Eritrean Map-Plan. **Appendices** contains bibliography, the Tigrinya and Amharic alphabets, itinerary for the 1992 trip, The Eritrean Map-Plan Project Proposal and tables of satellite images, maps etc.

The map illustrations are not chosen for their exquisity, but rather to illustrate the variety of existing maps covering Eritrea, and their text-supporting potential.

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