

## QGIS Application - Feature request #2883

### ECW support gdal 1.7

2010-07-12 01:22 PM - Gerhard Spieles

<b>Status:</b> Closed	
<b>Priority:</b> Low	
<b>Assignee:</b> nobody -	
<b>Category:</b> Rasters	
<b>Pull Request or Patch supplied:</b>	<b>Resolution:</b> invalid
<b>Easy fix?:</b> No	<b>Copied to github as #:</b> 12943
<b>Description</b>	
Hi,  have installed 1.5.0 rel. 143 (codestand 13912M) from OSGeo4W. Starting Qgis, it appears a message, that gdal 1.7 is necessary. Installing 1.7 manually from osgeo4W repository, Qgis starts properly. With gdal 1.7 some new vectors are possible, p.E. Autocad dxf. Thats very good! Unfortunately, Raster plugins for ecw and Mr SID aren't available. Is there a chance to get the plugin for gdal 1.7 with the necessary dll-files.	

#### History

##### #1 - 2010-07-12 01:32 PM - Jürgen Fischer

- Resolution set to invalid

- Status changed from Open to Closed

This is not a QGIS bug. And support for [[MrSID]] and python is also planned (see <http://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/osgeo4w-dev/2010-July/000991.html>).

Not sure about ECW.

Anyway as soon as GDAL supports it, QGIS will use it, so this isn't a original QGIS problem.

##### #2 - 2010-07-12 01:58 PM - Frank Warmerdam -

Erdas no longer distributes the ECW SDK DLLs required by the GDAL ECW Plugin. As such, I am hesitant to try and provide an ECW plugin for GDAL 1.7 as only people who already happen to have the DLL will be able to use it.

Essentially, at the action of Erdas ECW support in OSGeo4W has become deprecated. It might make sense for us (ie. me) to approach Erdas about alternate arrangements, but it is not high on my priority list.

##### #3 - 2010-07-12 02:16 PM - Giovanni Manghi

But Erdas is not releasing a new version of the ecw sdk as stated here?

<http://www.erdas.com/Products/ERDASDownloads/tabid/192/currentid/3578/objectid/3578/default.aspx>

I believe that without ecw support many people will not be happy, after all most of the new/potential QGIS/GRASS users ask immediately "do the program supports ecw rasters?". I know, it is sad.

##### #4 - 2010-07-12 02:39 PM - Frank Warmerdam -

Lutra,

Perhaps we can revisit the issue if/when Erdas offers their new 4.x SDK and see how involved the process is. I hadn't realized it was not even available yet.