

# QGIS Application - Feature request #3979

## Allow set DPI in "save as image"

2011-06-12 12:41 PM - Aren Cambre

<b>Status:</b> Closed	
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b>	
<b>Category:</b> Unknown	
<b>Pull Request or Patch supplied:</b>	<b>Resolution:</b> fixed/implemented
<b>Easy fix?:</b> No	<b>Copied to github as #:</b> 13975
<b>Description</b>	
<p>Please provide a simple, high resolution image export. Our only choices appear to be the <b>File &gt; Save as Image</b>, which has no options, or the <b>Print Composer</b>, which takes several steps and is really designed for creating a hardcopy print.</p> <p>It would be nice to just have a way to do something like <b>File &gt; Save as Image</b>, but be able to choose a bounding rectangle for the export and specify certain export properties, like resolution or DPI, image format, etc.</p>	

### History

#### #1 - 2011-06-12 01:04 PM - Aren Cambre

This is the only way I know to do it now: <http://underdark.wordpress.com/2010/11/30/creating-high-resolution-images-using-qgis/>

This way seems to produce mediocre quality images.

#### #2 - 2011-12-09 08:24 AM - Paolo Cavallini

- Category set to 33

- Pull Request or Patch supplied set to No

#### #3 - 2011-12-16 02:12 PM - Giovanni Manghi

- Target version set to Version 1.7.4

#### #4 - 2012-04-15 10:09 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Target version changed from Version 1.7.4 to Version 2.0.0

#### #5 - 2012-09-30 01:03 PM - Aren Cambre

- Priority changed from Normal to High

I'm going to be bold and say that this is more than normal priority. It's really important that a **graphical** information system be capable of producing good quality graphics.

#### #6 - 2012-09-30 11:59 PM - Paolo Cavallini

- Priority changed from High to Normal

From <https://issues.qgis.org/wiki/quantum-gis/Bugreports#Steps> :

High - a bug which has a major effect on the usability of a package.

**#7 - 2012-10-06 02:13 AM - Pirmin Kalberer**

- *Target version changed from Version 2.0.0 to Future Release - Nice to have*

**#8 - 2013-06-02 03:22 PM - Aren Cambre**

It's currently 8 not-so-intuitive steps using the Print Composer: <http://arencambre.com/blog/2013/06/02/getting-high-quality-graphics-out-of-qgis/>

**#9 - 2014-04-06 06:03 AM - Jürgen Fischer**

- *Category changed from 33 to Map Composer/Printing*

**#10 - 2014-07-01 07:42 PM - Antonio Locandro**

I would have to agree with Aren on this, I had a client complain how the image resolution was just sub optimal. I spend some time investigating the issue until I came to this issue which references a blog post "output size cannot be specified directly. It simply saves the currently visible map. Most of the time this resolution will not be satisfactory."

I believe with latest improvements in Print Composer is a shame this is still an issue and that I can't set the DPI as in other COTS.

**#11 - 2014-07-01 11:20 PM - Nyall Dawson**

- *Category deleted (Map Composer/Printing)*

If you're working from a print composer you can set the DPI, and export in high resolution. This request is for a way to specify image size when exporting the map canvas from the main window.

**#12 - 2014-07-02 02:05 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- *Subject changed from Easy high resolution image export to Allow set DPI in "save as image"*

**#13 - 2014-07-02 02:07 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

Antonio Locandro wrote:

| *is a shame*

qgis development is user driven, if someone will really need this option I guess that could be easily implemented.

**#14 - 2015-12-03 05:21 AM - Médéric RIBREUX**

Hello, bug triage...

still present in QGIS 2.13. Some hints:

- there is QgisApp::saveMapAsImage method which opens the QFileDialog...
- ...and then launch QgsMapCanvas::SaveAsImage

If a QPixmap is passed as an argument to QgsMapCanvas::SaveAsImage, the saved file gets the resolution of the QPixmap. So perhaps we need to modify QGisApp::saveMapAsImage to ask for a width/height or DPI, compute a QPixmap and use it for QgsMapCanvas::SaveAsImage ? Or is there something else that we can try ?

**#15 - 2017-05-01 12:50 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- *Easy fix? set to No*

**#16 - 2017-09-22 10:07 AM - Jürgen Fischer**

- *Category set to Unknown*

**#17 - 2018-03-11 08:09 AM - Salvatore Larosa**

- *Status changed from Open to Closed*

- *Description updated*

- *Resolution set to fixed/implemented*