



Finding the Deleted Ones

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Remember the days when you started to chase DX? There were two lists to see. One was the current list of countries (entities). The other was the list of ones you missed. It was the deleted list.

Wayne, N7NG, reminded me that when we first started watching this list in the '50s, there was a prefix that started with a number! That was 9S4, Saarland. It sounded exotic, to say the least. Where was this place? Where was Manchuria? Trieste?

Those were deleted, so I wasn't interested, just curious. Like most of you, I focused on those that still counted as new ones. We all tried to climb that ladder. The deleted list was of no real concern because it was unreachable.

	Blenheim Reef
	Geyser Reef
	Abu Ail Is.
1M(1),(5)	Minerva Reef
4W(6)	Yemen Arab Republic
7J1(7)	Okino Tori-shima
8Z4(8)	Saudi Arabia/Iraq Neutral Zone
8Z5,9K3(9)	Kuwait/Saudi Arabia Neutral Zone
9S4(10)	Saar
9U5(11)	Ruanda-Urundi
AC3(1),(12)	Sikkim
AC4(1),(13)	Tibet
C9(14)	Manchuria
CN2(15)	Tangier
CR8(16)	Damao, Diu
CR8(16)	Goa
CR8,CR10(17)	Portuguese Timor
DA-DM(18)	Germany
DM,Y2-9(19)	German Democratic Republic
EA9(20)	Ifni
FF(21)	French West Africa
FH,FB8(22)	Comoros
FI8(23)	French Indo-China
FN8(24)	French India
FQ8(25)	French Equatorial Africa
HK0(26)	Bajo Nuevo
HK0,KP3,KS4(26)	Serrana Bank & Roncador Cay
I1(27)	Trieste
I5(28)	Italian Somaliland
JZ0(29)	Netherlands New Guinea
KH5K	Kingman Reef
KR6,8,JR6,KA6(30)	Okinawa (Ryukyu Is.)

KS4(31)	Swan Is.	
KZ5(32)	Canal Zone	
OK-OM(33)	Czechoslovakia	
P2,VK9(34)	Papua Territory	
P2,VK9(34)	Territory of New Guinea	
PJ(35)	Bonaire, Curacao	
PJ(35)	St. Maarten, Saba, St. Eustatius	
PK1-3(36)	Java	
PK4(36)	Sumatra	
PK5(36)	Netherlands Borneo	
PK6(36)	Celebe & Molucca Is.	
R1/M(51)	Malyj Vysotskij I.	
ST0(37)	Southern Sudan	
UN1(38)	Karelo-Finnish Republic	
VO(39)	Newfoundland, Labrador	
VQ1,5H1(40)	Zanzibar	
VQ6(41)	British Somaliland	
VQ9(42)	Aldabra	
VQ9(42)	Desroches	
VQ9(42)	Farquhar	
VS2,9M2(43)	Malaya	
VS4(43)	Sarawak	
VS9A,P,S(44)	People's Democratic Rep. of Yemen	
VS9H(45)	Kuria Muria I.	
VS9K(46)	Kamaran Is.	
ZC5(43)	British North Borneo	
ZC6,4X1(47)	Palestine	
ZD4(48)	Gold Coast, Togoland	
ZS0,1(49)	Penguin Is.	
ZS9(50)	Walvis Bay	
	Total: 62	

I wondered how many of the areas I actually had worked, so I went through my QSLs to find out. What I found was most interesting! You may be surprised, too!

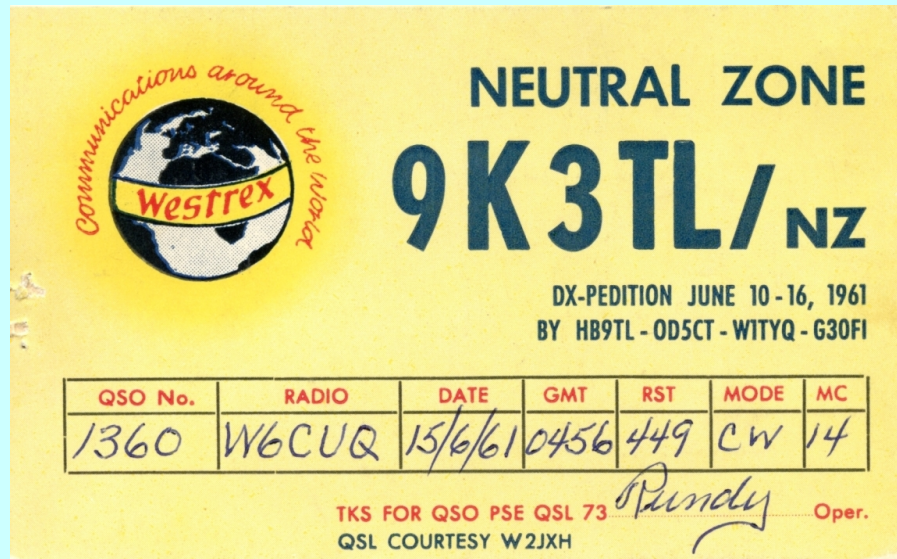
If you worked a German ham in Saarbrücken, you have worked the old 9S4. If you worked a BY in the “2” area, you worked the old Manchuria. You probably have worked Indonesian stations in all the old PK areas.

You quickly find that you have worked and confirmed most places on the deleted list, but there are a few that you probably have missed.

There are 21 deleted entities that I never worked before they were deleted, mostly because I was born too late, or because I was inactive between 1960 and 1968. Those 8 years produced many new ones that are now on the deleted list. Regardless of being deleted, those places still exist!

In the following few random examples, the top QSL is the deleted entity, and the bottom one is current for DXCC.

8Z5 - Kuwait-Saudi Neutral Zone



The Kuwait-Saudi Neutral Zone was deleted in 1969. Near Qasi, El Khiran is now a Persian Gulf resort. 9K2UU has his retreat and primary station there.



9S4 - Saarland

The Saar Protectorate existed between 1947 and 1956 as a French occupied territory.

Saarland is now a German state, located next to the French border in southwestern Germany.

Saarland is about 50 miles wide. Its largest city is Saarbrücken.





Saarland

9U5 - Ruanda-Urundi

This area of central Africa was a combination of Rwanda and Burundi that was managed by Belgium. Before July 1960 it was part of the Belgian Congo.

After 1962 independence Rwanda and Burundi became separate, shortly after the adjacent Belgian Congo became today's Democratic Republic of Congo

RUANDA URUNDI

9U5DS

OPR : DE SCHRIJVER ODILON B. P. 1186 USUMBURA

Radio K6ENX Confirming our QSO of 2/11/ 1962,
at 2010 GMT. On 21 mc. ^{cw} phone Ur sigs RST 579 Pse QSL Tnx
XTMR : 25 W out. RCVR : Siemens 745 ANTENNA : 642U
MNI Dx best 73 — F 310 ODILON

Thks for nice QSO. hpc cu agn. OTTO *CHEERIO!*

BURUNDI

9U5DX

Confirming QSO With
W6YA 2WAY: CW MHz: 7.000.
ON: 27-Nov-96 UTC: 04:31 RST: 599

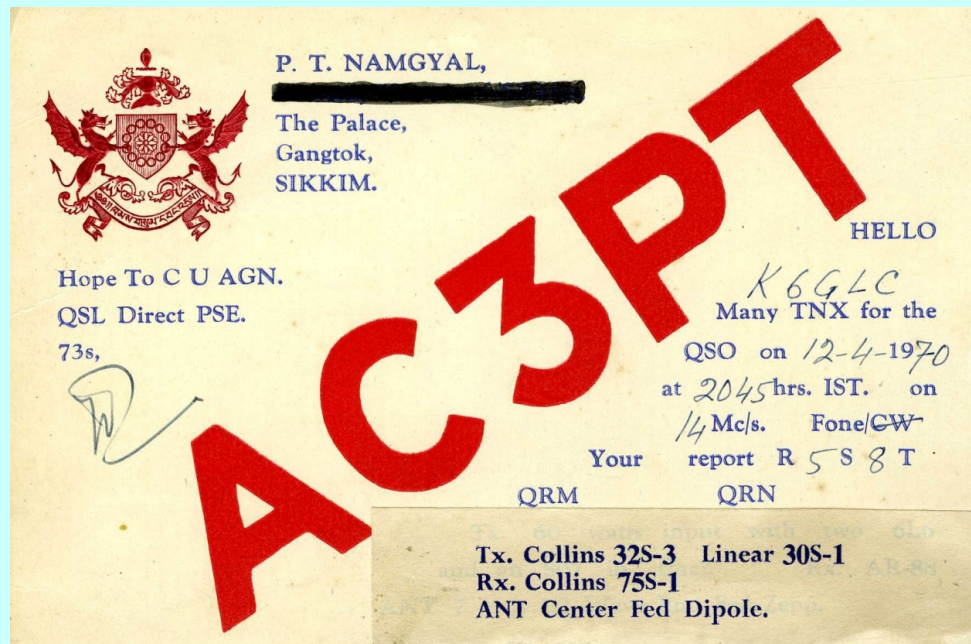
TNX QSO. PSE QSL F2VX 73

QSL
F2VX
73's

QTH: BUJUMBURA
opérateur: Jean-Pierre MAIDON

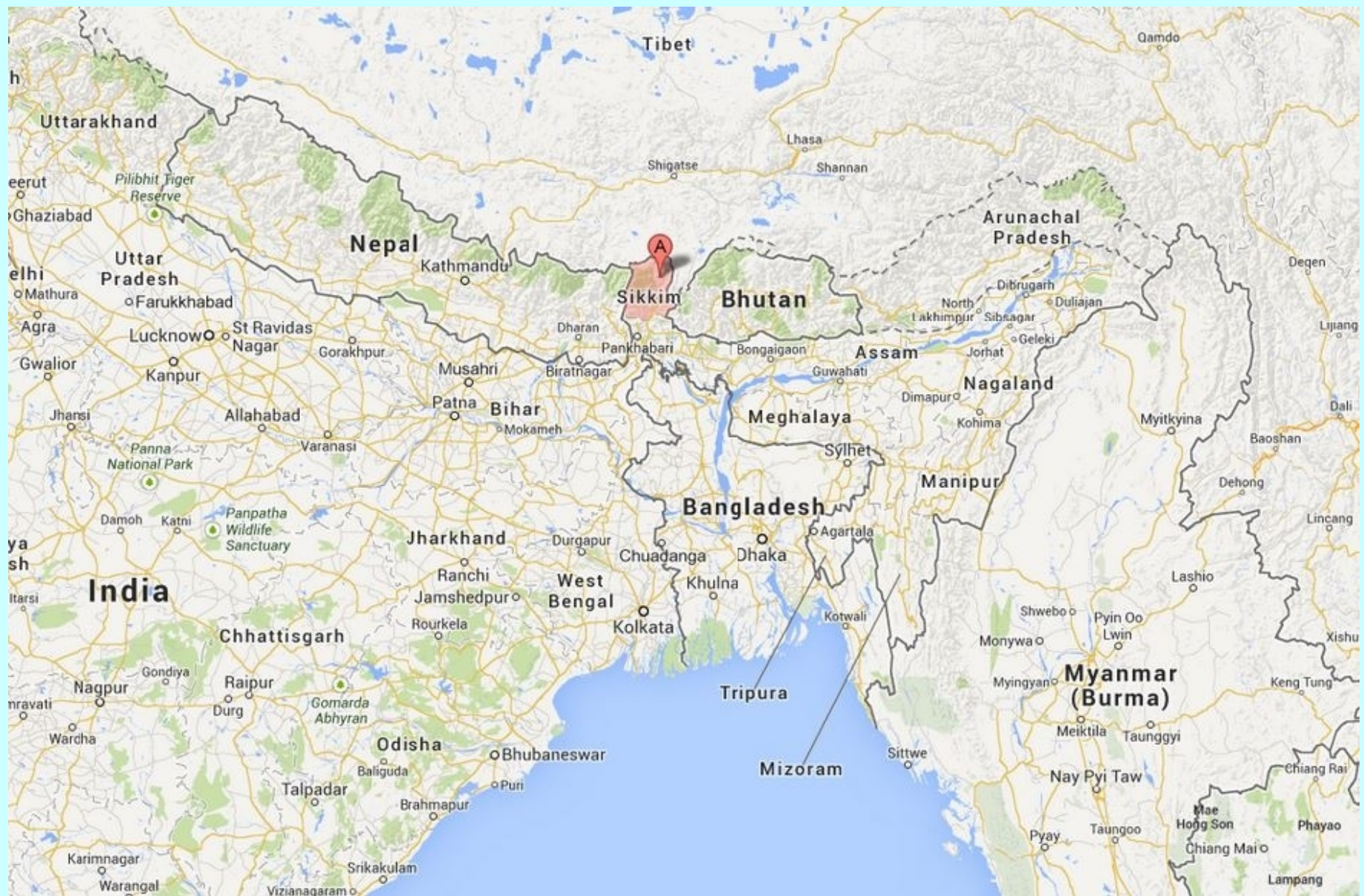
Gérard
QSL manager F2VX
PSE QSL via R.E.F.

AC3 - Sikkim



This Himalayan kingdom was annexed by India in 1975. Its ruler, Prince Namgyal, was AC3PT. He was sporadically active on SSB.

In 1963 he married Hope Cooke from New York. After his exile he moved there, where he died in 1982. At least 9 VU stations currently exist in the Indian State of Sikkim.



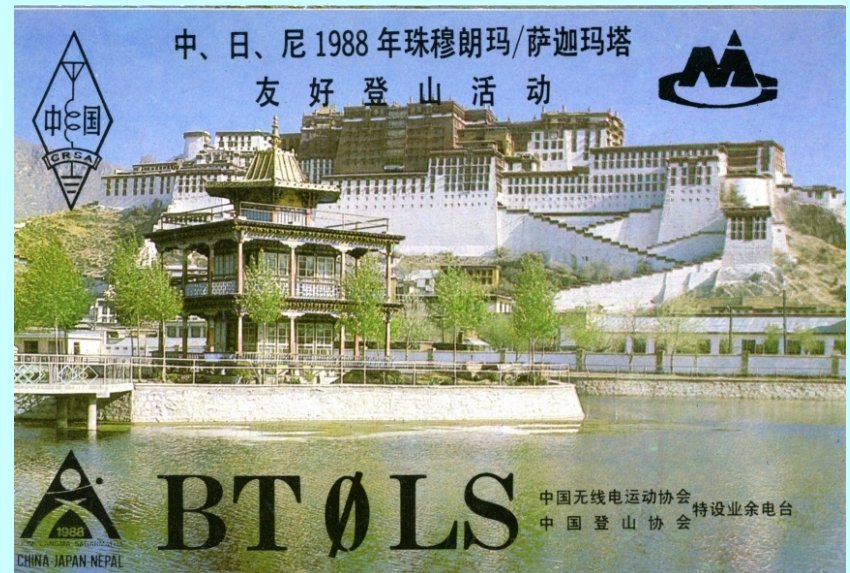
Sikkim

AC4 - Tibet

Robert Ford was a British citizen working in Tibet during the late 1940s. As AC4RF, he made many QSOs on 20m. In 1950 he was captured and imprisoned by the Chinese for nearly 5 years. He eventually returned to England, where he died in September, 2013 at age 90. His book, Wind Between the Worlds, can be read online.

Tibet was assimilated into China in 1951 and was deleted in 1974. There are occasional Chinese expeditions into Tibet.

See The Cry of the Snow Lion, which is available on Netflix.

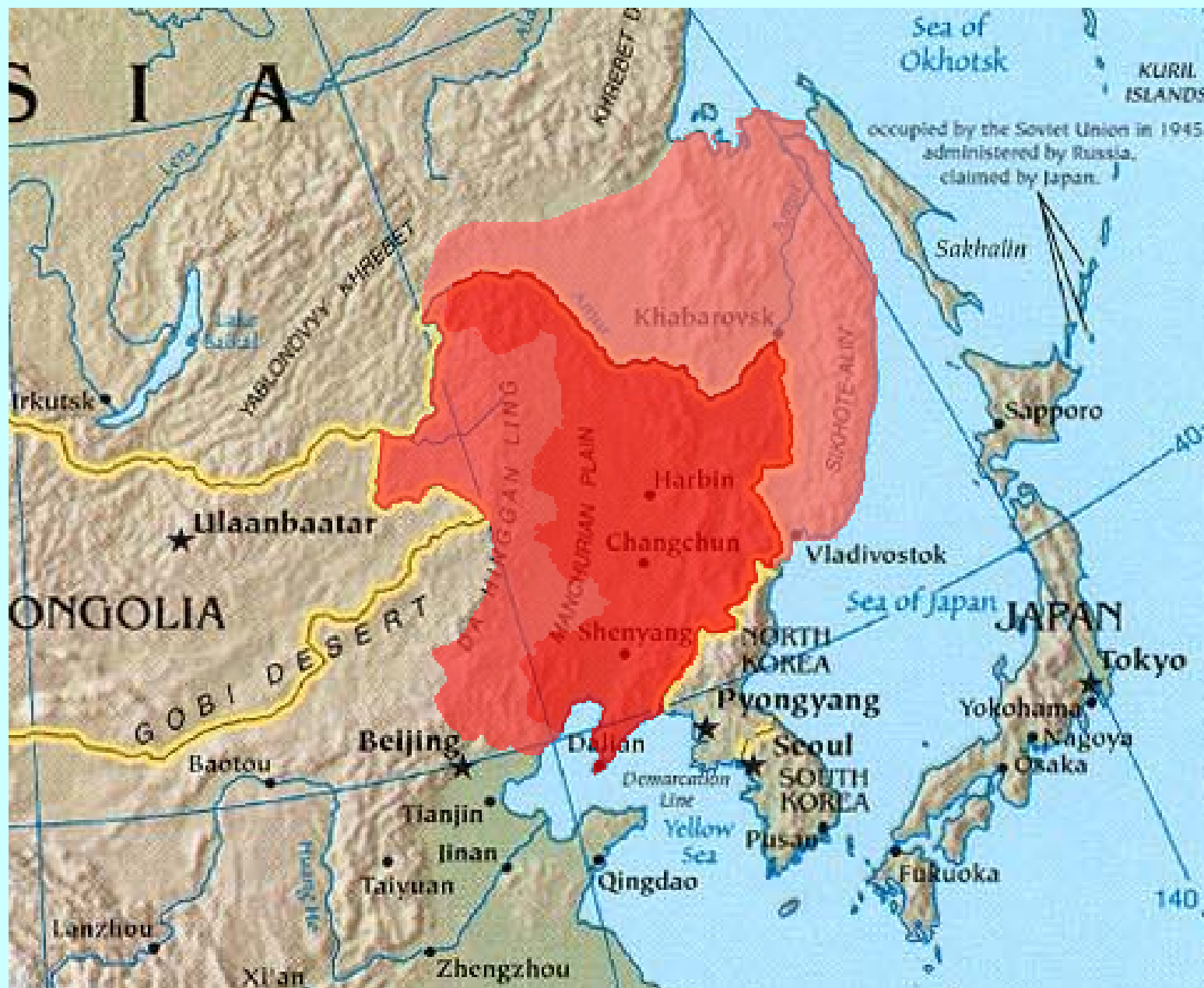


C9 - Manchuria (Manchukuo)

Manchuria is the area north of the Korean peninsula, also called Manchukuo. It was controlled by Japan and used as a staging area for the invasion of China. The last activity was in 1951.

After WWII the area became northeast China, and was deleted in 1963. All Chinese call area 2 stations are in the former Manchuria.





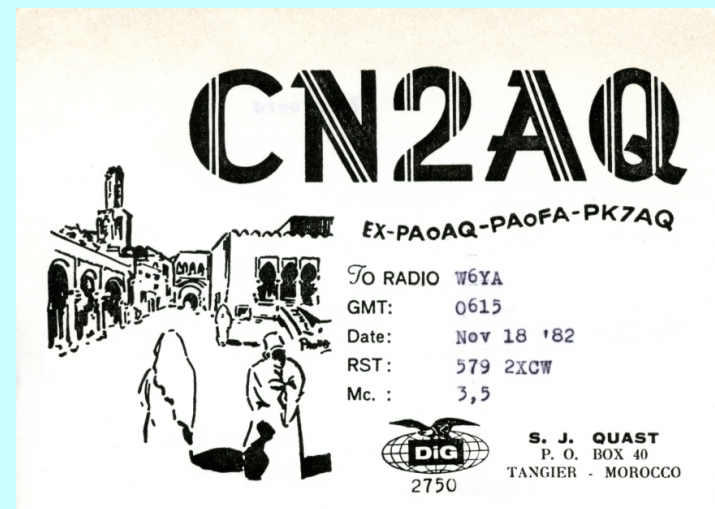
Manchuria (Red = after 1925)

CN2 - Tangier

Tangier was founded in the 5th century BC by Carthaginians. It became part of Morocco and was deleted in 1960.

It is located at the western end of the Strait of Gibraltar, about 25 miles from Ceuta.

Tangier has long been associated with legendary spying and smuggling mysteries.





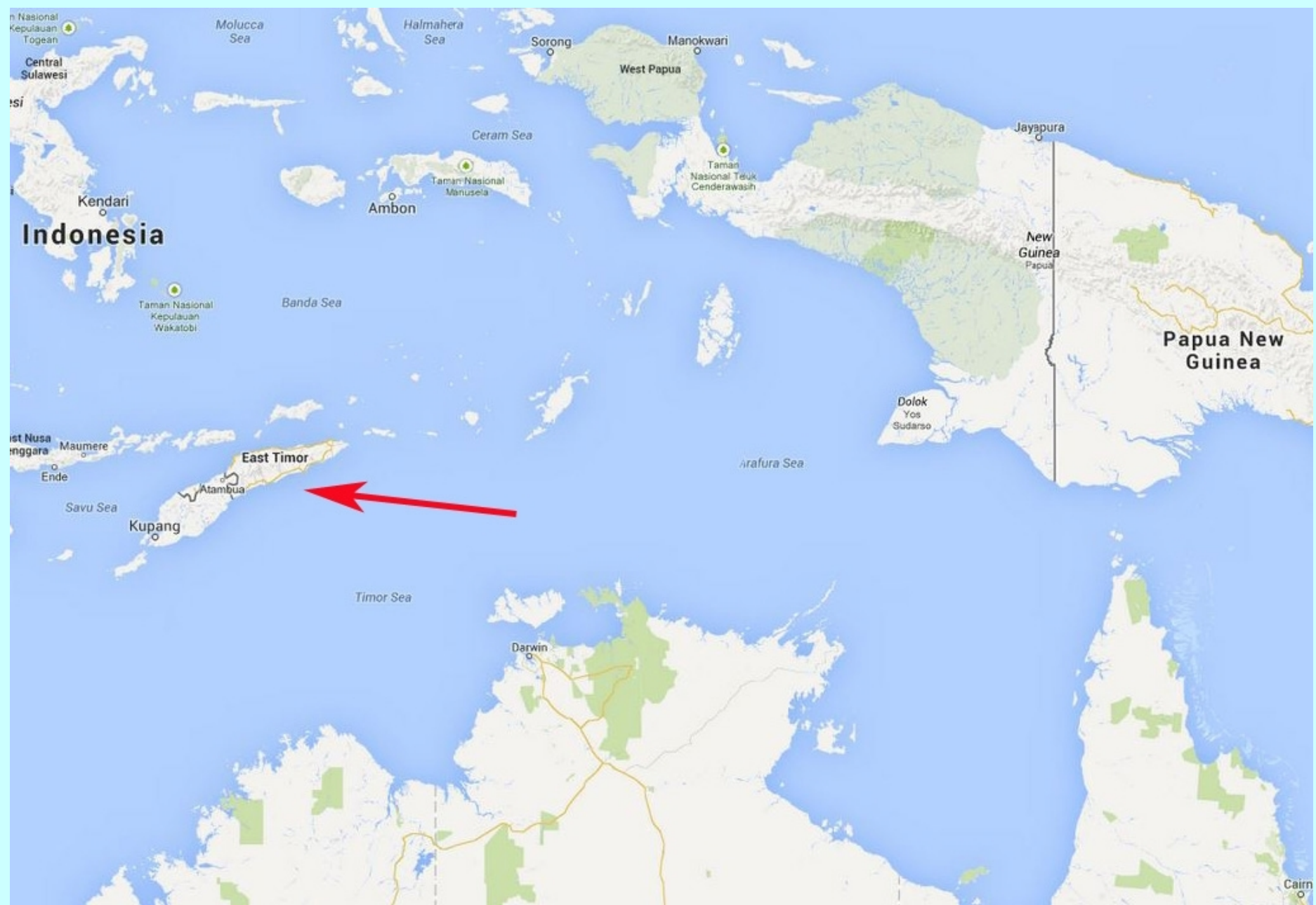
Tangier

CR8 - Portuguese Timor

Portuguese Timor became a part of Indonesia in 1975, deleted in 1976. East Timor then became independent in 2002 as Timor-Leste.

Capt. Bligh landed at the west end of Timor after a 4163 mile open boat voyage, following the mutiny of his ship, The Bounty.



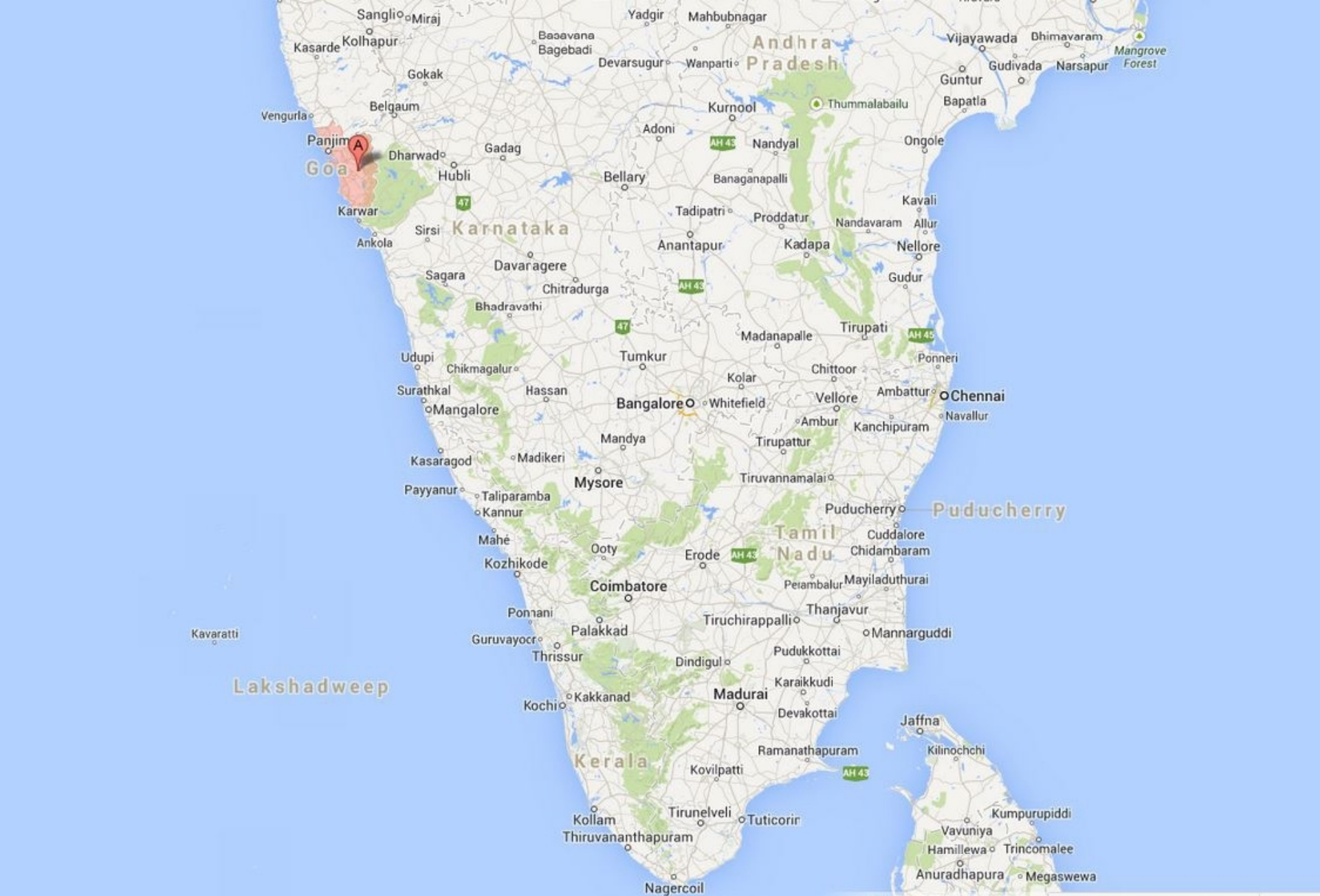


Portuguese Timor

CR8 - Goa

From 1510, Goa was a colony of Portugal on the west coast of India. Among Indian food lovers, it is well known for its cuisine. As the richest state in India, it still has some Portuguese street and city names. Many people in Goa have Portuguese names.





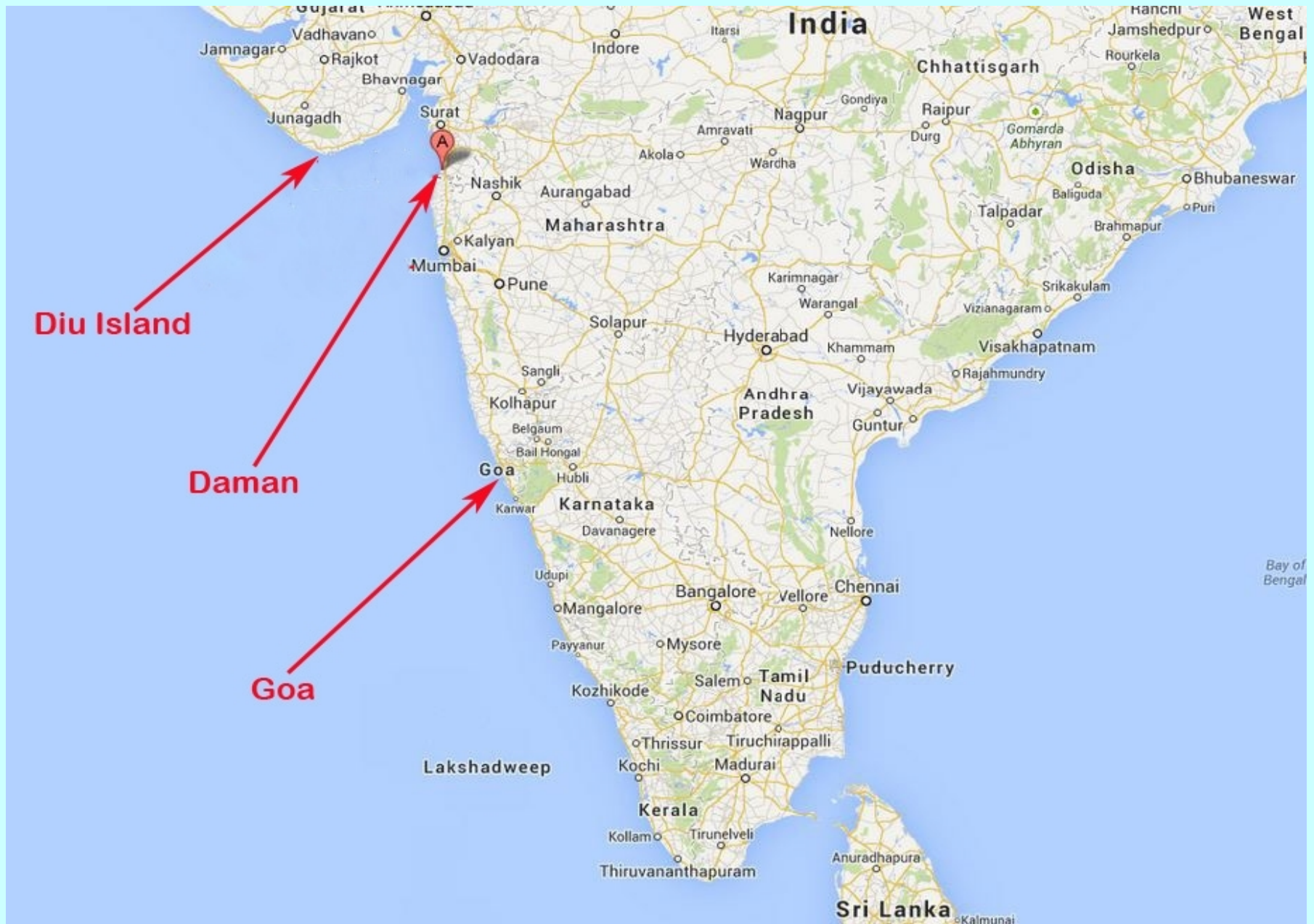
Goa

CR8 - Damao/Diu

Both the French and Portuguese had colonies in India for centuries. The Portuguese area was on the west coast, consisting of Goa and Daman/Diu.

There was only one operation of 55 contacts (on Diu Island) by W6ODD/CR8 in 1948. He was a merchant marine who also visited and operated from FI8. There has never been significant DX activity from Daman.

In 1961 W6CUQ noticed the distance from Goa to Diu Island seemed to be adequate for separate status for Diu (over 420 miles). Bob White at DXCC confirmed this. 13 years after the operation it became a separate country, deleted in the same year with Goa. There is no activity from Daman or Diu.



Daman and Diu

QSO W6ITA ^{AUG 2} on 2, 1948 at 1432 GMT. Ur 14 mc cw/~~fone~~ Sigs RST 599x

W 6 O D D / CR8

DIU ISLAND PORTUGUESE INDIA ZONE 22
California UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Zone 3

VFO, Final P.P. 807s 50 watts Antenna Vertical Zepp Receiver HQ 129X

Remarks: many txs, Gordon, fb DIU to Calif. dx qso. Congrats on your WAZ + 201 countries. Please get, on Home QTH: P. O. Box 173, Stinson Beach, California

Pse/~~Tnx~~ QSL via A.R.R.L. 73 WILLARD HUNTON

W6ODD/CR8 is the rarest post WWII QSL

FI8 – French Indo-China

FI8 was deleted in 1950. A few 1952-1954 FI8 stations in Saigon counted as Vietnam.

The exiled Vietnamese emperor, Prince Vinh San, FR8VX, who was the first ham on Reunion I., was killed in a 1945 plane crash, leaving Ho Chi Minh as the main political force in Vietnam.

After 1950, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia were on the banned list at different times. Laos was active from 1955. Cambodia was finally on in 1971 when XU1AA appeared.

After the Vietnam ban ended, the first operation was by Randy, W3ZA/3W, in 1958.

QSO W6AVM on 21/7/1948 at 1243 GMT. Ur 14 mc cw/1one Sigs RST 589x

W60DD/FI8

SAIGON-INDOCHINE FRANCAISE Zone 26

VFO, Final P.P. 807s 40 watts Antenna Vertical Zepp Receiver HQ 129X
Remarks: *he sigs fine in Saigon Byron thanks via contact and*
RSL card Home QTH: P. O. Box 173, Stinson Beach, California
~~Pse~~/Tnx QSL via A.R.R.L. 73 WILLARD HUNTON

PORTABLE IN VIET-NAM
(ZONE 26)
L. M. RUNDLETT - MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY GROUP
137, RUE PASTEUR - SAIGON

W3ZA/3W

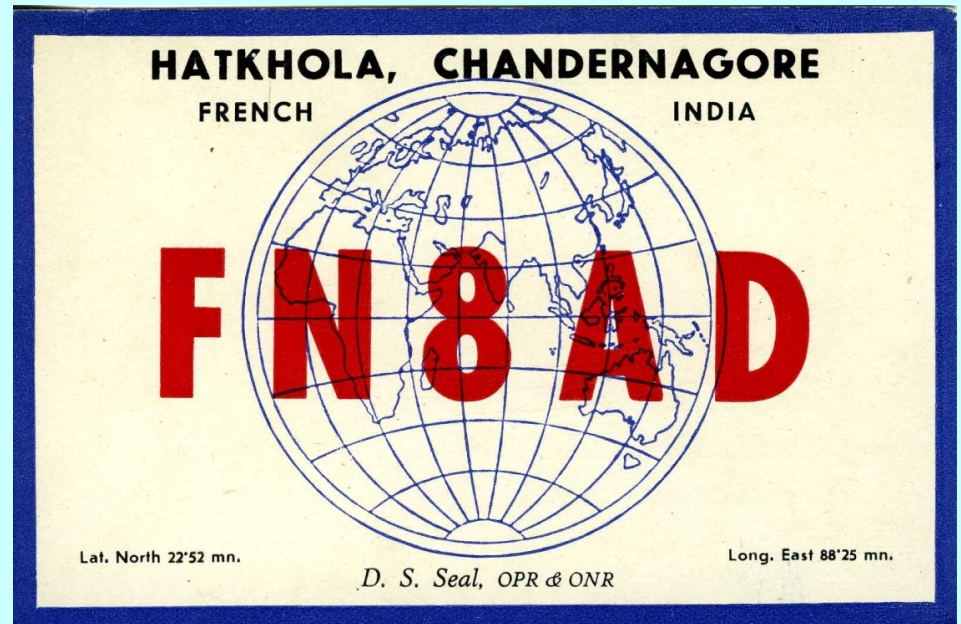
RADIO *K6GLC* CONFIRMING 2-WAY ~~AM~~-CW-SSB QSO ON 14 MC. BAND.
AT 1517 GMT *Aug 30th* 1958 UR SIGS R 5 S 6 T 9 ~~PSE~~ QSL TNX.
QTH For F.P.O. Mail: *73*
MSUG-BOX 34, NAVY 150
C/O F.P.O. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. *Rundy* OPR.
VIA W2JXH

COURTESY OF "BROWNIE" W3CJI



French Indo-China

FN8 - French India



The French colonies were along the East coast of India, except for Mahe, on the southwest coast. The only legal operation was by Deb Seal, FN8AD, just north of Calcutta in Chandernagore. Later he was VU2AX and AC4AX.

Many people in Pondicherry speak French as their usual language. Some streets and businesses have French names. There are no hams in the old French colonies that are active on the HF bands.

FF – French West Africa

In 1960, France gave up this colony, which then became

3X – Guinea

5T – Mauritania

5U – Niger

5V – Togo

6W – Senegal

TU – Ivory Coast

TY – Dahomey

TZ – Mali

XT – Upper Volta

K6GLC RADIO

QS0/Entendu le *11/9/1957* à *0700* TMG *14* MC/S

CW - ~~PHONE~~ R *5* S *7* T *9* M

FF 8 A C

ex DL5AT

Yvon Rangin, B. P. 129 - KANKAN - GUINÉE
French West Africa

Emetteur *400 w* Modulation

Récepteur *BC 312 + HA64* Antenne *long wire*

Remarques : *Tnx Jim for fl. 950 73 Yvon*

QSL via : R E F - B. P. 26 - Versailles - Seine et Oise - France

Conakry – Republique de Guinée

7G1A

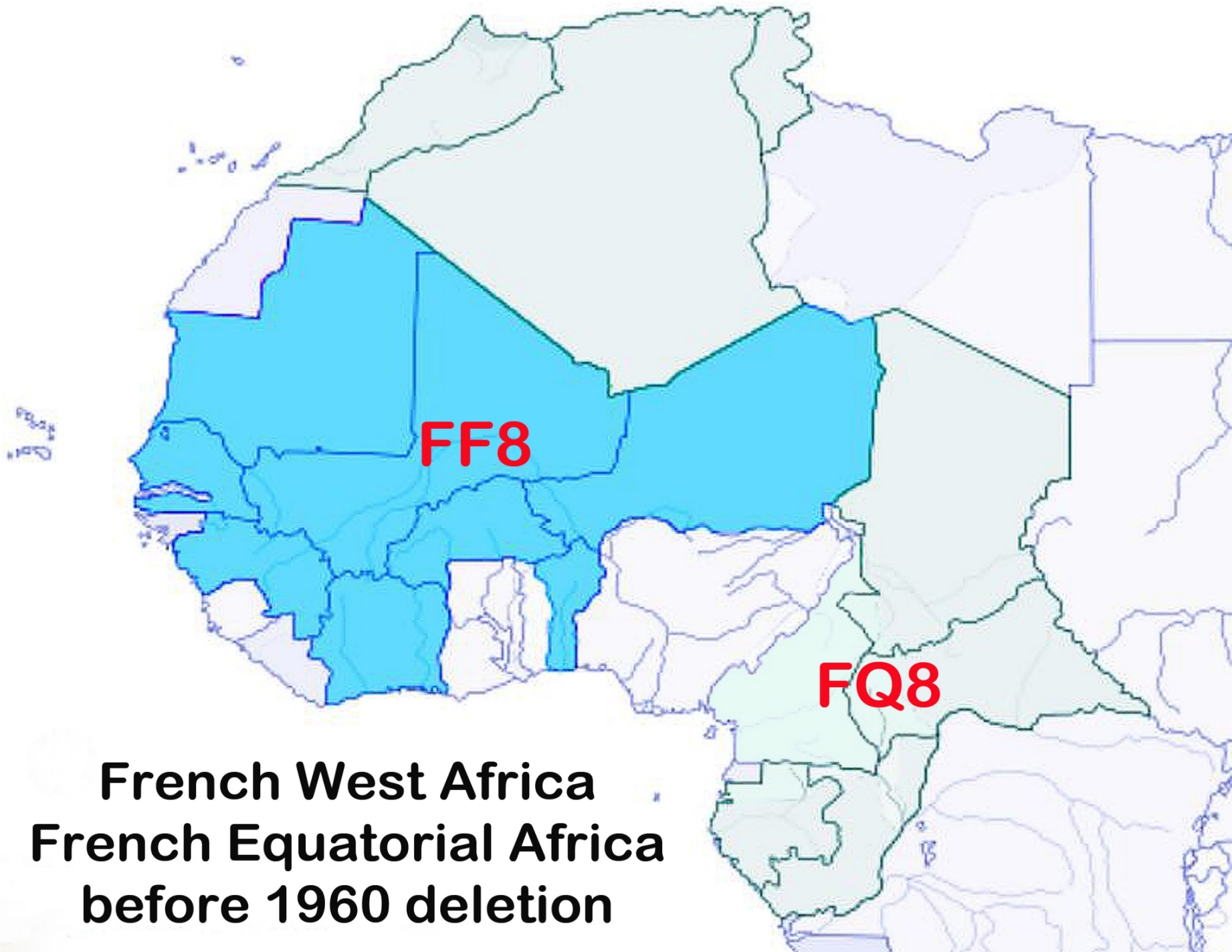
To RADIO..... Confirming CW-FONE-SSB Qso on.....

at..... GMT on..... MC/S Band. Ur sigs were RST.....

Tx 150 W input, ant. GP.

73 from QSL manager.

QSL via: Josef Plzák, OK 1 PD



FF8

FQ8

**French West Africa
French Equatorial Africa
before 1960 deletion**

FQ8 - French Equatorial Africa

In 1960, France gave up this colony, which then became

TJ – Cameroon

TL – Central African Rep.

TN – Rep. of Congo

TR – Gabon

TT – Chad



I1 - Trieste

Trieste is a port that had been a part of the Austro- Hungarian Empire. It ranked with Vienna, Budapest, and Prague as the most significant cities of that Empire, as its only seaport.

Located in the extreme north part of the Adriatic Sea, it has remained a part of Italy since 1957. A number of stations are active from Trieste, so check your stack of IV3 and IW3 QSLs.

TRIESTE
FREE STATE

I1 B C B

TO RADIO	QSO DATE	R.S.T.	GMT	CW	PHONE	M.C.	CDX
W6UCX	12.3.50	569	0637	CW		14	

THE QSL IS FINAL COURTESY OF THE QSO

REMARKS *main hux for qso dr John!*

XMIT. *25W* ANTENNA *Windom 10 mts* RCVR. *Yagi 73 de*

807 Eco + 807

CARLO GALESSI - TRIESTE
STRADA DI GUARDIELLA N. 18

Carlo Galeffi
BC 342 N

This qsl!

ITALIAN RADIO AMATEUR STATION

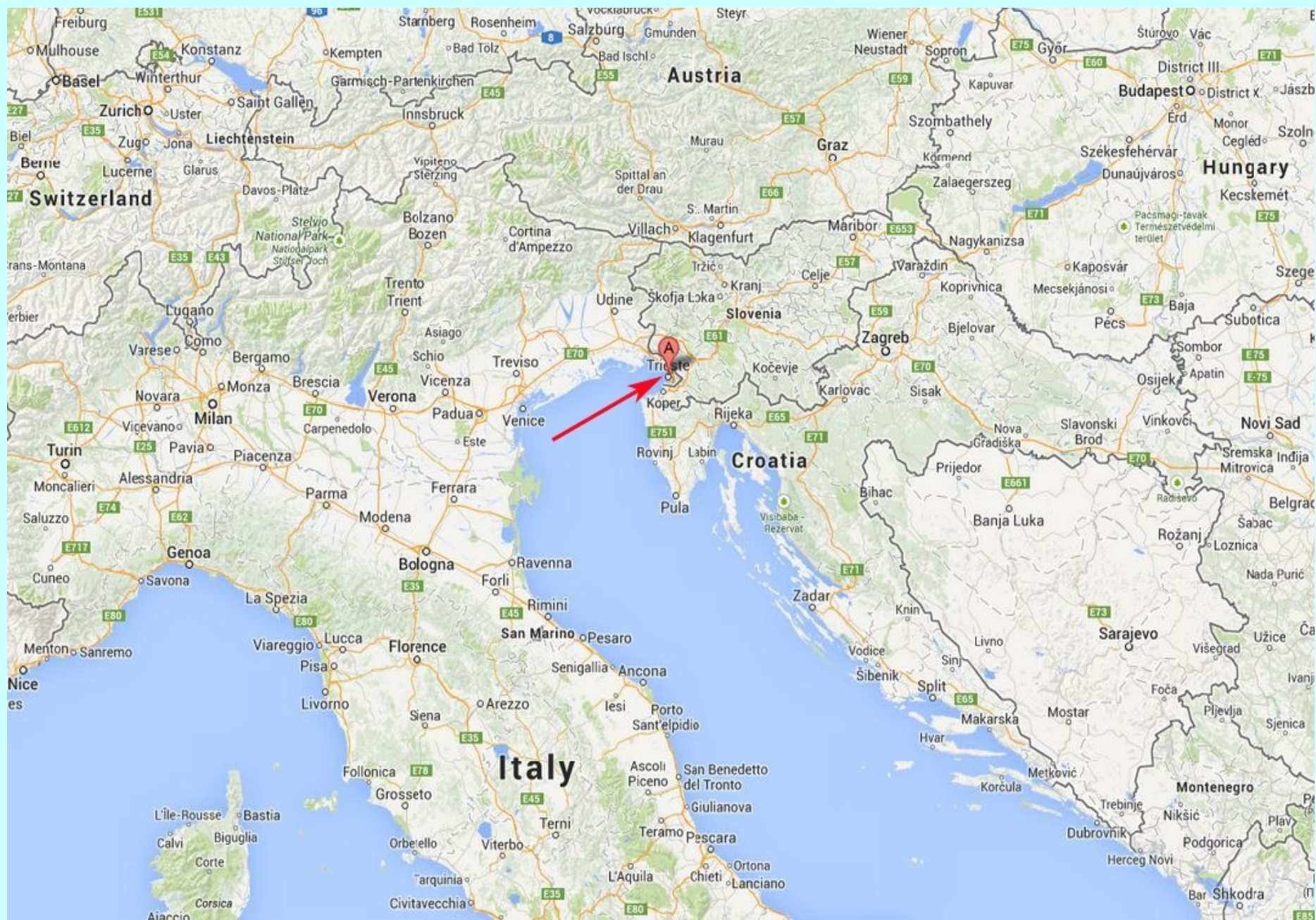
IV3SPX

TO RADIO	DATE	GMT	MHZ	X2	RST
W6YA	14 Jul. 80	1847	21	A1A	599

op. PASQUALIS SILVANO
via dell'Eremo, 6
34100 TRIESTE
P. O. Box 3832
Loc. JN65VP

rtx = ft757gx - Drake
rtx = ft290r
ant. = dipole
ant. = vertical
ant. = yagi

Pse QsLTnx
73 de
P. Pasqualis



Trieste

JZ0 - Netherlands New Guinea

This western part of the island of New Guinea became Indonesian in 1969. Called Papua, its prefix is YB9.

SDDXC member K6DLV (SK) was active there for several years as YB0ARA/9. This area, the Papua Province (previously Irian Jaya) is the site of the Freeport-McMoRan copper mine where K6DLV worked.

From the log of **JZ0HA**

Confirming QSO of **AUG 4, 1958**

NETHERLANDS NEW GUINEA

DATE TIME	STATION CALLED	CALLED BY	HIS FREQ. OR DIAL	HIS SIGNALS RST	MY SIGNALS RST	FREQ. MC.	EMIS- SION TYPE	POWER INPUT WATTS	TIME OF ENDING QSO
1342Z	W6GLC			589	599	14	A1		

OP. **H. H. Hage** 73 W2CTN *Jack*

General Electric Receiving Tube Dept. Form 73B (Log Form Courtesy of A.R.R.L. - Made in U.S.A.)

INDONESIA
IOTA: OC-147
CQ ZONE 28

YB0ARA/9

CONFIRMING QSO WITH	DATE			UTC	MHz	RST	MODE 2-WAY
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR				
W6YA	23	03	97	1305	3.5	57g	CW

QSL via **N2AU**

☐ PSE QSL ☒ TNX QSL

OPERATOR: **PHIL DAVID**
IRIAN, JAYA

A W4MPY QSL

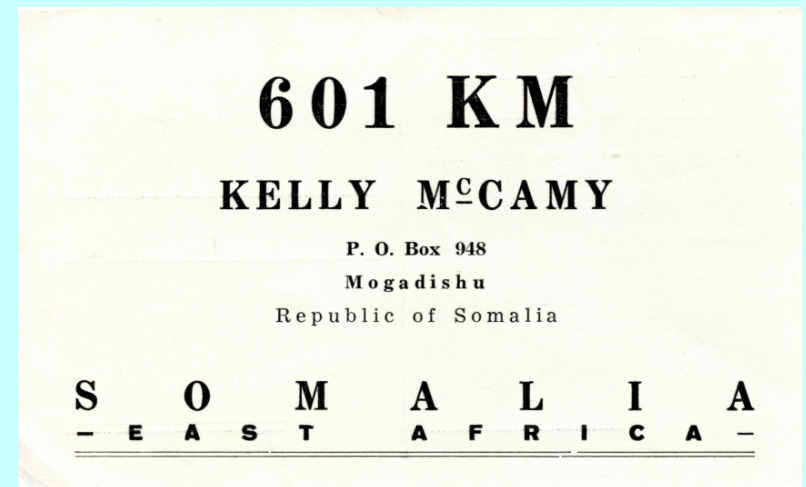
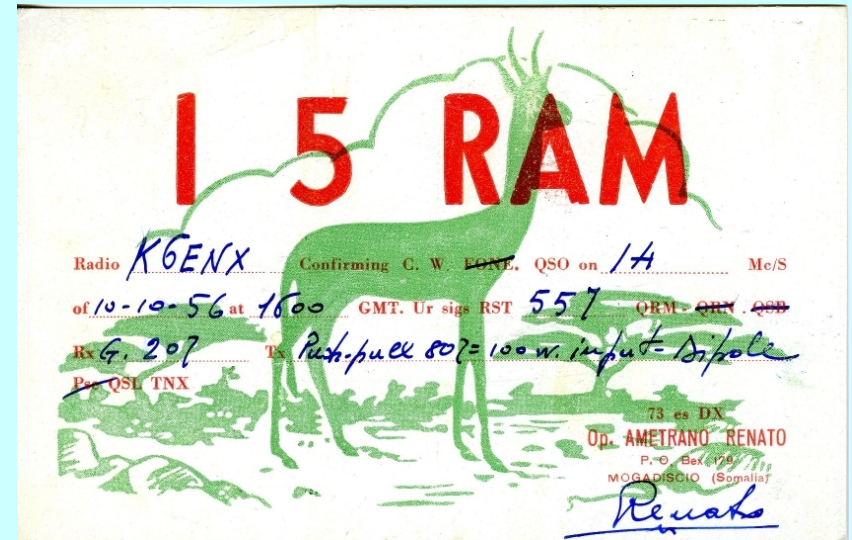


Netherlands New Guinea

15 - Italian Somaliland

This entity, along with British Somaliland, became what is now Somalia. It was deleted in 1960. The main city was Mogadishu, where 10,000 Italians once lived, prior to WWII.

There was also a French Somaliland, which now exists as the same entity, renamed Djibouti after becoming independent in 1977.





British and Italian Somaliland

VQ6 - British Somaliland

British Somaliland also became part of Somalia in 1960 when it was deleted. Its capital was Hargeisa.

My VQ6LQ card is an example of generic QSLs used by SCDXC members. After being filled out, it was sent to the DX station for a signature and comments. Many confirmations were made this way in the 1950s and 1960s. It helped to confirm stations who did not QSL or had no cards.

In 1991 this area declared its independence from Somalia, but does not have international recognition.

HARGEISA BRITISH SOMALILAND
Address Country
RADIO K6GLC THIS CONFIRMS OUR CW/PHONE QSO ON 14 MC
RST 569 DATE 24 FEB 59 TIME 1514 GMT
VQ6LQ
Chas. by Cliff K6KJ1
Operator's Signature
This card is furnished for the convenience of DX stations contacting members of the Southern California DX Club. If you have no cards of your own, you may use this to help our members obtain confirmation of DX stations worked. Please QSL, your own or this card. Thank you.



VS4 - Sarawak

VS4 (Sarawak) and ZC5 (British North Borneo) were British colonies on the island of Borneo. Today they combine to form East Malaysia. Sarawak was deleted in 1963

It is known as the land of the Hornbills.

Nearby is V85 (formerly VS5), the Sultanate of Brunei (Brunei Darussalam). The rest of the island of Borneo is a part of Indonesia, YB7.

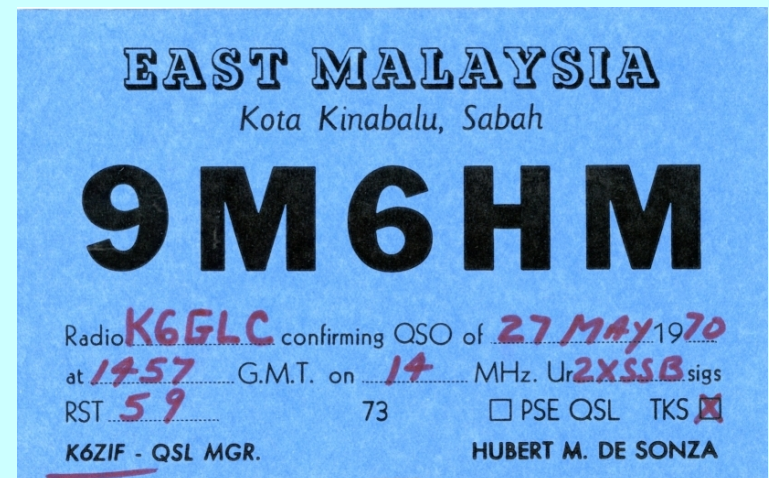


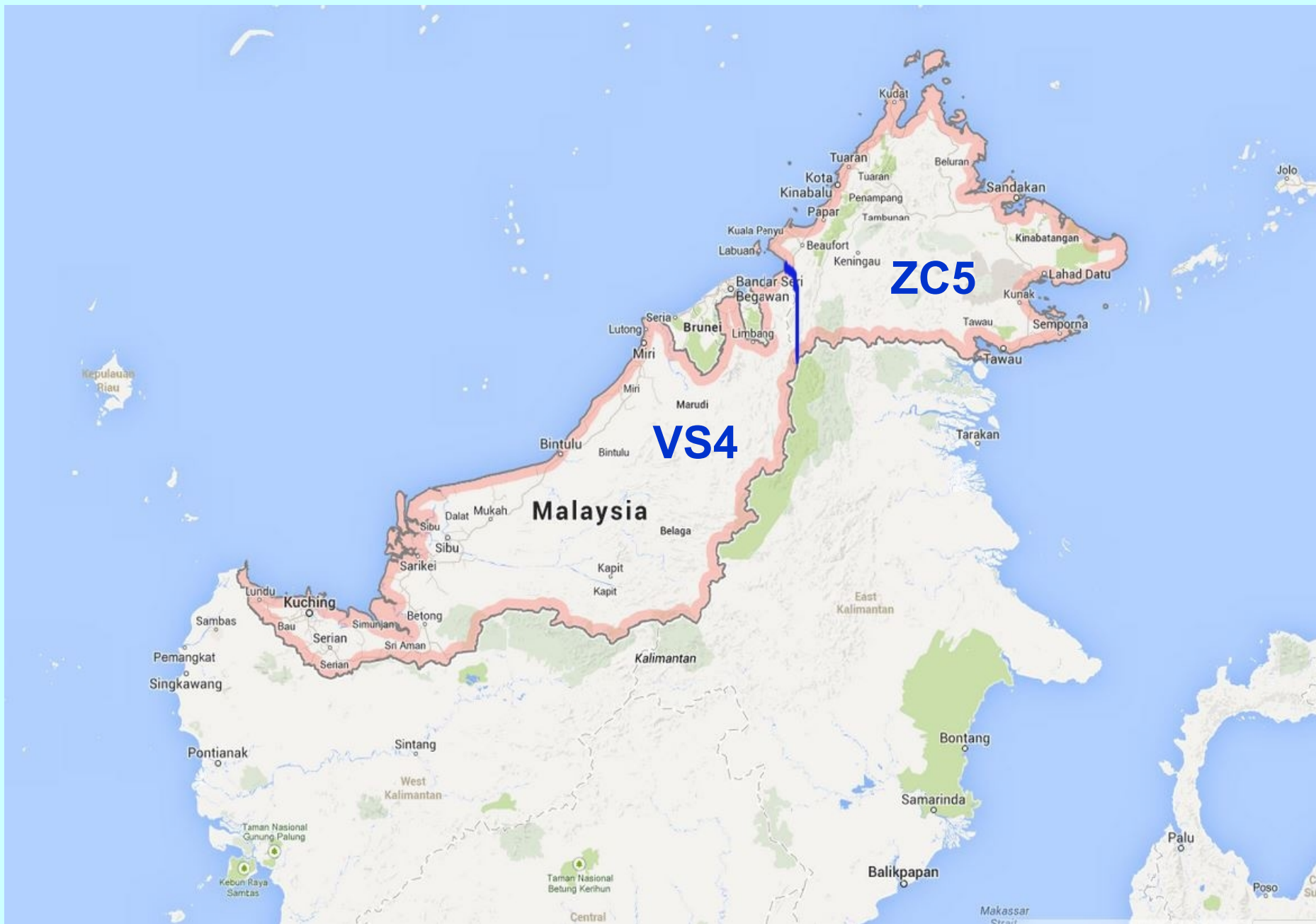
ZC5 - British North Borneo

British North Borneo became a part of East Malaysia along with Sarawak in 1963. Most of the island of Borneo is Indonesian, called Kalimantan (formerly PK5).



Martin and Osa Johnson filmed their last jungle movie here in 1935-6. Their famous adventures were described in Osa's book, I Married Adventure.





British North Borneo and Sarawak

Thanks to these friends who are now SK, I am eternally grateful for the use of their QSLs from the early post WWII era that made this presentation possible (including a few of my own K6GLC and W6YA examples):

W6ITA (W6RR)

W6UCX (WK6E)

W6CUQ (K6ZO)

K6ENX (XU8MI, W6PT)

W6AVM (K6TX) (WAZ in 1947)

W6BZE

These early DXers knew the real secret to working the rare DX: Listen, listen, listen. Today the secret seems to be watch, watch, watch the DX clusters. “Someone else will surely find the DX, so all we have to do is click.”

I hope these examples highlight how much more interesting DXing can be, especially when you're bored by chasing DX on new bands or are stalled trying to find new entities. This also explains my preference for paper QSLs.

Contacts to most deleted areas around the world are still available by working stations that are on the air today.