



# **Finding the Deleted Ones**

## **Part Two**

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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.**

**Investigating the deleted DXCC countries has given me a fascinating insight into world history and geography. What follows is a look at a few of these areas of the world that underwent changes after World War Two.**

**Although these areas remain on the deleted list, you may find opportunities to work stations in the same locations, although some have remained silent since the time they were deleted.**

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

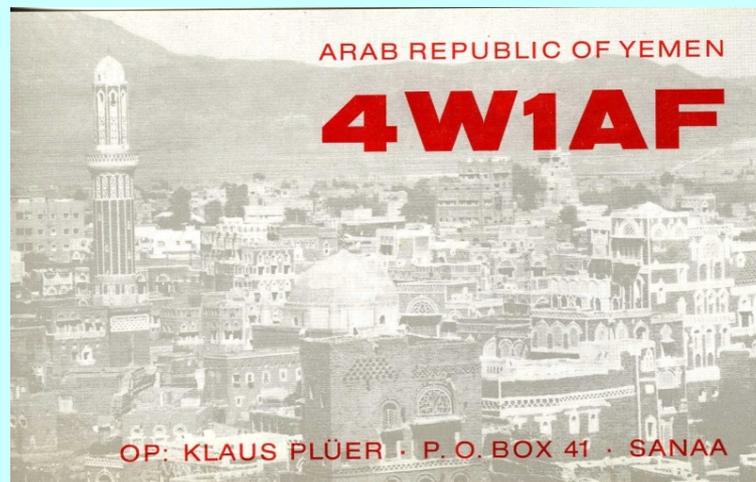
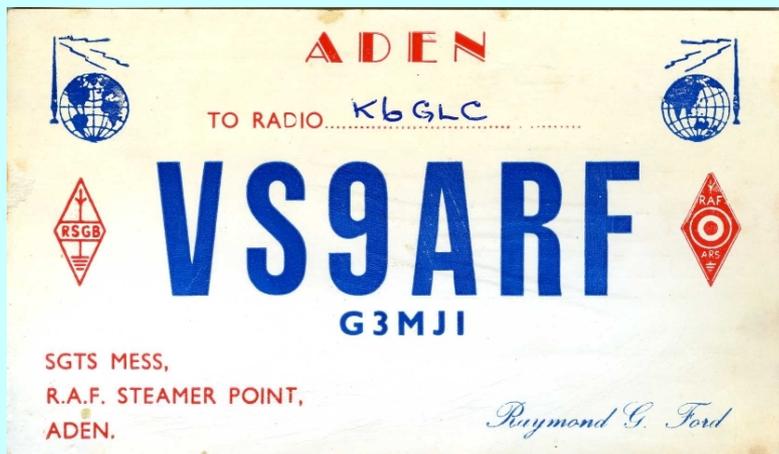
KS4(31)	Swan Is.	
KZ5(32)	Canal Zone	
OK-OM(33)	Czechoslovakia	
P2,VK9(34)	Papua Territory	
P2,VK9(34)	Territory of New Guinea	
PJ(35)	Bonaire, Curacao	
PJ(35)	St. Maarten, Saba, St. Eustatius	
PK1-3(36)	Java	
PK4(36)	Sumatra	
PK5(36)	Netherlands Borneo	
PK6(36)	Celebe & Molucca Is.	
R1/M(51)	Malyj Vysotskij 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	
		<b>Total: 62</b>

**It has been an adventure to explore the history of the deleted DXCC countries, since they represent the world that many of us have missed.**

**DXers keep track of the DXCC countries they have worked and were deleted, but many think of them as simply items on a list. This is an effort to illustrate these vague parts of the world whose existence has changed only by political means. The use of old QSLs is especially valuable in recalling that history.**

**In the following examples, the top QSL is the deleted entity, and the bottom one (if it exists) currently counts for DXCC.**

# VS9A & 4W - Aden & Yemen



Aden was a British port in what eventually became South Yemen. The last VS9A operations were in 1967, while North Yemen (4W) was active from about 1950 until 1975, mostly by various expats.

Independent North and South Yemen were unified in 1990 when VS9A and 4W were deleted to give rise to the new Republic of Yemen.





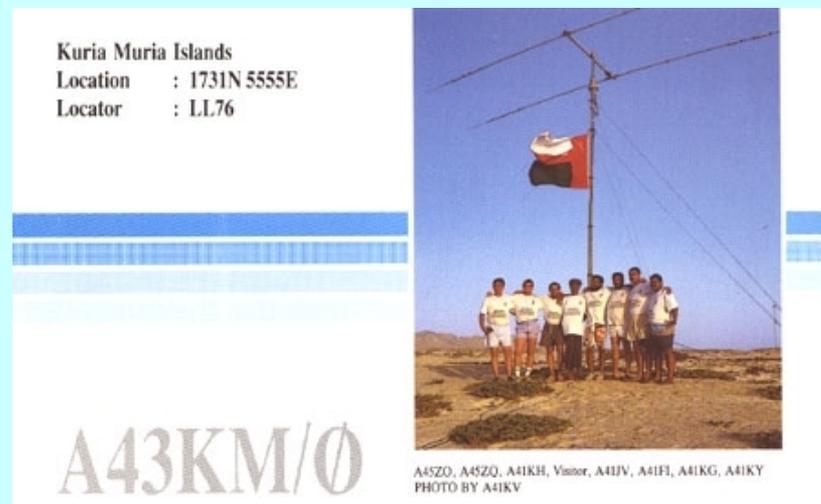
**VS9A was the port city and British Crown Colony of Aden. The two brown areas, North (dark) and South (light) became North and South Yemen. When they combined in 1990 the current Yemen Republic (70) was formed. Today, expeditions to Yemen are very rare because of conflict and political instability.**

# VS9H – Kuria Muria Islands

These five islands off the southern coast of Oman were originally British possessions. Located just 25 miles from the mainland, the only inhabited island is Al Hallaniyah, with a population of up to 150 people.

The Royal Air Force was active from Al Hallaniyah with multiple call signs during 1963. The final operation was in 1967 by another RAF operator, VS9HRV.

In 1967 Kuria Muria Islands were ceded to Oman and deleted from the DXCC list. There have been a couple of IOTA expeditions since.





**Kuria Muriya Islands**

# VS9K – Kamaran Island

To Radio K6ENX

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY  
Expedition to  
**KAMARAN ISLAND**

Confirming our QSO on 14 Mc/s. at 1512 G.M.T. UR Sigs. were R 5 S 8 T 9  
on 5: 6 7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15: 16th October, 1961.  
UR Sigs. AI: A3: A3A.  
MY Sigs. AI: A3: A3A. 73 de AL

The R.A.F. A.R.S. is glad to have given you a new country QSO.

EQUIPMENT	OPERATORS
<u>'A' Station</u> KWM2 : $\frac{1}{2}$ G5RV	VS9KAC AL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>'B' Station</u> K.W. VICTOR : G5RV : AR88	VS9KGA PETE <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>'C' Station</u> DX100U : SB10 : TA33JR : G209R	VS9KPH PHIL <input type="checkbox"/>
	G3GJQ/VS9K ROY <input type="checkbox"/>
	G3GPE/VS9K KEN <input type="checkbox"/>
	G3NAC/VS9K JOHN <input type="checkbox"/>
	G3OLV/VS9K ALAN <input type="checkbox"/>

Kamaran was active during 1961 by a number of RAF operators, and in 1963 by Gus Browning. Located only 1.3 miles from mainland Yemen, the British administered the island but never formally declared possession. The last activity from Kamaran was in 1967 before it was ceded to South Yemen. In 1982 it was deleted from the DXCC list.

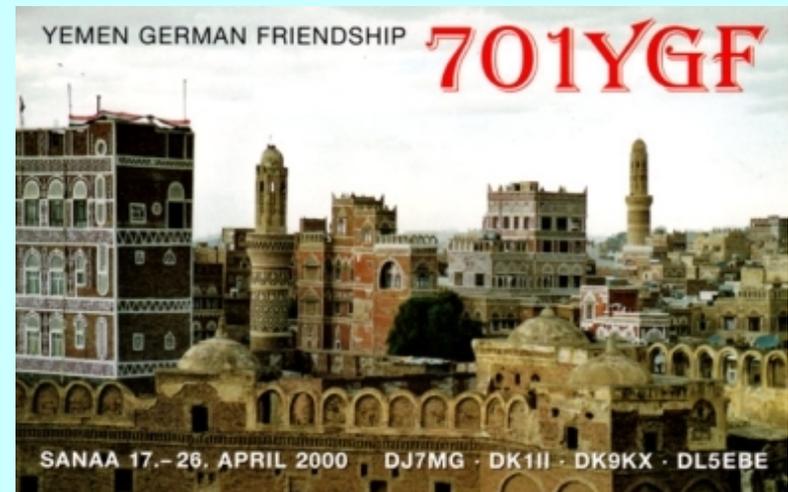
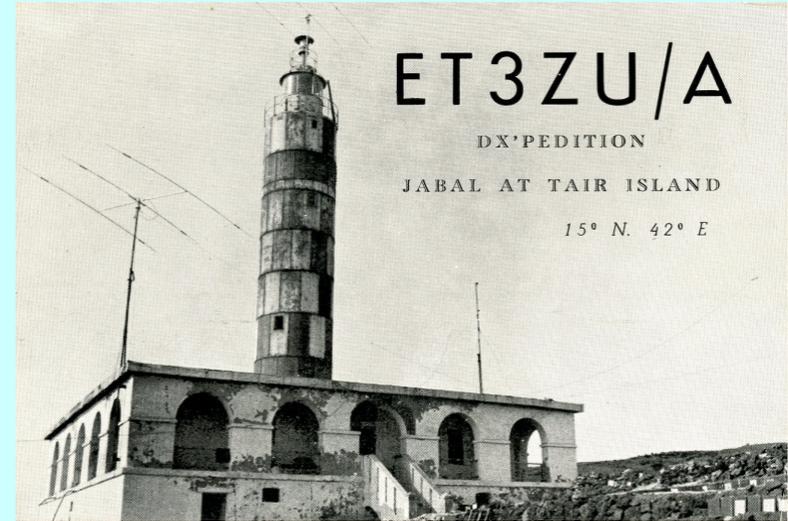


## Kamaran Island

# Abu Ail – Jabal at Tair

Over the years lighthouses had been maintained on Abu Ail by various shipping enterprises, but the island's formal sovereignty was indeterminate. The first DXCC operation was in 1971. Since deletion in 1991 it has been administered by Yemen. There have been no subsequent activations of this island.

In 2007 several Yemeni soldiers were killed when the island's volcano erupted after 124 years of dormancy.





**Abu Ail is in the Southern Red Sea.**

# VQ1/5H1 - Zanzibar

The Zanzibar Archipelago, just 16 miles off the coast of Tanzania, was a British Protectorate until the end of 1963. It became an independent nation for a few months before merging with Tanganyika in April, 1964. Six months later Tanganyika was renamed Tanzania.

Garth, VE3HO, provided the last operation from Zanzibar before it was deleted in 1974. Now it is a part of Tanzania.

LATHAM ISLAND  
ZANZIBAR

**5H3LV/A**  
OP. GARTH HAMILTON VE3EUP

EQUIP. HW-100 SB-100 SB-200  
TA33JR 14AVQ  
HONDA GENERATORS

QSLs VE30DX  
CONFIRMING QSO WITH **K6GLC**

DATE	GMT	MHz	2 X	RST	QSL
Feb-28-70	14 <sup>55</sup>	14	<del>SSB</del> CW	59	<del>PSE</del> TKS <b>PE</b>

**ZANZIBAR TANZANIA**

**5H1HK**

Confirming our QSO

RADIO	DATE	UTC	MHz	2x	RST
W64A	Feb 18, 1989	1846	28	<del>SSB</del> CW	599

ODXCC

op. MASIII H. Kozu  
Member of JA3YKC

QSL verified by JH4RHF



Zanzibar is a popular tourist destination with an exotic history. There have been many activations since it was deleted in 1974.

# 8Z4 – Saudi-Iraq Neutral Zone

These are the first (1964) and last (1981) operations from the Neutral Zone. The last operation was organized and financed by King Hussein of Jordan, JY1.

After this operation Iraq and Saudi Arabia split the area with a border running east to west.

I'm unaware of any operations from this area since its deletion, in either Iraq or Saudi Arabia.

*Tenth DXpedition of the Month*

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IRAQ/SAUDI NEUTRAL ZONE

## HZ2AMS/8Z4

ASIA, ZONE 21

Greetings G4JZ 1 QSL QSO of  
20.11.64 1728 GMT on 14 Mcs.  
CW AM 2X SSB Your sigs: 57

Op: Angus Murray-Stone, HZ2AMS  
& MP4BEF, MP4MAP, MP4QBD, MP4TAX  
EX ZD2AMS, 5N2AMS, FD8AMS, 5U7AMS  
TY2AA, 5N2AMS/TR8, 5N2AMS/TT8  
QSO verified by Bill

QSL VIA  
STUART MEYER, W2GHK  
P.O. Box 7388  
General Post Office  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10001

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The Saudi-Iraq Neutral Zone was divided between the two bordering countries and deleted from DXCC in 1981, right after the 8Z4A operation.

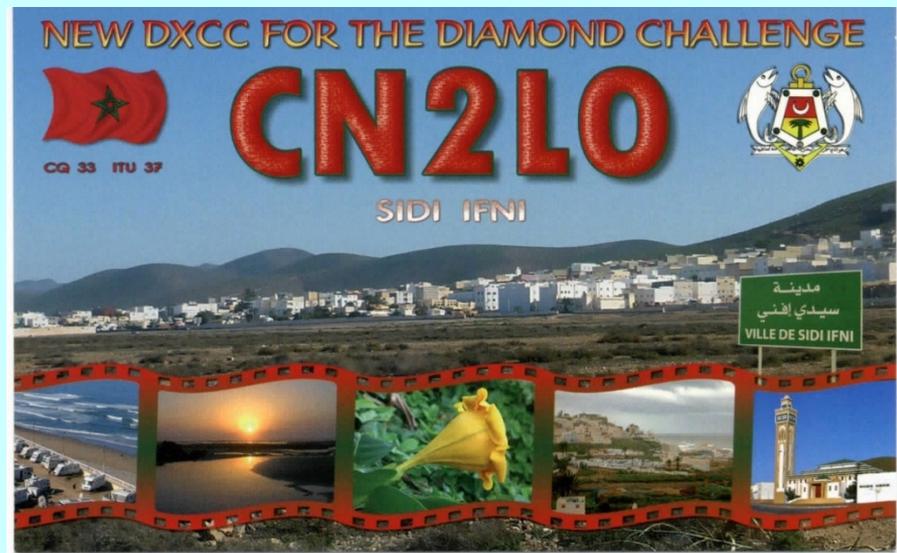
At lower right you can see the Kuwait border after it gained its part of the adjacent Kuwait-Saudi Neutral Zone in 1969.



# EA9 - Ifni

Ifni was a small 580 sq. mi. Spanish Territory on Morocco's south coast. In 1969 it was ceded to Morocco and deleted from DXCC. Located east of the Canary Islands, its people were mostly occupied with fishing. EA9DE and EA9IA produced most of the Ifni contacts and QSLs in 1959.

CN2LO was one of 3 stations that were special operations for the ARRL Diamond Jubilee in 2012



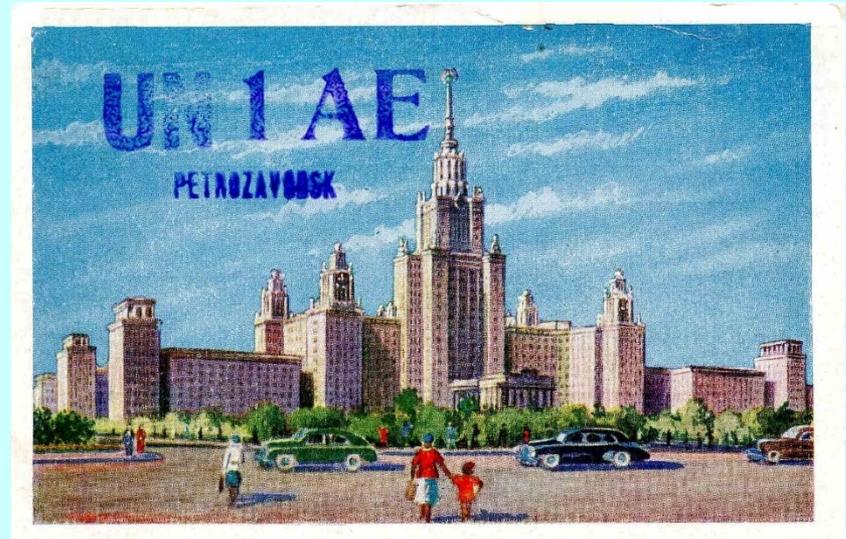


**Ifni was a tiny Spanish province on the Atlantic coast of Southern Morocco that existed until 1969.**

# UN1 – Karelo-Finnish Rep.

Finland occupied large parts of this area from 1941-1944. After it was relinquished to the Soviets, all the Finnish residents were transferred to Finland. The parents of Martti, OH2BH, moved from here to Finland before that time. This Soviet Republic was deleted from the DXCC list in 1960.

Today the area is known as Karelia. It shares borders with Finland and four Russian oblasts. Stations there have a suffix that begins with N. The UN1AB QSO was 3 months after the cutoff date, so counts as Russia.



СССР — USSR  
Карелия ★ Karelia  
г. Петрозаводск — с. Petrozavodsk

**UN1AB**

Radio: K6GLC | WKD on 1 sept 1960  
at 0735 msk on 14 Mc/S Ur cw / fone  
Rst 579 tx: 200 w Ant GP Rx 147  
PSE UR QSL via box 88 Moscow USSR 731 opr alex

## Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: 1950



**Of all the Soviet Republics, Karelo-Finnish Republic is the only one that was assimilated into Russia. Its entire western border is shared with Finland.**

# R1MV - Malyj Vysotskij Island



In 1963 this Soviet island was leased to Finland for 50 years. Although administered by Finland, it existed in Russian territory, so was recognized as a new DXCC country from 1988 until the lease expired. It was deleted in 2012. Since deletion there has been no activity from this island.



**Tiny Malyj Vysotskij Island is tucked into the northernmost part of the Gulf of Finland, only about 7 miles southwest of Vyborg, Russia**

# ZD4 – Gold Coast, Togoland

Gold Coast was a British Colony that consisted of several territories. There were many ZD4 stations active from the end of WWII. In 1956 it gained independence and was combined with British Togoland to become Ghana. French Togoland became the independent nation of Togo.

Gold Coast was deleted in 1957.

Despite its history of civil unrest, Ghana has been frequently active on the air since its independence.

QTH : West African Cacao Research Institute,  
TAFO, GOLD COAST COLONY

# ZD4AM

To RADIO W6UCX Confirming our 14 Mc. CW QSO  
at 0704 GMT on APR 22 1949 Ur Sigs RST 579 QRM/QRN/QSB  
TX ECO - Fd - Fd - PP 5073 Input 22 watts from DC mains  
RX R. tube super ANT 1/2 X dipole N-S  
Remarks Transfer (RST), Jolin (as upon?) is best heard. Approved.  
QSL VY 73 es DX. Opr. Harold Owen, B.Sc.





**Ghana, West Africa**

# VK9 – Papua Territory

Along with the Territory of New Guinea, Papua was administered by Australia. From 1971 the two areas were called Papau New Guinea. Independence came in 1975 when Papua was deleted.

The capital, Port Moresby, has been described as one of the most dangerous areas in the world. P29 stations are common on both Papua and New Guinea sides.

**PORT MORESBY, PAPUA TERRITORY**  
C/o. DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

RADIO *X66LC* Confirming our communication on *27 Oct 1956*  
Ur. *Cuy* sigs. R.S.T. *5.6.9* on *7* Mc. *089* G.M.T.

**VK9 XK**

TX *5* stage *VFO* ANT. *1A* RX *9* tubes.  
Final *807's* Input *90* wts. *TKs 450 / in.*

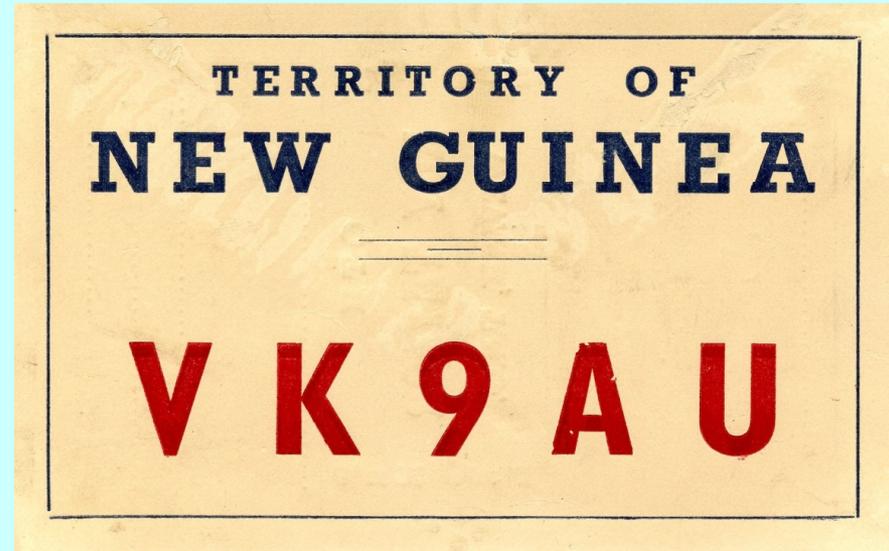
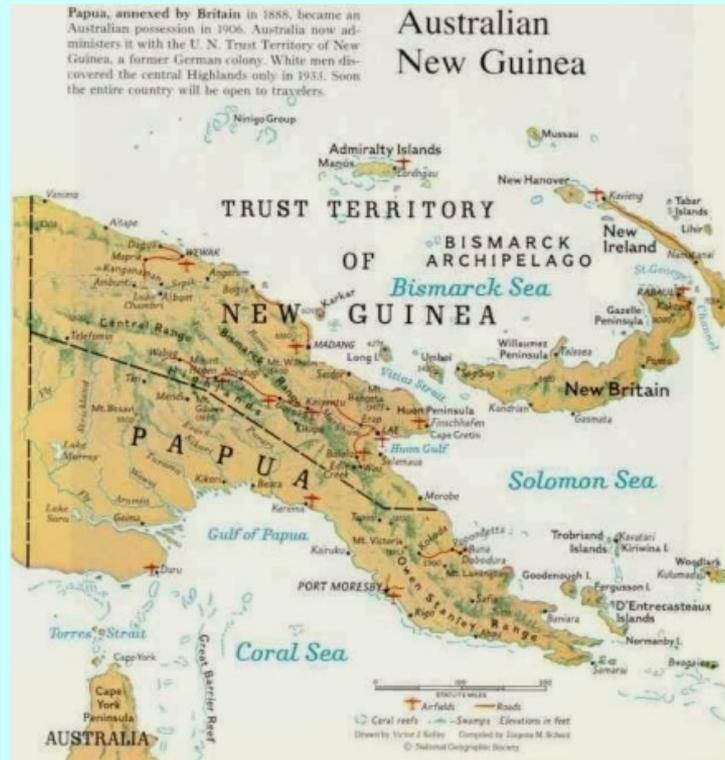
Q.S.O. No. *18000* Q.S.L.? *73 Russ.*  
Ex. **VK3XK** *TNX* S. R. COLESTON, Op.  
Member, W.I.A.

**P29KY**  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
Port Moresby

QTH. Police College Bomana P.M.B. Broko  
OP. Kiyoshi Yamagata

# VK9 – Territory of New Guinea

Both Papua and New Guinea saw heavy fighting during WWII. Today these areas are major attractions for naturalists and divers. New Guinea was also deleted in 1975.



GREETINGS FROM BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

**P29BI**

STEVE SALVIA (VK4EMS)  
ARAWA BOUGAINVILLE

OC-135  
CQ Zone 28  
ITU Zone 51  
Grid QI-73

**IOTA**  
ISLANDS ON THE AIR

CONFIRMING QSO WITH: **W6YA**

Day	Month	Year	Time UTC	Freq MHz	UR RST	Mode 2-Way
17	10	99	11:42	10.1	559	CW
7	11	99	00:34	24.8	559	CW
				B.M.		

73's and Tnx QSO

QSL via VK4EJ

# Dutch East Indies: Indonesia

The history and changes that have taken place in Indonesia since WWII are especially interesting. A vast country spanning 3300 miles and over 18,000 islands, it consisted of four DXCC countries before their deletion in 1963. These countries were only worked from the USA between 1946 and 1950, after which they were on the “banned list.”

Japanese occupation before and during the War had a profound impact. Years of internal fighting took place in several years following the War, during which time many Indonesians and Europeans were killed.

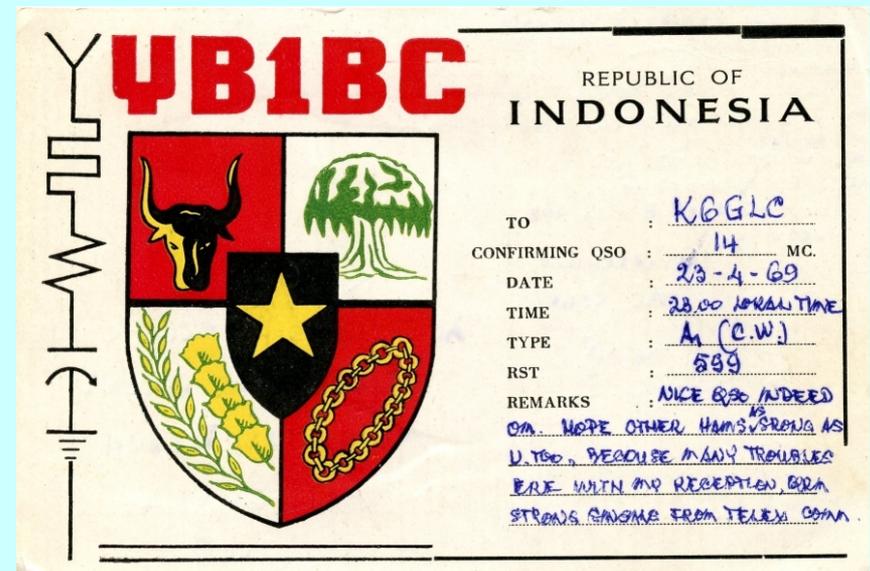
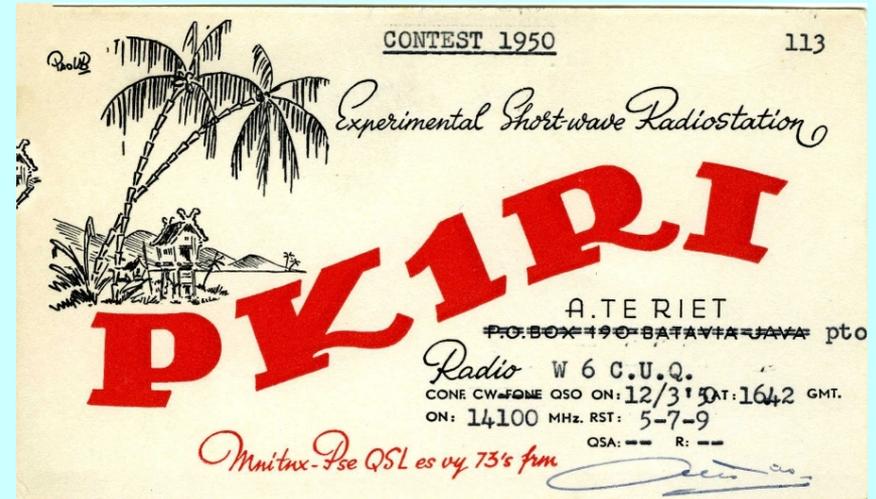
Today Indonesia has become very popular among surfers, photographers, divers, birders, and tourists.

# PK1-3 - Java

After independence from The Netherlands in 1949, Indonesia saw many years of internal conflict when up to 3 million people were killed. Jakarta, the capital, previously known as Batavia, is on the island of Java.

“PK” QSOs were made only between 1946 and 1950. the country was then placed on the US banned list from 1951 until deletion in 1963.

Activity resumed in Indonesia during the late 1960s when the first licensed “YB” stations began to appear. Many of them were expatriates in the oil drilling business. Call areas are now 0 (Jakarta), 1, 2, and 3.

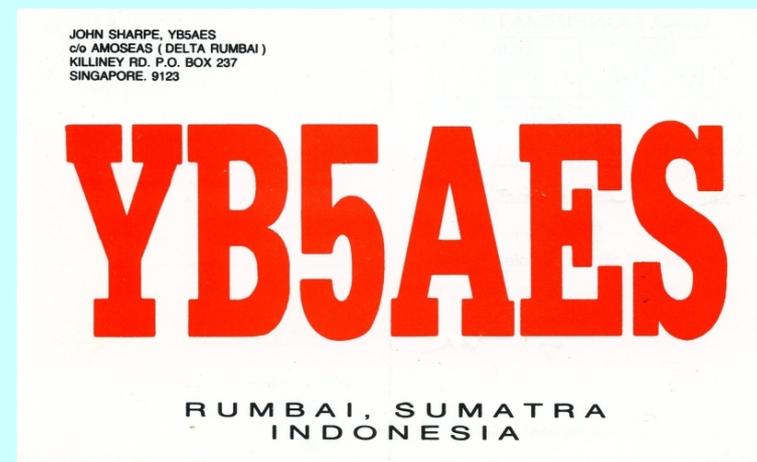




**Java Island**

# PK4 - Sumatra

Sumatra is the most western island of Indonesia. Today, fires from tropical deforestation in Sumatra create smoke and pollution which drift over to nearby Singapore and Malaysia. PK4, the prefix for Sumatra, was deleted in 1963. It now encompasses YB call areas 4, 5, and 6.





**Sumatra is very close to Singapore and West Malaysia**

# PK5 – Netherlands Borneo

The entire island of Borneo except where the northern British colonies existed (VS4, VS5, and ZC5) is still Indonesian. Netherlands Borneo was deleted in 1963 and is now the YB7 call area.



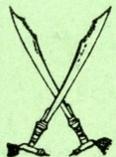
**BORNEO STATION**

4 Oranjeplein INDONESIA Bandjermasin  
 Greetings to radio *W6CUT* Confirming QSO *20/4/49* at 00.15 ST.  
 Ur *14* Mc cw tone Sigs RST *599x* Conditions *normal*

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**PK 5 HL**

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<p>Xmtr. <i>47-065-013</i>          Input <i>150W</i> Mod. -          Antenne <i>multiband</i>  <i>TKB</i> <i>dipole</i>          PSE QSL OB, direct or via          Box 190 Batavia. Mni tnx!          NIVIRA - ARRL - VERON</p>		<p>Rcvr. <i>296A</i>  <i>as soon as I have</i>  <b>Remarks</b> <i>passed PK5AA</i>  <i>and PK5AC, as called</i>  <i>will be handed</i>  <i>over, be sure!</i>          Vy best 73's es dx fm  <b>PK 5 HL</b>  <i>D. G. Veltcamp Helbach.</i></p>
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**OCEANIA**

**INDONESIA**

QTH LOC : OI.49.PX

ITU ZONE 54      CQ ZONE 28

**YC7BS**

TRX : ICOM IC - 720 A

ANT : INV.V DIPOLE 11 mH.  
 YAGI 3 EL. 15 mH  
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Op : **ISMAIL. BS (MAIL)**  
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 Via : Bureau P.O. Box 96 Jakarta 10002

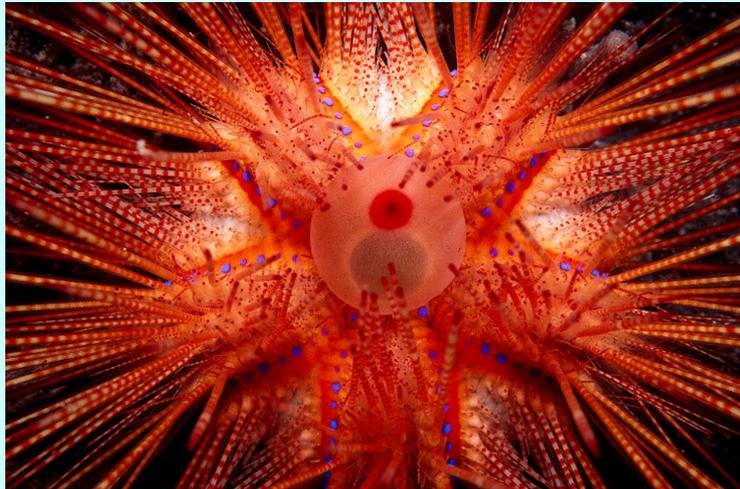
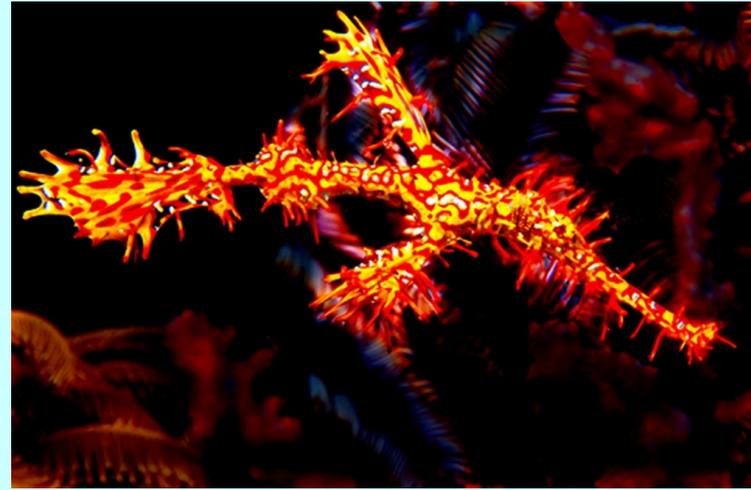




## Celebes and Molucca Islands

In the colonial days Indonesia was referred to as the Dutch East Indies. Indonesia has about 18,000 islands, so it is understandable why it is **IOTA paradise!** Unfortunately, Sulawesi has been heavily deforested like all the major islands in Indonesia. 80% of its forests are gone.

In the mid 1950s I heard and called PK stations on 40 CW when they were on the banned list, but I was never able to get them to answer!



**These are some examples of why Sulawesi and other Indonesian diving is popular. Clockwise, from upper Left: Sea Turtle, Ornate Ghost Pipefish, Goniobranchus Nudibranch, and Sea Urchin bottom.**

Thanks to these friends who are now SK to whom 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):

**W6ITA (W6RR)**

**W6UCX (WK6E)**

**W6CUQ (K6ZO)**

**K6ENX (XU8MI, W6PT)**

How many of the deleted DXCC areas have YOU worked?