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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 26th-January, through Sunday, 2nd-February there were 223 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7O, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FT5Z, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TT, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

\* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3C0 & 3C4, ANNOBON ISLAND AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA (Update). Elmo, EA5BYP, is now active as 3C0BYP from Annobon Island (AF-039) until March 8th. Activity will be on SSB, RTTY and some CW. His pilot station is OD5NJ. There is a possibility of him making a trip to Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea, to be active as 3C4BYP, after his operation on Annobon. QSL via his home callsign (see QRZ.com).

3V, TUNISIA. SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY), will be active as 3V8BB from the "Institute Superieur de L'Animation Pour la Jeunesse et la Culture" in Tunis, during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 8-9th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry. QSL via LoTW or to LX1NO. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at: <http://www.kf5eyy.info>

5H, TANZANIA. Maurizio, IK2GZU, will once again return to the "Mission Ilembula" to do some work at the new hospital and orphanage between March 14th and April 11th. He plans to be active during his spare time as 5H3MB on the HF bands. Maurizio will use his FT-100 and the mission's TS-850 into a tri-band 3 element beam (20/15/10m) fixed on Europe and a

vertical or dipole for the other bands. QSL via IK2GZU, direct or by the Bureau. Also, QSL via LoTW (after his return home) and eQSL. For more details, updates and an online log, visit his Web pages at:

<http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/Tanzania%202011.htm>

<http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/qsI%20request.htm>

60M NEWS (Cuban hams allowed on 60m band). Effective January 22nd, 2014, the Cuban Regulatory Agency allows all Cuban hams to operate on the 60m band between 5418-5430 kHz, a 12 kHz continuous segment. They are allowing CW, SSB and the digital modes limited to PSK31/PSK63. Transmitting power is limited based on the class of license: 10W limit for Novices and 50W for others. The law makes an emphasis on emergency communications: when Cuba declares an emergency situation, all the traffic on the 60m band must cease and only emergency nets are allowed; in this situation 100W maximum power is allowed to any station on the net to maintain reliable links for emergency. Remember that Cuba is on the path of most of the Hurricanes in the Caribbean. This band is a secondary use for hams, as in most countries where it's approved. To read more from Pavel, CO7WT, see the following: [http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2014/january/cuban\\_hams\\_can\\_use\\_60m\\_band.htm#.UuqsZrWYaCg](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2014/january/cuban_hams_can_use_60m_band.htm#.UuqsZrWYaCg)

6Y, JAMAICA. Yuri, VE3DZ, is once again active as 6Y2T from Jamaica (NA-097) Between February 11-18th. Activity will include the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Operations outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands and using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via VE3DZ.

7Q, MALAWI (Update). Kenneth, LA7GIA, will be active as 7Q7GIA from Lilongwe between May 31st and June 8th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. Antennas will be a vertical and wire antennas. QSL via his home callsign.

9J, ZAMBIA. Members of the Italian DXpedition Team are planning to be active as 9J2T. Seems that Silvano, I2YSB, is heading up the effort. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

A3, TONGA. Chris, GM3WOJ/ZL1CT (GM2V, ZK2V, VK9CZ), announced that he will be on a DXpedition to Tonga using the callsign A35V between April 4-18th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB, with some RTTY. QSL via N3AL. More details and a new website are to follow soon.

C2, NAURU (Postponed). Operators Guenter/DL2AWG, Hans/DL6JGN and San/K5YY who were expected to be active from Nauru between April 3-16th, have postponed their operation until possibly 2015. Guenter states, "We can not go to Nauru because we have not get any accommodation on the island." Instead, Guenter/DL2AWG and Hans/DL6JGN will go to KH8 (see KH8 below).

C6, BAHAMAS. George, KQ8Z/GM0IIO, will once again be active as C6AZZ from Grand Bahama Island (NA-080, WLOTA 0527, WW Loc. FL06UO) between February 11th and March 4th. This time it will be for the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entries. He states that he will be on as many bands as possible outside of the contests. If it's like last time, activity will focus on 6 meters (CW, SSB, FM) if there are any band openings, otherwise on 80-10 meters, mainly CW with some SSB using his Icom 756 Pro3. George will use a 80m OCFD antenna at 40 feet. The 20m antenna will be a full sized 20m delta loop right on the beach vertically polarized with the apex at 40 feet. QSL via KQ8Z.

CN2, MOROCCO. A Russian team is expected to be active again as CN2AA during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Multi-Single entry.

Operators mentioned are Yuri/RL3FT, Sergei/RU3RQ, Andrey/RV1AW and Sergey/RX3APM. QSL via UA2FM and LoTW. Sergey will be active outside of the contest (before) as CN2PM. QSL via UA2FM.

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

7Z1ES □ Saudi Arabia  
CY0P □ Sable Island; 2013 Operation  
T6ZG - Afghanistan; Current Operation

If you had these rejected in a recent application send a note to <bmoore@arrl.org> to be placed on the list for an update to your account.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Juan, EA8RM (ex-EA8CAC), will be active as EA8RM during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS. Jaime, WP3A, will be active as EF8U from the Las Palmas Contest station on Gran Canaria Island (AF-004) during the CQWW WPX SSB (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power/Assisted entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to EA8URE. Outside of the contest, between March 26th and April 6th, Jaime will be active as EA8/WP3A. Listen for QSL instructions.

EA9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Jorge, EA9LZ, will be active from Ceuta during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 8-9th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via LoTW or via EA5KB.

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON. Al, W6HGF, will once again be active as FP/W6HGF from Miquelon Island (NA-032, DIFO FP-002, WLOTA 1417) between February 7-18th, depending on transportation and weather. Activity will be on 160-10 meters but focused on the Digital modes, mostly RTTY, including an entry into the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 8-9th) and ARRL CW Contest (February 15-16th). QSL via LoTW, direct to W6HGF, eQSL or via the ClubLog OQRS. For more details, updates and daily summaries, watch: [http://www.qls.net/w6hgf/FP\\_W6GHF\\_2014.html](http://www.qls.net/w6hgf/FP_W6GHF_2014.html)

FT5Z, AMSTERDAM ISLAND. As this was being typed, the FT5ZM team continues to be active from Amsterdam Island possibly until February 9th. They landed on the island on January 24th, and were expected to have 18 days to set up, conduct the DXpedition, and tear down for departure which means they would leave on February 10th. Activity has been on all bands, 160-10 meters. Operations during last week were mainly CW and SSB, but on Sunday, the FT5ZM Web site reported: "Earlier today, Ralph, K0IR, started RTTY activities. This was not a pirate. The team will continue with this mode until the end of operations." The FT5ZM log is now available on ClubLog at: <http://www.clublog.org/charts/?c=FT5ZM>

The breakdown as of as 1359z, February 1st, 69804/QSOs and 19512/Unique (Modes - 42152/CW, 27651/SSB and 1/RTTY). By Continent: 686/AF, 10/AN, 16590/AS, 33244/EU, 16969/NA, 1361/OC and 944/SA.

QSL via N2OO. The FT5ZM QSL processing order is as follows:

a.OQRS DIRECT (via ClubLog)      c.OQRS bureau (via ClubLog)  
b.DIRECT MAIL                      d.Regular incoming BUREAU

For more details, see their Web page at: <http://www.amsterdamdx.org>

Also, watch their media links at:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FT5ZM>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/FT5ZM>

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Operators Edwin/HI3K, Tino/HI3CC, Ezequiel/HI3EPR Alfredo/HI8CR and Elio/HI8EFS will be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as HI3K (March 1-2nd) as a Multi-Single entry from Lomas del Toro in Santiago (Lomadeltoro Contest Team's HI3CCP station):

<http://www.lomadeltoro.com>

QSL via KB2MS. See QRZ.com for details.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-032. (Update/Reminder) By the time you read this, a group of an Italian operators should be active as 5I0DX from an Italian village at the Kiwengwa Beach Resort on Zanzibar Island (WWF 5HFF-003) until February 13th. The European DXpedition Zanzibar 2014 Team wants to thank the sponsors, individual contributors, clubs and associations. Special thanks to the Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA), the Tanzania Amateur Radio Club (TARC) and their secretary Hidan, 5H3HO, for the collaboration and help. Activity will be on all HF bands 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands, using CW, SSB, PSK (31/63/125) and RTTY. Also, look for special SSB and Digital activity using the callsigns during this operation: 5I0AM (op. IS0AGY), 5I0WL (op. I8LWL) and 5H3AN (ops IK7JWX and IV3FSG). Current operators mentioned are Fred/IK7JWX, Leo/I8LWL, Ampelio/IS0AGY, Stenfans/IK6JRI, Elvira/IV3FSG (YL), Lana/IZ6JOD (YL), Simon/IZ7ATN and Fulvio/HB9DHG (CW op). Look for 5I0DX to participate in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (February 8-9th). It was announced earlier that this DXpedition will also be a humanitarian operation with donations of medicines to the "Italy Day Hospital". Italy QSL Manager is via IK7JWX. World QSL Manager is via IS0AGY, direct (3 USD or 3 IRCs) or by the Bureau. All logs will be uploaded to LoTW and NetLog. They are looking for sponsors for donations to Radio Club of Dar Es Salaam and Italy Day Hospital of Zanzibar (See QRZ.com for details.). Currently, updates are available on QRZ.com <<http://www.qrz.com/db/5i0dx>>. Also, check-out the following FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/256737857822173/permalink/256740014488624>

AS-080. Members of the Korea Contest Club (KCC) will be active as D70LW from Anmyon Island during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 8-9th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via DS4NYE. Operators mentioned are Han/DS2GOO, YeonSun/DS4DBF, SeungMin/DS4NYE, Kim/HL1OYF and Rocky/HL1VAU.

AS-134. Operators Zhang/BA3AX and Lu/BD3AEO will be active as BA3AX/3 and BD3AEO/3 from Yuetuo Island between March 21-24th. Planned activity will be on 20/17/15 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via BA3AX, by the Bureau, direct or LoTW. QSL information can be found on QRZ.com.

EU-051. Members of the Calabria DX Team will be active as IE9Y from Ustica Island between October 2-5th. Operators and other details will be forthcoming. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, direct to IK8YFU or the OQRS.

EU-094. Operators Francis/ON8AZ, Geert/ON7USB, Pat/ON7PQ, Luc/ON7KZ and Tim/ON5HC will be active as TM4U from Île Saint Nicolas, Glenan Islands, between May 25-30th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via ON8AZ. For more details and updates, visit: <http://www.eu094.be>

OC-076. Operators Joppy/YB8XM (Team Leader), Marthin/YB8VM, Danny/YC8VDT, Richard/YD8VSR, Agustinus/YD8VRA, Richard/YD8VRS, Francis/YC8VFB and Andy/YC0MVP are planning to be active from Sula Islands, North Maluku Province, Indonesia, as homecall/p (except YC0MVP, homecall/8). Specific days have not yet been announced. Looks like activity will be on 80-10 meters with three stations. Modes were not mentioned. All QSL cards will be handled by QSL Manager YB8XM. QSL direct with SAE + 2 IRCs (No Green Stamps and No via Bureau). PayPal

available (see Web page). For more details and updates, see:  
<http://oc076.blogspot.co.uk>

OC-173/

OC-228. Craig, VK5CE, is planning to be active from Bathurst Island (OC-173) and Granite Island (OC-228) as VK5CE/8 later in the year. His activity will be mainly focused on Bathurst because it is the rarest and has not been activated since 1999. He plans to be there 4 days between August 26-29th. Activity will be on the HF bands, but with a focus on 20m and 15m with 400 watts. Craig adds, "I'll also spend a little time on 12m SSB/digital and 30m digital." He is looking for funds to help off-set the cost. QSL via his home callsign. He does use ClubLog. For more details and updates, visit his Blog page at:  
<http://oc173.blogspot.com.au>

OC-273. (QSL Correction) QSL YB0AI/8 via YB0AI (see QRZ.com), not YB0IA as mentioned last week.

J6, ST. LUCIA. Ernest, J69AZ, reports that he and a group of hams (not named) are planning to be active as portable every weekend. Their group (called the J6Dx Portable Group) is in place to help Hams coming to St. Lucia (for a day cruise, or for a week or more) to meet and greet them, as well as let them use their radios at the beach for the day, or at their hotel until they leave the island. The group is also planning to celebrate St. Lucia's 35th anniversary of independence by activating Rat Island (which is about 1/4 mile from the main land) by using a special callsign (not yet approved, possibly J6SLI35) between February 21-23rd. Operators mentioned are Ernest/J69AZ, Fay/J69EJ, Frans/J69DS and Francis/J66CA. They will be operating QRP for the three days using Buddipole antennas.

The J6Dx Portable Group is now looking for help from their radio friends to raise funds to purchase three solar panels and some band pass filters. John, KD5SRW, has partnered with them and is heading up the project in collecting the funds. The Buddipole Company has also partnered with them this year and donated antennas, tripods and masts. Ernest states that he would like to partner with any group or club anywhere anytime for this project. Their motto is: "Rehab is not a option - RF all the way!"

J8, ST. VINCENT. The "Buddies in the Caribbean" crew will be active as J8/homecall from Bequia (Pronounced Beck-wee) Island (NA-025 - in the Grenadines IOTA Group) between February 10-18th. Operators mentioned are Daniel/WZ1P, Budd/W3FF, Mike/KC4VG, Chris/W6HFP, Bill/W7ZT, Wey/K8EAB, Paul/KB9AVO and Steve/WG0AT. Look for all eight operators to be active on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes, from mountain tops, beaches and the Isis Villa <<http://www.isisbequia.com/gallery.html>>. As always, the team will be using Buddipole antenna and low power. They will have a fixed station at the Villa. QSL via the operator's instructions.

KH2, GUAM. Hisashi, JF2SKV, will once again be active as NH0S/KH2, this time during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via JF2SKV.

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA. Operators Günter/DL2AWG, Hans/DL6JGN and Ron/PA3EWP will be active as KH8/homecall from Ofu Island (OC-077) between April 9-20th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Günter informs OPDX that their rigs are 2x K3 with 600w solid state amps. They plan to have one station on 24 hours and the second on sometimes. The antennas they will be using are monoband GPs (40-10m). QSL via their home callsigns.

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active from here as NP2P during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Single-Op/

All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

P4, ARUBA. Andy, K2LE, will once again be active as P40LE during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry. QSL via K2LE.

PJ2, CURACAO. A group of operators will activate PJ2T, the Caribbean Contesting Consortium's (CCC) Signal Point Station on Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA LH-0942) during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL PJ2T via LoTW or W3HMK. Operators mentioned are John/K6AM, Martin/G4XUM and Geoff/W0CG/PJ2DX. Look for operators to possibly be active before and after the contest using their own PJ2 callsign or PJ2/homecall callsigns. QSL via their home callsigns unless where indicated.

PJ5, SINT EUSTATIUS. Operators Jeff/K5WE and his son Erik/N5WR will be active as PJ5/homecall from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) starting February 5th. Activity should be on all HF bands using mostly CW with some SSB and RTTY, and an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) using the callsign PJ5W. QSL PJ5/N5WR via N5WR. QSL PJ5/K5WE and PJ5W via K5WE. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. ADDED NOTE: Do not forget to read Erik's article in February's QST titled "Father and Son DXpedition to St. Barts" which took place last year June 2013.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN (Possibly FS). Jeff, VA3QSL, will be active as PJ7/homecall from Dutch Sint Maarten (NA-105, WLOTA 0711) between February 9-17th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. There may also be some activity from French St. Martin as FS/homecall. QSL to his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct (2 USDs) or LoTW.

#### PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (February 3-9th)....

Feb/03rd AN    Feb/06th AN    Feb/08th AN  
Feb/04th AN    Feb/07th AN    Feb/09th AN  
Feb/05th AN

#### SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

| NORMALITY                | GEOMAG       | K Values | Alpha   |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|---------|
| AN - Above Normal        | Quiet        | K=0-1    | 0-7     |
| HN - High Normal         | Unsettled    | K=2      | 8-15    |
| LN - Low Normal          | Active       | K=3      | 16-29   |
| BN - Below Normal        | Minor Storm  | K=4      | 30-49   |
| DIS - Disturbed          | Major Storm  | K=5      | 50-99   |
| VRY DIS - Very Disturbed | Severe Storm | K=6-9    | 100-400 |

#### QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (January 26th and February 2nd)

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5P5M via OZ2MLS            HF4HELP via SQ4JEN            OT4A via ON4AEK (L/e)  
8S0DX via SM0DSG (B)        HG5A via HA5KDQ                R2014C via R7AA  
A52JR via PP5VB            HG7T via HA7TM                R2014H via R7AA  
A92AA via IZ8CLM            HG8DX via HA8FT                R2014P via R7AA  
AX3CWB via VK3CWB            HI8/HB9EMR via HB9EMR        R25AFG via UA4AJD  
AX5SFA via VK5SFA            IQ5TT via IZ5DIY                S9TF via IK5CRH  
AX6WX via VK6WX            J79JG via AD8J                 SD2014ECC via SM2UVU  
AX7GN via VK7GN & NA5AR    J79VC via SP7VC                SH2014ECC via SM2GSR  
BW/VK2HSL via VK2HSL (d)    KC4AAA via K1IED (d)            SK7DX via SM7DXQ  
CM2CCA via EA7TV            LV6D via EA5KB                SM0T via SM0DZB  
CO2RVA via EA5GL            LX/ON5SE/P via ON5SE         SN7Q via SP7GIQ  
CS2C via OK1RF             LZ9W via LZ1PM                SN9O via SP9KGC  
CW5O via CX2ABC            OD5ZZ via NI5DX (d)            TM200CF via F4DTC  
DA0CA via DC2YY            OK2D via OK2KJT                TM5OTT via F4SGU  
E51CDW via E51CDW            OK5T via OK1VSL                UE70DV via RZ1AWA

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|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| EA5URO via EA5HOX     | OK6T via OK-Bureau   | VP2ETE via W3HNK  |
| EA8/PA0PMD via PA0PMD | OK7K via OK1BN       | YPOC via YO3CZW   |
| EX9M via EX8O         | OL50OL via OK-Bureau | YR85PE via YR85PE |
| FT5ZM via N2OO        | OM150JM via OM7AX    | ZF2LC via W2SM    |
| FW5JJ via F5RXL       | OM6A via OM3KHE      | ZF2LC via W2SM    |
| HB40VC via HB9DKZ     | OM7M via OM3PA       | ZF2TA via K8AQM   |
| HC1/AL4Q via DJ8QP    | OM9OT via OM3MB      | ZW7REF via PR7ZAJ |

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 1A0KM, 3Z5W, A61ZX, CE4SFG, CN8KD, DF2SD, DJ3IW, DK4LI, DL7LF, DM5TI, EI6HB, F1RHS, FG/F6ITD, G3LDI, G8UBJ, JA7IC, JA8BNP, LA7HJA, LW9ETQ, LX1ER, M0A, M3I, MM0AMW, NL7V, OI3V, ON6AT, PA2WO, PA4JJ, PF7DKW, PJ2T, PJ5/K6NAO, R3PW, RG9A, RX6LG, RZ3ATG, SP9KR, TI2HAS, YL2UI, YU9NU, VA2UP, VE2SG, VE3FMC, VE5MX, VE6SQ, VE9DX, YT9A, YV5AAX, ZS6WB and ZS8C

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3D2GC, 3D2GC/p, C21BN, CT3FM, D44AC, FR/DJ7RJ, H40TA, J88HL, JI3DST/6, K9W, P29FR, S21ZBB, S21ZBC, T33A, VE6ITV, VK5CE/4, VR2XMT, XT26D, XZ1Z, Z68BH, Z81X and ZD7FT

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3V8SS, 5B/RZ3DJ, 5B4AIA, 5C5T, 5D7AT, 5H1Z, 5P4MG, 5R8IC, 5R8PR, 5T0SL, 5Z4/DL7UCX, 6V7S, 6W7SK, 6Y5/DL3JH, 7O6T, 7P8YI, 7Q7DFC, 8Q7AU, 8Q7DV, 8Q7TE, 9H3FW, 9H3TR, 9M0L, 9N7CB, 9Q6AL, 9Y4W, AH0BT, CE0ZY, CN2LO, CN2SS, CT8/DG5GS, CT8/ON7LX, D2EV, D3AA, D64K, DV1UD, E51C, E51TLA, EA6/F9IE, EA8/DJ9ZB, EA8/DL2AXA, EA8/DL7ASL, EA8/ISL, EA8/R2DX/P, EJ8GQB, EX8VM, FK8CE, FM/F5UFX, FM5CD, FO5RH, FY/F5HRY, H40FN, H44G, H44MS, HB0/DJ2IA, HB0/DL2JRM, HB0/IN3HUU, HC2/RC5A, HF550, HK0NA, HU2DX, I0SSW, J25DXA, J28RO, J38FR, J6/DL7AFS, JD1BLY, JD1BMH, JW/OZ1AA, KH0R, OX/OZ1LXJ, OY3AA, OY9R, P4/R5GA, P40R, PJ2/DL8AKI, R1ANB, SV9/DF8DX, SV9/DL2RPS/P, T48RRC, T6TL, TC1BW, TC57A, TF/OZ1CX, TK/F5OZF, TK/F6EXV, TK13RNB, TK5MH, TM3B, TO3X, TX5A, TX7M, UK/UA1ZEY, V21ZG, V26M, V5/DJ4SO, V5/DK1CE, V5/DL5XL, VK9NB, VP2MYL, WH0E, XP1A, XP2I, XV7RRC, YB8Y, YB9/DL5CO, YV8AD, YY8CAM, YY8JJM, Z60WW, ZD8W, ZD9T and ZK3N

S9, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE (Update/Reminder). By the time you read this, operators Giovanni/IK5BCM, Giuseppe/IK5CBE and Giovanni/IK5CRH will be active as S9TF from Principe Island (AF-044) until February 13th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:  
 CW - 3505, 7005, 10103, 14005, 18069, 21005, 24910 and 28005 kHz  
 SSB - 3680, 7140, 14245, 18145, 21305, 24970 and 28505 kHz  
 RTTY - 3593, 7045, 10133, 14093, 18107, 21093, 24923 and 28095 kHz

QSL via IK5CRH. For more detail and updates, visit the S9TF Web page at: <http://gmiross.wix.com/principe-is-2014>

TI8, COSTA RICA. Operators Keith/W4KTR, Eddie/K4UN, Bob/W4BW, Lex/W4XO, Carlos/TI2KAC, Juan Carlos/TI2JCY and Mauricio/TI4ZM will be active as TI8M from Costa de Pajaros, during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via TI2KAC, direct preferred but bureau "OK". See QRZ.com for details. Their operations will be on 160-10 meters during the contest. Look for operations outside of the contest (holiday style).

V3, BELIZE. Todd, KC1SQ, is planning on going "sailboat mobile" out of Placencia, Belize, between March 10-18th. He has obtained the local callsign V31SQ. Operations will be low power (100W) with an Icom IC-7000 w/AH-4 tuner into a simple wire going up the mast of their 42 foot sailboat. Operation will all be SSB, and he will likely concentrate on 40/20/15/10m bands. QSLs to his home callsign.

V6, MICRONESIA (IOTA Op). Yuki, JH1NBN, will be on a business trip and plans to be active from different locations in Micronesia. Look for him to be active from the following between now and February 25th:

Pohnpei Island (OC-010) - Currently active as V6P through February 4th  
Aboard a boat - Active as V63AQ/MM between February 4-7th  
Woleai Atoll (OC-132) - Callsign V6T; between February 7-15th.  
Aboard a boat - Active as V63AQ/MM between February 15-21st.  
Pohnpei Island (OC-010) - Active as V63AQ/MM between February 21-25th.  
QSL via his home callsign. For more info and updates, see:  
<http://www.1nbn.net>

ADDED NOTE: Yuki is planning to go to Nauru in June and will be active as C21BN. He is still working on the arrangements. Stay tuned!

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS (Update/Postponed). Bill, N6MW, who was expected to be active as V73MW from the Long Island Hotel on Majuro Atoll (OC-029), Marshall Islands, between February 4-14th, informs OPDX that his operation is being postponed (dates TBA later) "due to a last minute E-mail notice from another operator who says he is doing a very similar but unannounced DXpedition to V7 (February 1-18th), followed by an unsuccessful negotiation for cooperation".

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Press Release #6) [edited]: "For Immediate Release: Mellish Reef 2014 -- January 26, 2014 -- Mellish Reef DX-pedition is scheduled for March 28, 2014 to April 9, 2014.

Status: We are on schedule and will soon be on autopilot. Team members booked their travel to Mackay, Australia, local contacts in Mackay are established, as well as suppliers to assist with logistics. Generators were ordered and will ship later in February from Sydney, Australia. One of the biggest logistical challenges will be purchasing 1,400 liters of petrol. The skipper of Evohe, Steve Kafka, agreed to handle the sourcing and take delivery of the petrol removing from the team this task.

Antennas from SteppIR, coax / accessories from DX-Engineering and folding hex beams from <foldingantennas.com> will be air shipped to Australia in early February from the USA. Another shipment from Hungary is also scheduled for February, some equipment will be hand carried. Joining the antenna lineup is a 4 Square provided by Norbert DJ7JC.

Update to the QSL Policy: We are happy to announce that any individual donating \$50(USDs) or more to VK9MT will automatically receive their QSL for all QSOs, free of charge. These donors will not need to request QSL cards or take any action to redeem the QSL. Our QSL manager, Tim Beaumont MOURX, will post the cards to all \$50+ donors as soon as the cards are ready, thank you Tim for this wonderful service.

Global Pilot Team: The pilot team will manage all DX community communication between the island team and DXers. Prior to sailing we'll update the web site with process details and e-mail addresses. While on the island we will not be checking personal e-mail accounts. Please direct operational suggestions to the pilot designated for your region.

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Mellish Reef 2014 DX-pedition  
Gene Spinelli, Treasurer  
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USA 80814

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We appreciate the generosity of the foundations, clubs and individuals who have already made a donation or a commitment. At the completion of the DX-pedition a financial summary will be sent to all club / foundation donors.

For additional information please e-mail: [info@vk9mt.com](mailto:info@vk9mt.com)



And, of course, good luck to the FT5ZM team that is now QRV.  
73, Team Mellish 2014"

VU4, ANDAMAN ISLANDS. Krish, W4VKU, will be active as VU4K from Port Blair between March 23-30th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB and RTTY. He will have a 2 element SteppIR + 30/40m, Acom 1000 and may be a Butternut Vertical antenna (equipment in use is subject to change, should there be any change to the location plans). QSL via W4VKU (OQRS will be open in early April 2014). Logs: Realtime logs will be available via ClubLog.

YB0, INDONESIA. Pri, YB0ECT, from Jakarta, will be active during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 8-9th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via W2FB only!

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