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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 1st/May, through Sunday, 8th/May there were 215 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

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

4X68/4Z68, ISRAEL (Special Event). Operators Dov/4Z4DX and Amir/4X6TT will be active as 4Z68DX and 4X68TT, respectively, to celebrate the 68th anniversary of the Independence of Israel. QSL 4Z68DX via eQSL and 4X68TT via eQSL or LoTW.

8P, BARBADOS (Early Announcement). Charles, 8P6ET, will be active as 8P1W during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) and CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via KU9C.

9H, MALTA. Mek, SQ3RX, will be active as 9H3SQ from Marsalforn, Gozo Island (EU-023), between May 13-19th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, possibly 80 meters (depends on the local antenna conditions) using CW and SSB. His equipment is a Kenwood TS480Sat with 100 watts into a Fiberglass 10m pole with Inverted Vee antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

9M0, SPRATLY. Operators James/9V1YC and Chris/ZS6EZ will operate from Layang Layang in the Spratlys between May 8-15th. Activity will be on

80-20 meters using mostly CW, some RTTY and perhaps a little SSB. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS. Direct and Bureau cards will be available. Those requesting direct cards via the OQRS will get early LoTW uploads. The complete logs will be uploaded in early 2017.

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. The "425 DX News" reports that operators Hrane/YT1AD/YT5A and Acim/YT3W will be visiting and active from the city of Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, between May 13-19th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. Callsigns and QSL routes were not provided.

9Q, DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO (DRC). Fernando, EA4BB, is expected to be active again (possibly as 9Q6BB) from in Kinshasa, DRC, for up to 3 years. He is in DRC awaiting confirmation on his callsign. Look for more information to be forthcoming.

D4, CAPE VERDE. Stephan, DL3GCS, is once again active as D44TS from Mosteiros City, Fogo Island (AF-005), until May 10th. Activity is on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

DXCC NEWS. Dave, NN1N, ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager/DXAC Staff Liaison/Field Services and Radiosport, reports that the following have been approved for DXCC credit:

5A1AL Libya; All operations are good

E2, THAILAND. Members of the Thailand DX Association (HSDXA) will be active as E2X during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or E20GMY. Operators mentioned are Phot/E20GMY, Choon/E20HHK, Wat/E20MDN, Pong/E20QVD, Tony/E21IZC, Tana/E27EK, Joe/HS0ZGQ, Paul/HS4DDQ, Wanlop/HS6MYW, Son/HS6NDK, Bunknite/HS6RMY and Anusorn/HS8KVH. Visit the HSDXA FaceBook page or Web page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/hsdxa>

<http://www.qsl.net/hsdxa/index1.htm>

E4, PALESTINE (Reminder). Operators Jan/DL7JAN, Daniel/DL5YWM and Bodo/DF8DX are expected to be active as E44QX from Jericho in the Westbank between May 8-15th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using mainly CW, but with some SSB and RTTY. They will be limited to 100 watts and will use a Spiderbeam (20-10m) and verticals (80-30m) for antennas. QSL via DF8DX, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS (direct/Bureau). Log will be uploaded to LoTW after their DXpedition.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Flavio, IW2NEF, will be active as EA8/IW2NEF from Fuerteventura Island (AF-004) between July 11-25th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via IK2DUW.

FS, ST. MARTIN (Update). John, K9EL, will once again be active as FS/K9EL from Orient Bay, St. Martin (NA-105, DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383, WW Loc. FK88) between June 5-23rd. Activity will be holiday style on 80-6 meters (with an emphasis on 6m when the band is open) using CW, SSB and RTTY. He will be running 500 watts into a 3 element yagi on 6m, dipoles for 10-30m and a vertical for 40-80m. John usually will operate on 60m if there is interest. There will be daily uploads to ClubLog and LoTW. QSL via his home callsign or on ClubLog's OQRS. His operating frequencies (except during contests) will be announced in real time via Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/FSK9EL> Requests for schedules can be sent via his QRZ.com E-mail address or his Twitter account @FSK9EL. John will also monitor the ON4KST 50MHz Region 2 chat room to watch for 6 meter openings and plans to be active in the ARRL VHF contest.

HAMVENTION NEWS.....

** Excerpts from the ARRL Web page <http://www.arrl.org/news/view/arrl-expo-at-dayton-hamvention-to-incorporate-international-interests> under "ARRL EXPO at Dayton Hamvention to Incorporate International Interests":

"Visitors also may have cards checked to qualify for various JARL awards,

and, once you've completed an application <http://www.arrl.org/jarl-award-forms>,

JARL representatives can issue some popular JARL awards (AJD, WAJA, ADXA)

http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-2_Awards/Aw_waja.htm on the spot. JARL also will be accepting applications for the IARU Region 3 Operating Award <https://www.nzart.org.nz/assets/awards/iaru-region-iii-log.pdf>,

which will be sent to applicants after Hamvention. The New Zealand Association of Transmitters administers this award."

"ARRL staff and DXCC volunteer card checkers will offer DXCC card checking and award application processing. Use the Online DXCC tool and save money on your application! Bring a printout of your application, card list, and cards – in the order entered into the Online DXCC."

"ARRL members also may drop off QSL cards to be sent through the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau. You must be an ARRL member to take advantage of this service. Cards should be sorted by DXCC entity and be destined to countries that host a QSL bureau."

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Members of the La Loma Del Toro Contest Club will be active as HI3TT during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. Operators mentioned are Jamie/WP3A, Lor/HI3Y, Tino/HI3CC, Felipe/NP4Z and Franky/HI3TT. QSL via LoTW.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-066. Members of the Vladivostok Contest Club Team will be active as UI0L from Reyneke Island, Asiatic Russia, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via RW0MM.

EU-008. Operators Gordon/GM7WCO, Bill/GM3ZRT, John/GM0DJG, Jason/GM7VSB and Barry/GM3YEH will be active as GM0ADX/P from Isle of Mull, Scotland, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Multi-Single/Island/Low-Power entry. QSL via GM0ADX.

EU-030. Operators Dirk/DL7DSW, Engelbert/DK2YA, Dietmar/DK5OPA and Juergen/DO7LJ will be active as OZ0BO from Bornholm Island between May 8-13th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB, PSK63 and RTTY. QSL via DL7DSW, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <https://www.oz0bo.eu>

EU-065. The F6KOP team are now active as TM77C from Ile Molene until May 14th. Activity will be on 160-2 meters. QSL via F5MFV, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's QQRS. Look for more details and update at: <http://www.molene2016.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/TM77C>

EU-123. A joint operation with the members of the Sheffield & District Wireless Society, Sheffield HF DX Group, Workshop Amateur Radio Society and the 93 Contest Group will be active as GM5TO from Isle of Arran, on the Seal Shore campsite, Kildonan (WW. Loc.

IO75KK) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st). Outside the contest they will be active as GM2AS (Sheffield DX Group) between July 28th-August 1st. QSL via G3PHO for both callsigns. NO EQSL, NO LOTW and NO CLUBLOG. Operators mentioned are Peter/G3PHO, David/G8EQD, YL Krystyna/2E0KSH, Steve/G0EAK, YL Sue/M6XAK, David/M5DWI and John/G4LKD.

EU-148. Gil, F4FET, will be active as F4FET/P from Fort Brescou Island (WLH LH-0500, ARLS FRA-015, DIFM ME-001) between June 3-5th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters SSB only. He will use a FT-857 into a ground-plane and vertical dipoles. QSL via his home callsign. For update, watch: <https://www.facebook.com/f4fet>

NA-126. Operators Fred/VE1FA, YL Helen/VA1YL, Alphonse/VO1NO, Wayne/VE1BAB, Lowell/VY2OX, Rich/VA1CHP and Michel/VE2MM will be active as VC1A from Bon Portage (Outer) Island, NS Province South Group, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a DXpedition entry. QSL via VA1YL.

OC-214. Andy, VK5MAV, will be active as VK5MAV/6 from Lacepede Island sometime during September. At the moment, Andy's plans are to stay there for 3 nights, may be 4 - depends on weather conditions, boat/tides and financial achievements/donations. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters using an IC-7200 into a Spiderbeam multi-band dipole and a homemade vertical for 40 meters. QSL via VK5MAV, direct or by the Bureau. Watch QRZ.com for updates as well as for a mode survey (CW/SSB).

J7, DOMINICA. Howard, WB4WXE, will once again be active as J79XE from Salisbury, Dominica (NA-101), between June 22nd and July 11th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters with a focus on 6 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

KH2, GUAM. Operators Yoshiyuki/JF1TEU (AB2ST/KH2), Toshio (KG6WTW/KH2), Toshimitsu (KB3LTB/KH2) and Yukiko/7K4TKB (AG6SL/KH2) will be active from Guam Island (OC-026) between May 26-30th. Activity will mainly be on 40/20/15 meters using SSB. QSL all callsigns via JF1TEU or LoTW.

MJ, JERSEY. Kazunori, M0CFW/JK3GAD, will be active as MJ5Z during the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or via M0CFW. Look for activity before and after the contest using the callsign MJ0CFW. QSL also "ok" via OQRS.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (May 9-15th)....

May/09th HN	May/12th AN	May/14th HN
May/10th LN	May/13th HN	May/15th AN
May/11th LN		

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

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <http://www.bandconditions.com>:

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPP, QRPe and CW/SSB for

Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
<http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (May 8th) <www.qslinfo.eu>

5P5CW via DL5SE PA65HSC via DL3LUM RP71TG via UA9APA
D44TS via DL3GCS PI35ETL via PA1CPA RP71TR via RX7M
DP65HSC via DL1VDL R16USA via RQ7L RP71V via UA0LBF
EG1MAR via EA1UVR R1945HS via RW6HS (d) RP71VL via RM6J
EM71V via UR2VA RP71AO via RZ5D RP71W via RN3OG
EV71K via EW8BQ RP71BL via UA3YY RP71WA via RV3YR
EW/R2DX via R2DX RP71DG via UA0LHS RT73SH via RL5G (d)
GX8HRC/A via G3SVK RP71GE via RC3G SK7K via SK7OA
IG9/LZ2SX via LZ2SX (L) RP71IZ via R4W T88RF via JJ2RCJ (d)
II1AD via IQ1AO RP71KF via RW4NW TM5FI via F5XX
II3TF via IV3IUM RP71MB via UA4S UN/RC1M/M via RV1CC
J43TR via SV3DCX RP71ML via RQ7L UP71G via UN0GL
JW9VKA via LA9VKA RP71ML via RQ7L V55DX via DO4DXA
LZ1867SEI via LZ1KCP RP71MV via RW3XZ W5/DJ8QP via DJ8QP
MM1LOL via M1REK RP71O via R2EA XV9NPS via JA2NPS (B)
OO2O via ON4LDI RP71OM via RC7LI ZA/IW2JOP via IW2HAJ
PA54ES via PA0ONH (B) RP71SD via RW0LD ZA/OK4MM via OK4MM
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

TI0DX QSL ROUTES. Akihito, JR0AMD, reports that he has become the QSL Manager for TI0DX (TI DX CLUB) for JA stations ONLY. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS, DIRECT (SASE or SAE + 2 USDs), or JARL BUREAU. Please note that the QSL route for Non-JA stations is Arnoldo, TI2SW. JR0AMD doesn't QSL for non-JA stations.

YJ8R QSL ROUTE. Fred, NZ4DX, reports that he is now the QSL Manager for Rod, YJ8RN.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: A45XR, A91HI, CE2MVF, DU1/YL3JM (OC-126), E41WT, JH2MYN, RK7ORK, T88RF, UD4F, VK3WE and YV4KW/1 (SA-089)

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3C7A, 5J0P, 5V7TH, 9M0O, C35US, D67GIA, EW8DX, JT1CO, JT5DX, JV5A, TI5/JT1CO, VK9CK, VP8SGI, VP8STI, YB4IR/7 and YC8ROP

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: T30YP, YB1LZ, YB42SEA, YE0M, YE30P and YE90PK

T8, PALAU. Operators Kenji/JH1BGH and Jiro/7K1HLJ will once again be active as T88WI and T88WH, respectively, from VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) between May 17-22nd. Specific bands and modes were not provided. QSL T88WI via JH1BGH and T88WH via 7K1HLJ.

TN, CONGO (REPUBLIC OF) [Update]. Operators Philippe/F5MVB and Joel/F5AOW will be active as TN2MP and TN2BJ, respectively, from Brazzaville between May 15-23rd. Activity will be on 20-10 meters, possibly 40/30m (if there is enough space), and using CW and SSB. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau. Log will be uploaded to ClubLog after their

return home in France.

V4, ST. KITTS. John, W5JON/V47JA, informs OPDX that he will once again be active as V47JA from his vacation home in Calypso Bay, St. Kitts (NA-104, WW Loc. FK87SG), located 200 feet from the Caribbean Sea, between June 14th and July 15th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (incl. 60m) using SSB. He will also be active during the IARU HF World Championship Contest (July 9-10th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Equipment is a Kenwood TS-590S and Elecraft KPA500 Amplifier. Antennas include: a 80-10m Multi-band Dipole, and metal roof mounted S9, 18' and 31' Verticals and 3 element Yagi for 6m. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Operators Dave/VP8CLE and Carol/VP8DKW will be activating some of the islands in the Falklands for 3 weeks sometime in January/February 2017. Dave states:

- * Accommodation booked and confirmed.
- * 1 week at The Rookery, Saunders Island, West Falkland - Hoping to go portable, maybe even mobile, for SOTA/GFF activity.
- * 1 week at Bleaker Island - No SOTA on this Island - Awaiting confirmation of any GFF number(s).
- * 1 week in Stanley - Hoping to be mobile and or portable to activate SOTA, GFF and Cape Pembroke LH on East Falkland.
- * Equipment: Kenwood TS480S AT - Fishing pole vertical - 80 to 10 mtrs.
- * I would take more equipment but the cost of excess baggage is quite expensive.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS. Randy, WW6RG, is expected once again to be active as VQ9RA from Diego Garcia [BIOT] (AF-006) later this month (May 25-30th). Activity will be QRP, sporadic and when time permits on 20/17/15 meters using SSB. He provided OPDX with the following schedule:

May 25th -- 1200-1630z May 30th -- 1500-1730z
May 26th -- 0400-0900z

He uses a Yaesu FT-817nd (w/5w) with a EARCHI 35' end fed wire antenna and a small ALEX-LOOP Magnetic loop. QSL via his home callsign.

YN3, NICARAGUA. Ilias, TG9IIN/K4TI, will be active as YN3/TG9IIN from Leon until the end of July. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes, with a dipole and a 100 watt HF transceiver. QSL via TG9IIN direct only.

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<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

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<http://www.nodxa.org/>
<http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation>

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