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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 4th-December, through Sunday, 11th-December there were 221 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T5, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, VU7, XE, XW, XX9, YA, YB, 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".

3Y0Z BOUVET DXPELITION UPDATE. Bob, K4UEE, sent out the following on December 7th: Press Release #4 -- Bouvet Island DXpedition 2018 --

The Bouvet Island DXpedition Team is happy to report the following:

After extensive examination, we have found a suitable landing zone on Bouvet Island and have identified what appears to be the best operating location in the area. Our proposed site is at 54° 24' 23" South and 30° 24' 39" East at approximately 600 ft. ASL. This is on the Slakhallet Glacier on the northeast quadrant of Bouvet. It is relatively flat with areas of maximum slope not exceeding 8 degrees. This is well below slope levels that are prone to avalanches. We have less information on the presence of crevasses, but do not detect any on the highest resolution images that we have. Of course, an on-site inspection upon our initial helicopter landing will determine our actual operating location.

We have researched and selected our Antarctic shelters. These four shelters will house our stations, our sleeping quarters, and our eating and meeting facility (the MEG tent). These were selected to survive the high winds, precipitation, and temperatures expected on Bouvet. We will heat our operating shelter and the MEG tent. Our sleeping shelters will not be heated for safety reasons.

The ten HF beams that served us so well on Amsterdam Island (FT5ZM) will accompany us to Bouvet. We intend to deploy them on a line along 2400 to 600. This will keep the antennas from beaming into each other when aimed at Europe, Japan, and North America. Our verticals for 160, 80, 60, 40, and 30 meters will be placed to minimize interaction. Images of our antenna plans, shelter layouts, and shelter interiors are on our website.

The Japanese support team has reorganized and will be led by Hiro, JA4DND. Joe, JJ3PRT, will be our new pilot for Japan. JA4BUA, Kuwa, will be in charge of web and IT duties, and JK1KSB, Oku, will do our public relations. In addition, we've added a VK-ZL-Oceania pilot, VK6VZ.

Our on-line store has opened! You can now shop at Café Press for 3Y0Z souvenirs --- mugs, hats, cups, T-shirts, etc. You can purchase fun and usable products and at the same time...

Support the 3Y0Z team. <http://www.cafepress.com/3y0z>

Our Facebook page, 3Y0Z-Bouvet Island DXpedition, now has over 1500 followers. Stop by for photos, articles, updates, and meeting fellow DXers.

Fund-raising is an on-going process for us. This is a demanding and expensive project; possibly the most expensive DXpedition ever. We ask for your financial support. Please click on our "Donate" buttons on our website and help us make this happen.

The Bouvet Island DXpedition-2018 Team wishes you and your families a wonderful Holiday season and a New Year filled with DX!

4S, SRI LANKA (WWFF Op). Members of the Radio Society of Sri Lanka (4S7RS) are now active as 4S7RS from Hiyare Forest Reserve (4SFF-0019), Galle, until December 13th. Activity will be on all HF bands 160-10 meters using on CW, SSB, JT65 and PSK. Operators mentioned are Victor/4S7VK, Wijey/4S7VJ, Ron/4S7RO, Jaliya/4S7JL and possibly others. QSL via 4S7RS direct. For more information, see: <http://www.rssl.lk>

5K0, SAN ANDRES. Operators Will/AA4NC and Ron/AA4VK will be on San Andres between February 14th and March 7th. Callsign are unknown at this point. It should be either 5K0N or 5K0X. They plan to be active on various HF bands and 60 meters. QSL info has not be reported yet. ALSO REMEMBER: Operators Will/AA4NC, Faber/HK6F, Tim/LW9EOC and David/WJ20 have joined forces to be active as 5J0NA from San Andres during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LW9EOC.

5U, NIGER. Operators Alberto/EA1SA, Roberto/EA2RY, Javier/EA5KM, Antoio/EA5RM (Team Leader), Manuel/EA7AJR, Jose/EA7KW, Tony/F8ATS, Bernard/F9IE, Faber/HK6F, Fabrizio/IN3ZNR, Mike/RU1WM and Valery/UT7CR, all members of the Tifariti Gang, will be active as 5U5R from Niamey, Niger, between March 8-21st, 2017. Activity will be on all bands between 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA5RM. An OQRS will be available after the DXpedition.

For more info and updates, watch: <http://www.dxfriends.com/5u5r>

60M NEWS. "The 60 Meter DX" newsletter reports that the Finnish Communication Regulatory Authority (FICORA) made a surprise decision today and allowed all OH-stations - regardless of the class - to use 5 MHz. It's the WRC frequencies 5351.5 - 5366.5 kHz and 15 W EIRP. So you might hear a lot of OH stations on the band today. The decision was retroactive from the morning of Dec 9th ----- However, those club stations as OH2P aka OH2BU, who have a special permit to use eight spot frequencies (5278.6, 5288.6, 5298.6, 5330.6, 5346.6, 5366.6, 5371.6, and 5398.6) are allowed to use them as long as their individual license for that is valid. For some stations the license is valid until the end of 2019. FICORA promised earlier that the permit will be given from 1.1.2017, but did it now...

Reported by Jari, OH2BU

Active already has been OH3NE, OH1LEG, OH5ESU, OH7KM and OH3CT.

8Q & LZ, MALDIVES AND BULGARIA. Neven, LZ1COM, who will soon be active as LZ/8Q7ND from Bulgaria, will also be active as 8Q7ND from the Maldivian Islands between December 29th and January 5th, 2017. Activity will be on various HF bands. Equipment will be ICOM-7100 with 100w. Antenna is not clear yet. QSL via his home callsign.

C50, THE GAMBIA. Vlad, UA4WHX, is now active as C50VB from The Gambia. As always, his length of stay unknown at this time. Activity will be on various HF bands (currently 40/30/20/17m) using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign.

HC, ECUADOR. Emanuele, IK2OHG, is now active as HC2HGT from Guayaquil until January 10th, 2017. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Radio will be an old IC-735 with 100w into a R7 vertical and a 2 element wire antennas. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, by the Bureau or direct via IK2OHG.

IOTA NEWS.....

AN-017. (Update) Francois, F4HLT, is expected to be active as FT3YL from the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island in the Antarctica sometime soon for one year. His license is valid until February 1st, 2018. Activity will be limited to his free time, but he will be on 20/15/10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. Radio will be an Icom IC-706 transceiver with an ACOM 1010 Amp into GPA 30 antenna. QSL via F6KPQ. For more details, see: <https://f4hlt.wordpress.com>

EU-157. Operators Gil/F4FET, Antoine/F5RAB and Alain/F5JTV will be active as TM1CEZ from Cezembre Island (WFF FFF-071, DIFM MA-008) between December 26-28th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will have three stations on the air. QSL via M0OXO.

NA-013. After the great success of their last operation from Sao Tome as S9BT and S9WL, operators Josep/EA3BT and YL Nuria/EA3WL will be active as H74B and H74WL, respectively, from Big Corn Island (Isla del Gran Maíz), Nicaragua, between December 31st and January 7th, 2017. Last operation was in 2003 (more than 13 years ago!!!!). Activity will be on 40-6 meters using mainly SSB, with some CW and RTTY. Equipment will be Icom IC-7300 (supported by HAMBUI) with a Ameritron AL-600 (600w) amp into EAxbeam (20-6m) and wire dipole (40m) (supported by EAxbeam). QSL both callsigns via EA3BT. They will use OQRS (preferred). Logs will be online. See QRZ.com for more details.

NA-221/ Members of the "Radio Club PueblaDx" and the "Radio Club AREPAC"
NA-224. will activate two IOTAs in December 2016 and all 2017, using the callsign XF2L. The XF2 zone is in the Gulf of México. The two IOTAs mentioned are:

NA-221 -- Isla de Lobos

NA-224 -- Enmedio, Sacrificios, Salmedina, Santiaguillo, Topatillo and Verde Islands

Operators mentioned are Paty/XE1SPM, Andres/XE1SGW and Ricardo/XE1SOV (Team Leader). All operations will be on the weekends and holidays. They state that they will have two different QSL cards -- one contact for YLs and other with OMs. QSL via XE1SOV. Transportation to the islands are expensive. They need your support -- contact XE1SOV.

SA-043. Members of the Chilean DXpedition Team will be active as XR7T from Ascension Island [Archipiélago de las GUAITECAS](FE36dc). Likely dates will be in the period of January 10-17th, 2017. The main aim of the DXpedition will be to work the greatest possible number of unique callsigns, thus offering a possibility also to work "Little Pistols and QRP stations". Activity will be on all bands using SSB and the Digital modes. CW is not available on this activation. Operators mentioned are Team Leader Bruno/CE7PGO, Domingo/CE1DY, Mauricio/CE7KF, Marco/CE1TBN and Cesar/CA5GRF. QSL Manager is Julio/CE3OP (direct/Bureau/OQRS). Log will be uploaded to LoTW one year later.

JD1, OGASAWARA. Harry, JG7PSJ, will once again be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima Island (AS-031) between December 23rd and January 1st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the Bureau to JD1BMH or direct to JG7PSJ. Visit his Web page for more details at:

<http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jdlbmh>

Also, on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/jdlbmh>

Hiroyuki, JG7PSJ will be active again from Chichi Jima Island (IOTA AS-031),

Ogasawara Islands (Bonin Islands) 23 December 2016 - 1 January 2017 as JD1BMH.

He will operate on 160 - 10m CW, SSB, RTTY.

QSL via JD1BMH buro or via JG7PSJ direct

OOOPPPSSS!!!! DEPARTMENT. There were two TYPOs in last week's bulletin probably due to a "Senior Moment" and/or "Fingers Hitting The Key". The inform was correct, but headings were wrong. Under "E5, SOUTH COOL ISLANDS", it should have read "E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS". Under "KP4/WP4, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS", it should have read "KP2/WP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS". Maybe it is time to retire????

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN. Ismo, OH2IS, will be active as PJ7/OH2IS from Sint Maarten (NA-005) between February 17-25th, 2017. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using mostly CW, some SSB and possibly RTTY. QSL via LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (December 12-18th).....

Dec/12th AN	Dec/15th AN	Dec/17th AN
Dec/13th AN	Dec/16th AN	Dec/18th AN
Dec/14th 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

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 by Lothar, DL1SBF.. (December 11th) <www.qsinfo.eu>

401YOTA via (O/*) HP3SS via AC2OV PC30EUDXF via PA1AW
7Y9SE via SM4VPZ HR2DMR via KD4POJ PH30EUDXF via PA1AW
A91YOTA via (O/*) J6/K0BBC via K0BBC R17TCNY via RN3RQ
C5YK via ON6EG & (L) J6/KO7M via KO7M (d/e) S01A via EA2JG
DL0POLIO via DJ4MG J6/W6PNG via W6PNG TY2BP via IK2IQD
DL1516BIER via DK2HM OM16YOTA via (O/*) UP25FW via RW6HS (d)
DN5PP via DK2KK ON30EUDXF via ON6CC UP25KZ via RW6HS (d)
EA8/SM7BUA via SM7BUA OP0PPY via ON7LX UP25ZAF via RW6HS (d)
EA8AH via OH1RY OR1Z via ON6IX (d/e) VP5/W5CW via W5CW
EG7PIE via EA7DA OS8D via ON8DN W5/MMOLID via MMOLID (d/L)
HB0/OE9HRV via OE9HRV PA44FF via PH0NO YP700CJ via YO5KIP (d)
 (e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
 (O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (*) No QSL Needed

CORRECTION... QSL TI5/KL9A via W2GR (not AC7DX[SK]).

T42A via RW6HZ. The Havana Contest Group was active again during this past weekend's ARRL 10m Contest (December 10-11th), celebrating their first year in contest with this callsign. Operators mentioned were CO2II(SSB), CO2AME(SSB), CO2JD(SSB,CW), CO2KL(SSB), CM2YV(SSB) and CL2AA(SSB).

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3B9HA, EA3BT, T31T and VU7MS

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5W7X, AD8J/HR9, KD6WW/VY0 (NA-159), KD6WW/VY0 (NA-196), R23RRC (AS-091), R3CA/0 (AS-163), T32FS, UE23RRC (AS-142), V63FA and ZS2I

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3A2MD, 3A2MG, 3A2MW, 3A2NN, 4X4DU, 4Z4DX, 4Z5FI/M, 4Z5NX/M, 4Z5PG, 4Z5TT, 4Z5WC, 4Z70V, 5B4ES, 5B4MF, 8J1ITU, 8N8HQ, 9M2TO, A52AEF, DU7/JH1BXH, P3J, RP70KN, RP70L, RP70LU, RP70KN, RP70NA, RP70MH, RP71NF, XV2CJB and YB0ANN

V3, BELIZE. Operators Robert/K5PI (V31AT), Leigh/WC0T, John/WC0W (V31TP) and Stephen/WW0G & XYL Nancie/NM0C, will compete in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry from Cahal Pech Village in Western Belize. They will use V3T for the contest callsign. QSL via WC0W or LoTW (no ClubLog). Look for operations before and after the contest by the operators. They will focus on CW and on the 30/17/12 meter bands mostly. QSL to their home callsigns or possibly LoTW.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT. Operators Redd/AI2N, Ken/N2ZN and Dave/WJ20 will be active from the Gingerbread House on Montserrat between February 15-22nd, 2017. Callsign(s) were not provided. The trio plan to be in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Multi-Single entry. Hopefully, more details will be forthcoming.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS (60m). Dave, VP5/W5CW, informs W8GEX, "I have been listening and calling most every evening and have not worked many stations on 60 meters. I arrived here at VP5 on Nov 21 and return home to Oklahoma next Tuesday. I will continue to check and call CQ occasionally each night beginning tonight around 0030 UTC each evening

until I take the station down on Monday evening. I will be on 5405 CW and/or 5373 CW."

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS. Steve, WB4GHY, is now active as VQ9SC from Diego Garcia Island (AF-006). His length of stay is unknown at this time. Activity has been on 40/20/15 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

XW, LAOS (Update). Ken, K4ZW, will once again be active as XW4ZW from Vientiane between January 6-16th, 2017. Activity will be on all bands, but with a focus on the lower bands and CW only. QSL via K1SE direct (with SAE/SASE). Log will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog. Ken states, "All Bureau cards received will be answered, but it is time consuming and expensive. Please note that I receive cards from the Bureau on average once or twice per year. It takes up to 1 year to answer the cards. You will need to be patient."

XX9, MACAO (Update). A German team of operators is planning to be active as XX9D between February 13-26th, 2017. Operators mentioned are Werner/DJ9KH, Guenter/DL2AWG, Dietmar/DL2HWA, Bert/DL2RNS, Juergen/DL3HRH, George/DL4SVA, Paul/DL5CW, Wolf/DM2AUJ, Sid/DM2AYO, Rolf/DL7VEE and Bom/XX9LT. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (possibly 160/6m) with an emphasis on CW and RTTY, but with some SSB. They plan to have three stations on the air. QSL via DL4SVA.

YJ, VANUATU. Operators Minekazu/JA2NQG (YJ0WW), Yuji/JH2BNL (YJ0AA) and Shigehiko/JI2UAY (YJ0FM) will be active (w/callsigns requested) from Benjor Resort, Port Vila, on Efate Island (OC-035), between January 20-23rd, 2017. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Minekazu states, "hoping for good conditions on 160". They will have two 500 watt stations and one 200 watt station into an Inverted L, dipoles, CrankIR and HB9CV. QSL LoTW for YJ0AA, and all others via their home callsigns.

YN2, NICARAGUA. Jeff, N1SNB, will once again be active as YN2NB during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) probably from the QTH of Octavio, YN2N. He will enter ARRL DX CW as a Single-Op/All-Bands/possibly High-Power or Low-Power (TBD). QSL via his home callsign.

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