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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 8th/January, through Sunday, 15th/January there were 219 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E3, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, 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".

3Y0/B, BOUVET. Reports of Dom, 3Z9DX, activating Bouvet Island continue to surface, but early this past week it was reported that he returned the donated money to donors via PayPal, saying: "I had to cancel project due missing operators willing to join the trip". Also, Dom posted on eHam.net on January 10th [edited]: "3Y0 project didn't die, and is still valid. I need 3 more people (6 people team) ready and willing to go for up to 7 weeks. Who not ask million questions, who is just ready to go. My project no need helicopter, no need sherpas, no need cook, no need hostess, drink bars and a heater in the toilet. I went to Bouvet in 2001 with no radio and I know what I'm dealing with! My trip budget is 1/10 of 3Y0Z budget and will be split by 6 operators. Trip will be made by Southern Oceans expedition boat.... I'm looking for 3 operators willing to join that trip. We have 2 weeks before boat departs from a the Cape Town." To follow the discussion on eHam.net, go to:

<http://www.eham.net/ehamforum/smf/index.php/topic,112520.15.html>
Another thing to watch is: <http://k38dom0.wixsite.com/rebelDXgroup>

On this Web page, current operators listed (Rebel DX Group) for this operation are Dom/3Z9DX and Les/SP3DOI. It also states, "We are looking for 3 more operators to join the trip for up to 7 weeks", and the callsign

is 3Y0I (not 3Y0G as first announced) will be used. The 3Y0I callsign has been recently added to the QRZ.com database. DX-World reports, "It has been granted to Dom, 3Z9DX, who informs he also has landing permission."

8P, BARBADOS. Charles, 8P6ET, will be active as 8P1W during the following, ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th), ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) and the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via KU9C.

8Q, MALDIVES. Bob, GM4DLG, is now active as 8Q7RB from Maldivian Islands (AS-013). The length of his stay is unknown at this time. Activity so far has been on 40/20 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

9X, RWANDA (Update). Harald, DF2WO, will be active as 9X2AW (not 9XB954 as previously announced in OPDX.1293) from Kigali between February 3rd and March 11th. Activity will be on various HF bands using mainly Digital modes (PSK31, JT65 and RTTY) and CW. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

A3, TONGA. Operators Tack/JE1CKA, YL Miho/JJ2VLY and Yutaka/JQ2GYU will be active as A35W and A35NN from Hiro/A31MM's (JA6WFM) QTH on Tongatapu Island (OC-049) between January 24-31st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, including the CQWW 160m CW Contest (January 27-29th) as a Multi-Op signing A35W. QSL via JJ2VLY, ClubLog or LoTW. Also, check their Twitter and Web page at:

<https://twitter.com/2017A35NN>
<http://jq2gyu.blogspot.jp/2017/01/a35w.html>

AX, AUSTRALIA. Look for Australian stations to use the prefix AX on January 26th, to celebrate Australia's "National Day".

FG/TO3, GUADELOUPE. Operators Gildas/F6HMQ and Michel/F6GWV will once again be active as FG/F6HMQ and FG/F6GWV from Guadeloupe (NA-102) between February 13th and March 13th. Activity will be on various HF bands, and also participate in the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as TO3Z. QSL via F6HMQ.

HD8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. Operators YL Nancy/KG0YL, Ellis/N1MWJ, Jim/WB2REM, Geoffrey/G8OFQ and Mike/VK2BXE will be active as HD8M from Isabela Island (SA-004) between September 14-21st. Activity will be on 160-6 meters on various modes. QSL via WB2REM or ClubLog's OQRS. ADDED NOTE: Geoffrey, G8OFQ, will actually be there between August and October. Look for him to sign HC8/G8OFQ. QSL via LoTW.

IOTA NEWS.....

NA-170. Max, IZ2ZTQ, is now active as HP2/IZ2ZTQ from San Blas Archipelago until the end of February. Activity will be on various HF bands (check IOTA frq). QSL via IZ2LSP, direct, LoTW or eQSL.

OC-166. Adhi, YB3MM, will be active as YB3MM/7 from the following islands within North Borneo Province:
January 25-26th -- Nunukan Island
January 27-29th -- Tarakan Island
Activity will be with low power into a multi-band vertical antenna. If propagation is poor, he will focus on 30/20 meters CW. All dates are tentative and can change according to his transportation.

OC-227. Lyn, VK4EI/VK4SWE, will be active on Sweers Island until January 26th. Look for VK4SWE on SSB and VK4EI on CW. Activity will be mostly on 20 and 15 meters. QSL via NR6M.

OC-237. Adhi, YB3MM, will be active from Nusa Barung Island. More details will be forthcoming.

OC-295. Adhi, YB3MM, will be active as YB3MM/7 from Sebatik Island in the North Borneo Province between January 21-24th. Activity will be with low power into a multi-band vertical antenna. If propagation is poor, he will focus on 30/20 meters CW. The dates are tentative and can change according to his transportation.

SA-200. The following was posted on the CE1/IT9YRE and CE1/I1SNW Pajaros Rocks Web page, January 15th: "For logistical and security reasons to climb on the rock, the February 2017 activity in SA-100 Pajaros islands was again postponed, the news will be published on the web". Their Web page can be view at: <http://www.it9yre.it/ce1>

JT, MONGOLIA. Khos, JT1CD, is now active as JT1CD/3 from Umnudelger Soum Village, 220 km east of Ulaanbaatar, until January 21st. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW.

LU4/Z, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Juan Manuel Pereda, LU4CJM/LU1ZI, is now active as LU4CJM/Z from Gurruchaga Camp (WAP ARG-NEW) which is located at Harmony Cove, Nelson Island. Activity has been on mostly 40 meters CW. He seems to show up starting after 0000z and as late as 0500z (Check the cluster spots). It is not known how long he is going to stay at Gurruchaga, but this is really a rare one to look for! QSL via LU4AA, by the Bureau or direct. Read more about Gurruchaga at the WAP Web site: <http://www.waonline.it/NewsInformation/tabid/225/Default.aspx>

P4, ARUBA. Operators Dan/K1TO, Ron/KK9K, Scott/NE9U and Mike/W9RE will be active as P4/homecall from Aruba between February 9-23rd. The group plans to be active during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as a Mult-2 entry using a special P4 callsign (pending).

PJ2, CURACAO. Anders, SM4KYN, is once again active and has been on the air as PJ2/SM4KYN from the Caribbean Contesting Consortium's (CCC) Signal Point PJ2T contest station on Curacao Island (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) until January 16th. Activity is holiday style on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

PJ2, CURACAO. Joeke, PA0VDV, will once again be active as PJ2/PA0VDV from Curacao (SA-099) sometime between February and March. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW only. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN. Ed, WA1ZAM, will once again be active as PJ7PL from the Royal Palm's between March 18th and April 3rd. Activity will include some operations in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. Outside of the contest, activity will be holiday style on 30-10 meters using SSB and RTTY, possibly CW -- depending on what he brings down. QSL WA1ZAM.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (January 16-22nd).....

Jan/16th AN	Jan/19th LN	Jan/21st LN
Jan/17th LN	Jan/20th HN	Jan/22nd LN
Jan/18th LN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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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.. (January 15th) www.qslinfo.eu

6E0C via XE1EE	HF6ESK via SP6PWW	T88WM via JQ6FQI
6Y4K via VE3NE	OF3P via OH3P	TG9/DJ2EH via DJ2EH
8Q7RB via GM4DLG	OG1X via OH1XX	V51WH via DK2WH
9A/SP5UUD via SP5UUD	OK2RRR via OK2RZ	V63AVO via JA3AVO
CF7DP via VA7DP (L/e)	R1238M via RK3AW	VP5/VE30C via VE30C (d)
EA8/DK1AX via DK1AX	R170VN via RW3VA	VU2RBQ via DJ9RB (B)
EA9/UA4WHX via UA4WHX	SN0GKR via SP3PGR	
H44LG via JE1LGY	SN25BWOSP via SQ40	

(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

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: A41NN, A45XR, A70X (AS-088), CN8KD, OA4TT, OF0TA, PY2UN, SM5IZS, V53DX, ZL7/W1XGI and ZL9A

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5H1WW, 8R1/AG6UT, 9G5AM, C5GCJ, E51Q, E6AC, EI4KF, P43A, S9WL, S9YY, T2J, T31T, TX2AH, VE7ACN/7, VP6AH, VU7MS, XX9TYT, Y43GO and ZD8W

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3B8HB, 3B8/EA5IDQ, 3B9/EA5IDQ, 5C57, 5J0R, 5P6Q, 5Q2T, 5R8IC, 5Z4/EA4ATI, 7S90IARU, 8Q7AF, 8Q7DV, 9H3EE, 9K50KAC, A52CVX, A75GE, AM08TJ, AO150A, BY7/EB5BBM, C31JO, C37NL, CE3/OZ1AA, CM2CCA, CN2JR, CN2RY, CS8/DO4HDK, D44TBO, DU9/ON5SM, E44QX, E51TLA, EA6ALH, EA6EE, EA6ES, EA6LH, EA6SX, EA6VQ, EA6ZS, EA8AJY, EA8AKQ, EA8AR, EA8CSG, EA8DA, EA8KD, EA8MT, EA9BW, EA9PY, ED9K, EF0F, EG90IARU, EH90IARU, EP2L, ES90IARU, FP/F5KAQ, HB0/W1NW, HC2OZT, HK3CW, HK3PLB, HK6KDJ, IS0ANT, J79JS, KP2/AG1LE, LX/ON4WRC, LX/OO9O, LX/PA3ERA, MJ0ASP, MJ/ON6EF, OD5/EA1CYK, OH2YOTA, OH0CO, ON4YOTA, OX3LX, OY3AA, OY9R, OZ2SPACE, PA35UNIFIL, PA44PARA, PC200KMAR, PD538RNI, PJ2/PA3EYC, PY5AP, PY5EG, PY5GA, PY5IP, RP70LL, RP70P, SH6HUL/LH, SJ3SOP, SJ9SSA, T6AG, TF/DL2VFR, TJ3AY, TJ3TS, TK1INT (EU-104), TY1AI, TY1TT, VK4/SM6CUK (OC-171), XP1A, XP1AB, XP2I, YB1AQH, YB1C, YE1C, YN/IK2PFL, ZA/OU2I, ZF2EE, ZL9HR and ZM90DX

S2, BANGLADESH. Yuki, JH1NBN, will once again be active as S21ZBA from Dakha between January 15-19th. He will be there on business. Activity will be during his spare time on various HF bands, but primarily on 80

and 40 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

SOUTH ATLANTIC CRUISE TOUR. Grant, KZ1W, is currently operating as KZ1W/C6A/MM using a K3 and whip on a cruise ship in the South Atlantic that left Falklands Island (VP8) on January 11th. He is heading towards the Antarctic Peninsula. Grant is using that callsign because the "Bahamas is the registry of the ship; the Ocean Diamond". No land operations are planned. Expect to find Grant on 14195 or 14235 and 7140 kHz ±.

T8, PALAU. Ichy, JH7IPR, is once again active as T88UW from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) until January 18th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, but will focus on the lower bands. He plans to return in middle April and concentrate on 6m and the higher bands. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. He will upload his log to LoTW and ClubLog.

T8, PALAU. Noboru, JH1OLB, will be active as T88DT from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) between February 17-21st. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (depending on condition) using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31, SSTV and JT65A. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. No eQSL or LoTW. For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see: <http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014>

T8, PALAU. Ryosei, JH0IXE, will once again be active as T8CW from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) between June 9-18th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65 and PSK31. QSL via JA0FOX by the Bureau, JH0IXE direct, LoTW or eQSL. He now has a Web page at: <http://t8cw.idou.net>

TU, CÔTE D'IVOIRE. Operators Bertrand/DF3FS, Norbert/DJ7JC, Heye/DJ9RR and Emil/DL8JJ will be active as TU5MH from the Ivory Coast or Côte d'Ivoire between January 22nd and February 2nd. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. Bertrand will operate CW and SSB, Norbert, Emil and Heye will operate CW and RTTY. QSL via DJ5BWD, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLogs OQRS. Logs will be uploaded into LoTW soon after DXpedition. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.TU5MH.com>

TU, CÔTE D'IVOIRE. Members of the Radio Club of Provins (F6KOP) is organizing a DXpedition to Ivory Coast to take place in March between 9-19th. The TU callsign is pending. Activity will be on various HF bands and 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. The international team consists of experienced operators. Some of them were part of various important DXpeditions during the past years, like FT5TA, FT5JA, J5C, 3G0ZC, 7P8C and so on. Operators mentioned are Frank/F4AJQ (Team Leader), Patrick/F2DX, Jean-Luc/F1ULQ/(aka AK8DX), Jimmy/F4DLM/(aka AF7JJ), Herman/ON4QX/(aka KM6CCP), John/OE5TGL (aka F5VHQ/EI4VGL/KW4OA), Philippe/F4DSE, Raymond/F5MFV, Kurt/ON8KW, Damien/F4AZF and Frank/F5TVG. The pilot for English speaking people is Col/MM0NDX. QSL via F1ULQ, direct (sorry no IRC), the French REF Bureau (only this one), LoTW, and ClubLog's OQRS. For more information, see their DXpedition Web page at: <https://tu2017dx.wordpress.com>
ADDED NOTE: The team is searching for 2 more CW operators to complete their CW crew. If you are interested or if you know some friends interested, please contact, without any delay: Frank Pouchin/F4AJQ, Team Leader at f4ajq@wanadoo.fr to get the DXpedition conditions.

V3, BELIZE. Paul, VE3AXT, is once again active as V31AX in the northern part of the country, Consejo Shores, Corozal, until March 7th. His rig is an IC-7000 with 100 watts into a G5RV dipole. QSL via M0URX and OQRS. Bureau QSLs are via OQRS ONLY at <http://m0urx.com/oqrs>. Please do not send YOUR QSL card via the Bureau. For more info and pictures, see his V31AX QRZ.com Web page.

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS. Operators Bryan/N8WD and Tom/K4ZGB will be active as V4/N8WD and V4/K4ZGB from (the villa that V47JA calls home) Calypso Bay Resorts between February 14-20th. Bryan states that they will be with the "Buddies in the Caribbean Veterans DXpedition to St. Kitts and Nevis", and will be using a Elecraft KX3 with the Elecraft KXPA 100 amp with various Buddipole antenna setups. QSL via their home callsigns. Bryan will also upload his log to LoTW and EQSL.

V633, MICRONESIA. Operators Kaku/JA6REX and Toshiya/JH6HZH will once again be active as V633KS and V633ZH, respectively, from Chuuk (Truk) Islands (OC-011) between March 19th and April 3rd. Activity will probably be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are:
CW - 1822, 3513, 7013, 10115, 14023, 18079, 21023, 24894 and 28023 kHz
SSB - 3750, 7082, 14200, 18130, 21285, 24950 and 28410 kHz
RTTY - 3525, 7035, 10142, 18099, 21080, 24920 and 28080 kHz
6M - 50105/CW and 50105/SSB

QSL via V633KS via JA6REX, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.
QSL V633ZH via JH6HZH, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: <http://v63.webcrow.jp>

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Operators Dave/G1OCN and Carol/2E1DQZ will once again be active as VP8CLE and VP8DKW, respectively, between January 14th and February 4th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using "keyboard CW", SSB, RTTY and PSK. They plan to spend a week on Saunders Island (operating portable for SOTA VP8/WF-017, Rookery Mt., and other summits, particularly 'The Neck'), then another week on Bleaker Island (VPPF 8107), and then finally from Stanley. QSL only direct to G1OCN. Log will be on ClubLog.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND. Steve, WB4GHY, is currently on Ascension Island on a work detail. Look for him to possibly be active on various days as ZD8SC until January 22nd. Activity will be on 80-10 meters on SSB only using an IC-7000 to a directional antenna. QSL via WB4GHY.

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