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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 12th/November, through Sunday, 19th/November there were 232 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, K, KG4, KH0, 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, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9M, VK9N, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, 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".

3B9, RODRIGUEZ ISLAND (Update). Olof, G0CKV, will once again be active as 3B9HA from Rodriguez Island (AF-017) between local sunset Wednesday, November 22nd, through local sunrise Monday, December 11th, if all goes according to plan. Activity will be holiday style focusing on the low bands and CW. Olof informed OPDX he "might also try FT8". He also plans to be in this weekend's CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. He also states, "No internet in shack, but should be able to upload log daily to LOTW and ClubLog." QSL via M0OXO or LoTW.

3C1, EQUATORIAL GUINEA (Update). Operators Yuris/YL2GM and Kaspars/YL3AIW have successfully returned home last night (per November 15th update). The last part of 3C1L log was uploaded from Madrid airport. ClubLog.org shows as of 0501z, November 12th, the 3C1L team made 43612 QSOs with 14811 unique callsigns (33762/CW, 2073/RTTY and 7777/SSB). Breakdown is: 301/AF, 4972/AS, 27221/EU, 9997/NA, 96/OC and 1025/SA. QSL via YL2GN direct or ClubLog's OQRS (direct or Bureau). Look for the logs to be uploaded to LoTW six months after their operations. For more details/updates, see: http://www.lral.lv/3c01_3c11

3W, VIETNAM. Tom, KC0W, was active as 3W9CW from Con Son Island (AS-130) on November 15th, but has seemed to have disappeared with no QSNs reported after 2230z. He was expected to be active until November 28-30th. ClubLog shows he made 69 QSOs. QSL via KC0W direct. No LoTW - No Bureau. His next stop is supposed to be Brunei (V85/KC0W). No other details are avail-

able. LAST MINUTE UPDATE on November 19th: Tom reports, "Technical reasons made me go QRT after less than 100 QSOs." He is now active as XU7XXX from Cambodia (see XU below).

4S, SRI LANKA. Takayuki, JI1SHQ, has reportedly moved to Sri Lanka (AS-003) at the end of June, and will be active as 4S7TNG for the next several years. He is preparing his antenna and will soon be able to be on the air. Activity will be mainly on 30 and 20 meters using mainly CW. His station is an Icom IC-706MK2G transceiver (50w) into a V type Dipole, using two mobile whips; its height is approx. 60m. QSL via JI1SHQ by the Bureau.

4U1, AUSTRIA. Operators Oleg/HB9RB and Sparky/OE1ZZZ/RW3AH will be active as 4U1A from the International Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (ARCDXC) station during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via UA3DX. This station counts as the VIC (Vienna International Centre) multiplier.

5T, MAURITANIA (Also IOTA Op). Operators Obaid/A61M (5T1R) and Fawaz/A92AA (5T1A) will be active from the capital city Nouakchott between November 20th and December 20th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL both callsigns via A92AA. The duo will be joined by Ahmad/9K2AI (5T2AI), who is there for the next two years, for an IOTA activation to Tidra Island (AF-050) as 5T5TI between December 1-7th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes (FT8 was mentioned). QSL via NI5DX, LoTW or ClubLog. For more details and updates, see: <http://5t5ti.blogspot.com>

5V, TOGO. John, N9MDH, will be active as 5V1JE from Lomé until end of May 2018, more or less. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (he likes the 30m band) using SSB and the Digital modes. He will use an Icom IC-7300 transceiver into a Gap Titan antenna. QSL via eQSL or LoTW.

5X, UGANDA. Andy, DL3YM, will once again be active as 5X8B from Uganda. His length of stay is not known. He plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-27th) possibly as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW (preferred). He does send all QSLs automatically via the Bureau.

5X, UGANDA (Reminder). Nick, G3RWF, will once again be active as 5X1NH from Fort Portal between November 20-30th. He should be on 80-10 meters, possibly 160m, and he prefers to operate CW, but he will also be on the Digital modes with some SSB. He plans to be in CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20 or 15m) entry. Nick uses a K3 with a variety of antennas - (always) an inverted "V" dipole with links for all bands, (sometimes) a single band 2 element Moxon beam and an all band Hexbeam. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau (may take a while), ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

9G, GHANA (Reminder). A group of Slovenian operators will be active as 9G5W from Kokrobite between November 20-29th. Operators mentioned are Peter/S54W, Drago/S59A, Renato/S57UN, Borut/S57GM, Uros/S57SU, Rado/S59ZZ and Alex/OZ7AM. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th). Their equipment contains 2x TS-480SAT and 2x TS480-HX with various verticals for 160/80/40/30m, Delta-Loops for 17/12m and SpiderBeams for 20-10m. QSL via S59ZZ or ClubLog's OQRS. Log will be uploaded to LoTW 6 months later. For more details and updates, see: <https://www.ghana.si>

9U, BURUNDI (Update). Members of the Mediterraneo DX Club are now QRT as 9U4M. ClubLog.org shows as of 2135z, November 16th, the 9U4M team made 54980 QSOs with 17578 unique callsigns (26379/CW, 19761/SSB, 7617/RTTY and 1223/FT8). Breakdown is: 748/AF, 5144/AS, 37806/EU, 9575/NA, 349/OC and 1358/SA. QSL via IK2VUC, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.mdxc.org/9u4m>

A3, TONGA. Hiro, JA6WFM, will be active as A31MM from Nuku'alofa (the capital city of Tonga), on Tongatapu Island (OC-049), during the CQWW

DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry. He states that this will be his last contest from Tonga for him. QSL via EA4GL or LoTW.

C8, MOZAMBIQUE (Update). Members of the Lion DX Team (OT8T) will be active as C8T from Mozambique between May 2-15th, 2018. Operators mentioned are Kurt/ON8KW (Team Leader), Roger/ON7TQ (Co-Leader), Bruno/CS7ABG (Co-Leader), Paulo/CU2CO, Emil/DL8JJ, Ron/ON1DX, Philippe/ON4ACP, Marc/ON4AMX, Erik/ON4CCV, Olivier/ON4EI, Hermann/ON4QX, Ivo/ON5CD, Cis/ON6LY and Franky/ON7RU. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, and possibly other Digital modes (PSK, FT8). They have permission to do 60m and will also do 2m-EME. The setup will consist of 4 stations on the air for 24 hours and a fifth station for 2m EME + 60m and extra digimodes on all bands. QSL Manager has not been named, but it looks like they will be using ClubLog. Look for more details to be forthcoming. Visit their Web page at: <https://mozambique2018.wordpress.com>

CT9, MADEIRA ISLAND. Operators Serge/R7KW and Oleg/YL3JM will once again be active as CT9/R7KW and CT9/YL3JM from Madeira Island (AF-014) between November 21-26th. Activity will be on various HF bands and participation in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry signing as CT9/R7KW. QSL via K2PF or ClubLog's OQRS (preferable).

FG, GUADELOUPE. Oliver, F6ARC, is once again active as FG/F6ARC from Guadeloupe (NA-102) until November 29th. Activity will be holiday style with a focus on the 30/17/12m bands and the lower bands using 100 watts CW only. Look for him to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry. QSL via FE11DX, by the Bureau, direct, eQSL and LoTW.

GREEN PARTY AND WWFF ACTIVITIES.....

- VKFF-1992 -- By VK2NP; between November 21-22nd; Robertson Nature Reserve; 7150 kHz SSB; Access Unknown - Will try to spot
- VKFF-1906 -- By VK2NP; November 22nd; between 0300-0700z; Cecil Hoskins Nature Reserve; 7150 kHz SSB; Will Spot if able
- VKFF-1904 -- By VK2JNG/P; November 22nd; between 0300-0700z; Captains Creek Nature Reserve; 7160 kHz SSB; Around 2:30pm if he can get in. First Activation!
- JAFF-0011 -- By JA7GAX/6; between November 22-28th; Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park; Also IOTA AS-024 (see IOTAs below) for more details, Kuro Island
- VKFF-1944 -- By VK2NP; between November 22-23rd; Joadja Nature Reserve; 7144 kHz SSB; Access Unknown - Weather Permitting
- VKFF-1944 -- By VK2NP; between November 23-24th; Joadja Nature Reserve; 7144 kHz SSB; Had to Cancel - May be a later date
- VKFF-1597 -- By VK4HNS; November 24th; between 0300-0700z; Morgan Park Conservation Park; 7165 kHz SSB; also 20m
- VKFF-0471 -- By VK4HNS; November 24-25th; Sundown National Park; 7165 kHz SSB; also 20m; Shire SD4 VKFF activation weekend
- VKFF-2155 -- By VK3BYD/P; November 24-25th; Mount Piper Nature Conservation Reserve; 7032 kHz CW early notice; also SOTA; VKFF weekend
- VKFF-XXXX -- By VK3BYD/P; November 24-25th; the WWFF status needs to be verify with the activator; 7032 kHz CW early notice; also SOTA
- VKFF Activation Weekend -- November 25-26th
- VKFF-0624 -- By VK3XV; November 25th; between 0300-0700z; Heathcote-Graytown National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-1775 -- By VK1DI/P; November 25th; between 0300-0700z; Mount Pleasant Nature Reserve; 7110 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0629 -- By VK3XV/P; November 25th; between 0700-1100z; Kara Kara National Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0198 -- By VK4HNS; November 25-26th; Girraween National Park; 7165 kHz SSB; also 20m
- VKFF-0973 -- By VK3XV/P; November 25-26th; Mount Alexander Regional Park; 7144 kHz SSB
- VKFF-0973 -- By VK3XV; November 26th; between 0300-0700z; Mount Alexander

- Natural Features Reserve; 7144 kHz SSB
VKFF-0992 -- By VK1DI/P; November 26th; between 0300-0700z; Old Naas
Travelling Stock Route (TSR) Nature Reserve; 7110 kHz SSB
VKFF-0964 -- By VK3XV/P; November 26th; between 0300-0700z; Creswick
Regional Park; 7144 kHz SSB

For more information about WWFF upcoming operations, see:

<http://wwff.co/agenda>

Also suggest URLs:

World-Wide -- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWFF44>

USA -- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/parksontheair>

A special DXCluster for WWFF is available at: <http://wwff.co/dx-cluster>

Canada Flora & Fauna (VEFF) link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Canadawffveff>

Other links for VEFF are:

Home Page at: <http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/veff.html>

Yahoo Groups: <https://groups.yahoo.com/group/veff>

PLEASE NOTE: Yahoo Groups might be removed if the Facebook Group works as expected. However, it will remain online well into the New Year 2018.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (Update). An Argentinian group will be active as HC8LUT (not HC8LU as first announced) from San Cristobal Island in the Galapagos Islands between November 29th and December 8th. Operators mentioned are Alejandro/LU8YD, Alejandro/LU9VEA, Mario/LU7VB and Patricio/LU3YK. Pilot stations are Sergio/LU7YS and Javier/LU5FF. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using mainly SSB and the Digital modes (WSPR, JT65, FT8, PSK31). There will also operations on the satellites (LEO, FM and SSB). Their stations: 2x IC-7000 and home-made 5 elements VHF and 7 elements UHF antennas. QSL via IK2DUW. Visit their Blog page for updates, at:

<https://hc8lu.blogspot.com.ar>

Any donations are greatly appreciated. Paypal accounts: hc8lu.2017@gmail.com

IOTA NEWS.....

IOTAs Accepted: Craig, VK5CE, reports to "DXNews.com" that the VK9AR Ashmore Reef (OC-216) and VK9AR/6 Browse Island (OC-234) have both been accepted for IOTA credit.

AF-050. See "5T, MAURITANIA (Also IOTA Op)" above for details.

AS-024. Takayoshi, JA7GAX, will be active from Kuro Island (Yaeyama Islands) [JIA 47-141, GL PL14XF, JAFF 0011, JCG 47005 (B) Taketomi-cho, Yaeyama-gun, Okinawa, JAPAN] between 0700z, November 23rd and 0700z, November 28th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW only. Suggested frequencies are: 1912(JA), 1812/1844(DX), 3512, 7012, 10130, 14044, 18084, 21044, 24904, 28044 and 50044 kHz. This operation is subject to change in bad WX or other conditions. QSL via JA7GAX, by the Bureau or QRZ.com.

AS-079. Take, JS6RRR/JI3DST, will once again be active as JS6RRR (sometime as JI3DST/6) from Miyako Island between 0000z, November 23rd and 0000z, November 28th. Activity will be on 160/80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and JT65. Operations may vary in case of heavy rains or other conditions. QSL routes are as follows: QSL JS6RRR via JS6RRR and JI3DST/6 via JI3DST. Via the Bureau is best. Please check QRZ.com for more details.

EU-077. A Spanish team was active as EG1ET this past weekend from Salvora Island. Operators mentioned were Quique/EA1DFP, Manuel/EA1ET, Jose/EA1RG, Iban/EA2DLX, Ramon/EA2DXW, Isma/EA2ELB, Juan/EA2RC and Antonio/EA2VE. QSL via EA1ET.

OC-090. (Update) Jack, SP5APW, is now active as DU1/SP5APW from Busuanga Island until possibly November 23rd. Activity is on only 20/17 meters SSB. QSL via direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

OC-150. Amir, YB9IPY, will be active as YB9IPT/p from Lombok Island between November 20-24th. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters using SSB. QSL via IK2DUW. Look for the log to be uploaded to ClubLog.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new <www.iota-world.org> have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

PJ4, BONAIRE (Update/Change). Jeff, KU8E, will be active as PJ4/KU8E from the "PJ4G Radio House" on Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) between November 22-28th. Operator John, K4BAI, had to cancel his entry for PJ4A in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th), but Jeff, KU8E, has replaced him as PJ4A in the contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry. QSL PJ4A and PJ4/KU8E via K4BAI. Check out the "PJ4G Radio House" at:

<http://www.pj4g.com>
<http://ku8e.com/Radio/pj4a.php>

Also, look at:

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (November 20-26th).....

Nov/20th HN	Nov/23rd AN	Nov/25th AN
Nov/21st LN	Nov/24th AN	Nov/26th AN
Nov/22nd HN		

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>

A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>

Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

PZ, SURINAME. Members of the Voodoo Contest Group will be active as PZ5V from Paramaribo during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via Tim, M0URX. Operators mentioned are Ned/AA7A, John/G4IRN, Lee/KY7M and Roy/G4FON. The team will be there until November 28th. For more details, see: <http://voodoocontestgroup.com/suriname-2017>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (November 19th) <www.qsllinfo.eu>

5B/SQ2MGM via SQ2MGM (d/e)	HF7NJX via SP7VC	OP3DWG via ON3DWG
5K0T via LU1FM	HI/DG8DP/P via DG8DP	OP7VA via ON7VA
5N7Q via DF8DX & (L)	HR9/W1UE via W1UE	OT4A via ON4AEK (L/e)
A41NNN via YO6BZL (B)	HZ1FI via DL1RTL	OU5U via OZ3FD
CG5TLW via VE5TLW	IY5PIS via IW5AOT	PG400TH via PA3ETC
CG9RK via VE9RK	IY7MG via IQ7DV	S01WS via EA2JG
DA0WRTC via DJ9MH	J5T via I2YSB	SP20ZIP via SP5ZIP

DL0SAT via DL8OAI JW/DL2JRM via DL2JRM T2AT via N7SMI & (L)
EA6/DL7AFY via DL7AFY LX/PA3A via PA3A TO2SP via SP6IXF (O/L)
EA8/PE1EEC/P via PE1EEC M7Q via G4PIQ V26FF via N2FF (L)
EV135KK via EV135KK (L/e) N7D via K9WZB (d) VR20CO via VR2CO
FG/F6ARC via FE11DX (d/B) N7P via K9WZB (d) WOW via K0MHP
FR/F4HQZ via F4DXW (O) N7Q via K9WZB (d) W8F via K8TAS (d)
GX1FCW via GX1FCW (e) N7V via K9WZB (d)
HF7HX via SP7VC N7Y via K9WZB (d)
(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (88) no QSL required

G3MRC ETC. Phil Whitchurch, G3SWH and AD5YS, reports the following:
"I am pleased to announce that the backlog of all outstanding direct QSL requests for Joe, G3MRC's, numerous callsigns (7Q7BP, 5X1P, 9Q5MRC, 9U5MRC, C91MR, C91MR/3, C93MR, C96MR, C97MR, G3MRC, G3MRC/C9, G3MRC/9Q5, 9X5/G3MRC, Z38/G3MRC, 5H/9Q5MRC and ZB2/G3MRC) have now all been processed and mailed.

Some of the logs are still on paper and I am working on digitizing them with a view to uploading them to ClubLog, LoTW and my own web site. This will probably take a few more weeks.

When Joe became a Silent Key in early May 2017 his RSGB membership lapsed. Consequently, please note that, following a decision by the RSGB QSL Bureau not to process outgoing cards for non members, paper QSLs for this station are ONLY available DIRECT with adequate return postage or via the OQRS facility on my site <www.g3swh.org.uk>."

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/5K1B>
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/DU1/SP5APW>
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/TO2SP>

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5N7Q, BD4WN, BV2FB, CY0/VA1AXC, DJ5AN, E6AG, E75C, FK4QX, H44RR, JS6RRR, OK1VK, P29RR (OC-153), SU9JG, V47FWX and VK9VKL

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: AL3/AA7CH, NL6/AA7CH, RI0LI and S9YY

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!!!

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS. Operators Andy/N2NT, Daniel/K1TO and Tom/N9NC will be active as V47T from the QTH of V47KP on St. Kitts (NA-104) during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via W2RQ direct or LoTW. ADDED NOTE: Operation depends on the successful repairs from Hurricane damage.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Update). The VK9MA team is now QRT from Mellish Reef. ClubLog.org shows as of 2007z, November 15th, the VK9MA team made 43747 QSOs with 13918 unique callsigns (11292/SSB, 28574/CW, 2/PSK, 949/FT8 and 2930/RTTY). Breakdown is: 195/AF, 16178/AS, 13991/EU, 10754/NA, 2224/OC and 405/SA. QSL via N7QT, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS (STRONGLY RECOMMENDED), LoTW or eQSL. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL shortly after the operation. For more details and updates, see:

<https://vk9ma.com>

XU, CAMBODIA. Tom, KC0W, cut his operation from Vietnam (see 3W above) and is now active from here as XU7XXX. His length of stay is not known. Activity will be on 80-6 meters CW only. QSL via KC0W direct. No LoTW - No Bureau.

XX9, MACAO (PRESS RELEASE #1). Alex, PY2WAS, 2018 Macao Dxpediton Team Leader, sent out the following press release on November 15th [edited]:
After 8 months of preparation for this DXpediton, we are proud to announce a DXpediton to Macao (XX9) from the night of March 9th, 2018 to March 17th, 2018.

Although this DXpediton does not count on donations, participants will be supporting all costs for transporting 215 kgs of equipments, as well as costs with air tickets, accommodation, meals and so on.

The team will be formed by Bom/XX9LT, Leo/PP1CZ, Junior/PR7AB, Claudio/PY2MC, Alex/PY2SEX, Alex/PY2WAS, Miguel/PY3MM, Fernando/PY4BZ, Herminio/PY5HSD, Beto/PY6RT and Jim/PY7XC.

CTT (Post Office and Telecommunications Agency of Macao) has not confirmed our callsign yet, but all forms have already been signed and submitted and Bom is supporting the team with it locally. It is expected for the next days and will be communicated accordingly.

This team plans to work from 10m to 80m. 160m may be eventually worked as a non-priority band. Three stations will work 24 hours, provided that 1 station will be focusing digital modes, especially RTTY and FT8. We will be counting on 6 antennas (2 beams, 2 verticals, 1 folded dipole and 1 sloper double bazooka). There will be a spare transceiver in case of replacement need.

This DXpedition will count on real time updating log to ClubLog. OQRS system at ClubLog will be made available to QSL orders by bureau or direct under the management of PP1CZ.

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It is important to highlight that a bootcamp testing operation was held in the first week of September/2017 to test all equipments and potential interactions among the stations at the super contest site of PX2A.

Additional care will be taken with preferable QRGs to prevent overlapping as regards other big DXpeditions at that time, such as Spratly Island and Easter Island.

Thanks to all ham radio community for their enthusiasm and hunting this team in the air.

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