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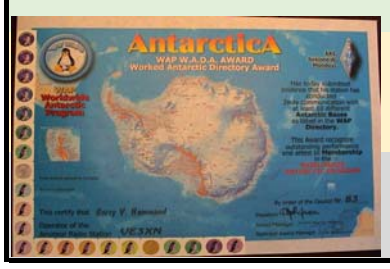

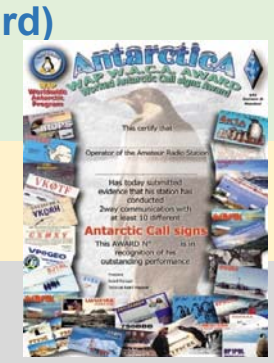

Updated DataBase for Software WAP by IK6CAC #52 (July 2026)
Updated Software WAP by IK6CAC Version 2.8 (2Ø December 2Ø21)
http://www.ik6cac.com/en_WAPprg.asp

Result of 47 years of Antarctic passion!

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LU4ZS (ARG-21) - Vicecomodoro Gustavo Marambio Base (Air Force)

Two operators Juan,Manuel are active when time permits. Check mostly on 20m around 21z

Manager: LU3IA

Latest Stations spotted in the Web Cluster:

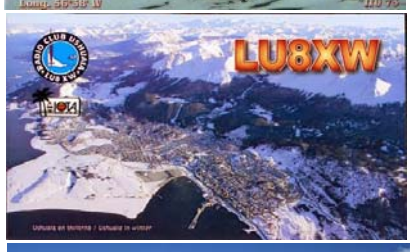
DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
LU3WCB	7122.0	LU4ZS	David 73dx from patagonia argentina	02:03 30-Sep-26
CX6TU	7122.0	LU4ZS	Gracias por el QSO Juan 73	02:30 29-Sep-26
LU3EAR	7122.0	LU4ZS	BASE ANTARTICA ARG CONJ MARAMBIO	02:03 29-Sep-26

LU-X Various (ARG-23) - Tierra del Fuego Province

Several stations are frequently on the bands.

Latest Stations spotted in the Web Cluster:

LU1XP, LU1XPR, LU1XU, LU1XZ, LU2XG,LU3XQN, LU4XYL, LU5XR, LU6XQB, LU8XW.



VK0DS (AUS-03) - Davis Station (ANARE)

Dave Scott VK2JDS is active now.

Manager: QRZ.com

Latest Stations spotted in the Web Cluster:

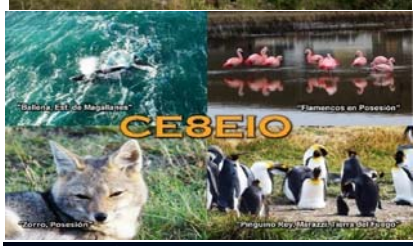
DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
OK1TNM	28074.0	VK0DS	FT8	10:57 10-Oct-26
RK3AF	28074.0	VK0DS	FT8 -12 dB 748 Hz	10:18 10-Oct-26
UA4UAR	28074.0	VK0DS		07:52 10-Oct-26

CE8-Various (CHL-13) - Magallanes and Antartica Chilena Province

Several stations are frequently on the bands.

Latest Stations spotted in the Web Cluster:

CE8EIO, CE8MGZ, CE8PVT, CE8RPA, CE8SIW, CE8TDO, CE8WCI.



DP0GVN (DEU-08) - Neumayer III Station

Lasse DL9LU a will be active as DPØGVN till December 2026.

QSL via Clublog OQRS.

Latest Stations spotted in the Web Cluster:

DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
UR2680YL	10138.7	DP0GVN	wspr sign -33	04:59 15-Oct-26
UR2680YL	10138.7	DP0GVN	WSPR sign -31	09:00 27-Sep-26
IW1FZR	14074.0	DP0GVN	FT8 -05dB via ve7cc.net	05:48 21-Aug-26

DP1POL (DEU-08) - Neumayer III Station

Felix DL5XL will be active again from November 2026 through February 2027 signing DP1POL

QSL via DL1ZBO

Latest Stations spotted in the Web Cluster:

DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
UR2680YL	10138.7	DP0GVN	wspr sign -33	04:59 15-Oct-26
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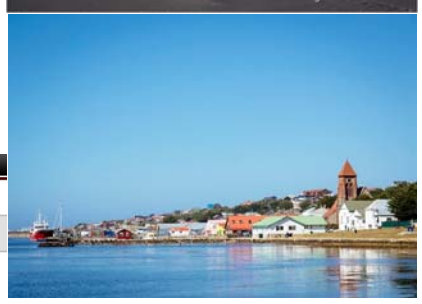
VP8AWU (GBR-25) - Stanley (East Falkland Island)

Operator Neil is always very active all bands.

Manager: K4MZU

Latest spot in the Web Cluster:

DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
IT9CUE	28074.2	VP8AWU	ft8 tnx	16:01 28-Sep-26
HA9AL	28074.0	VP8AWU	DX ft8 -18dB hrd	15:44 28-Sep-26
IZ3ERM	14074.0	VP8AWU	FT8 TNX 73!!	20:49 10-Sep-26



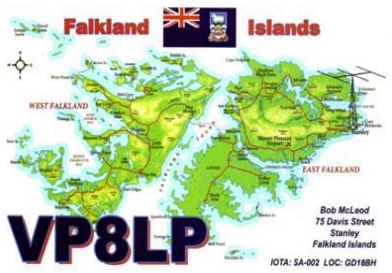
VP8LP (GBR-25) - Stanley (East Falkland Island)

Operator Bob is always very active all bands.

Manager: QRZ.com

Latest spot in the Web Cluster:

DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
JF1KKV	14074.0	VP8LP	ft8 2761hz.	20:28 29-Aug-26
DK2AT	14080.0	VP8LP	FT4	19:13 29-Aug-26
ES2IPA	14080.0	VP8LP	FT4 IOTA SA-002	19:04 29-Aug-26



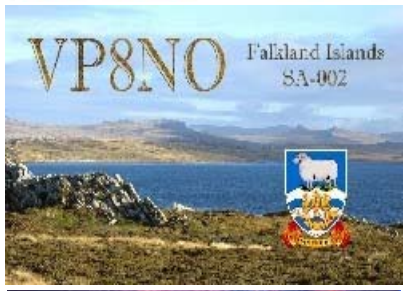
VP8NO (GBR-25) - Stanley (East Falkland Island)

Operator Michael is always active.

Manager: QRZ.com

Latest spot in the Web Cluster:

DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
SP9BCV	18100.0	VP8NO	FT8 +01dB 2963Hz	18:18 04-Oct-26
TA1CQ	24915.0	VP8NO	KN41HA GD18BH tnx 73	13:37 04-Oct-26
YB1HR	28074.0	VP8NO	FT8 -15dB 2123Hz	14:11 26-Aug-26



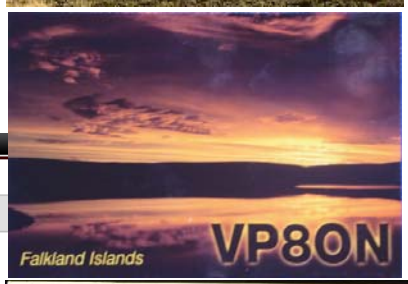
VP8ON (GBR-25) - Keppel Island

Operator Donald is still active.

Manager: QRZ.com

Latest spot in the Web Cluster:

DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
KC9EI	10137.9	VP8ON		01:10 15-Oct-26
ER5GB	10136.0	VP8ON	FT8 -12 dB 2475 Hz fm GD18	22:13 11-Oct-26
JP1GUW	10136.0	VP8ON	FT8 hrd -03dB, CL nw	11:59 11-Oct-26



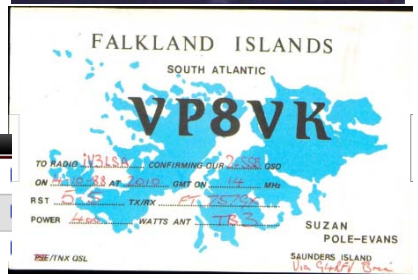
VP8VK (GBR-25) - Saunders Island

XYL operator Suzan is active now.

Manager: GM3ITN

Latest spot in the Web Cluster:

DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
JG7REV	10136.0	VP8VK	Falkland Is ???	10:41 18-Oct-26
VK3AMP	14074.0	VP8VK	CCC VP8* IOTA SA-002	21:09 15-Oct-26
F5NLY	24915.0	VP8VK	1683Hz	16:50 10-Oct-26



VP8ADR (GBR-25) - Port Stanley (East Falkland Island)

Operator Bobby Short is active now.

Manager: M0OXO

Latest spot in the Web Cluster:

DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
Z31B	28074.0	VP8ADR	tnx 73	13:04 17-Oct-26
4Z5PT	28074.0	VP8ADR	FT8 TNX QSO 73!	12:39 17-Oct-26
RA4FP	24915.0	VP8ADR	FT8 -7 dB 1789 Hz tnx ft8	12:32 11-Oct-26

ZS7ANT (MNB-12) - Wolf's Fang Runway

Oleg Sakharov ZS7ANF did fly to Antarctica yesterday, October 25 2026. He'll start with "Wolf's Fang" and there might be a new one WAP. Let's keep our finger crossed.

QSL: RK1PWA

Latest spot in the Web Cluster:

HF0PAS (POL-01) - Henryk Arctowski Station

Rafal Mazur (callsign SQ4O) is active now until October 2026.

QSL: After the end of the expedition

Latest spot in the Web Cluster:

DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
PY2AAM	14265.0	HF0PAS	up 5	13:45 18-Oct-26
SQ4O	14265.0	HF0PAS	CQ from Arctowski (AN-010)-UP	13:29 18-Oct-26
SQ4O	7135.0	HF0PAS	CQ JAPAN	10:44 18-Oct-26

RI1ANY (RUS-09) - Novolazarevskaya Station (née Lazarev)

Yuri Kovalenko UA1CCI is currently at Novolazarevskaya Station (WAP RUS-Ø9). Yuri, RI1ANY is also QRV via QO-100 satellite.After some test SSB contacts, he operates FT8/FT4 modes. He does not speak fluent English nor he has pileup experience, so please be patient. He is assigned to this base for a full 2 years, so there will be plenty of opportunities to QSO.

Latest spot in the Web Cluster:

DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
DM7RM	10489540.0	RI1ANY	QO-100 FT8 Antarctica	20:07 17-Oct-26
DL4CH	10489540.0	RI1ANY	qo-100	08:33 27-Sep-26
RD0F	18101.0	RI1ANY	TNX QSO, 73!	10:26 23-Sep-26

RI1ANC (RUS-13) - Vostok Station

Dmitry, UA3MNH is active now.

Latest spot in the Web Cluster:

DX de	Frecuencia	DX Anunciado	Comentarios	GMT Fecha
JG3TRB	10136.0	RI1ANC	FT8 +2340Hz Antarctica	16:53 09-Oct-26
RL1B	10136.0	RI1ANC		16:44 09-Oct-26
JG1RVN	7074.0	RI1ANC	FT8 +403Hz Antarctica	14:42 09-Oct-26

KC4/W1WCN (USA-22) - McMurdo Station

Joe, W1WCN lets DX-World know that he is currently deployed to McMurdo Station.
When time permits, he will QRV as KC4/W1WCN on 20-15-10m; SSB, CW & FT8.
He is stationed there until March 2027, and explains the next several weeks will be committed to getting the station comms up and running before the scientific research teams arrive.
Therefore, no specific operating times as yet. Bob K4MZU has been able to get in touch with Joe and is trying to set skeds as soon as the Radio Station at McMurdo will be available.

WAP QSL Gallery

WAP Antarctic QSL gallery has gone!
It was hosted on a server that have quit its archive system so we have practically lost the whole job! I1HYW have all the cards in his computer,but really he doesn't know how and where load all of them in a safe and cheap site.
Bob, K4MZU suggetes us to go through Greg Cogar VK2GJC , the owner of a company in Australia. Greg, said that there are many free plugins we could use for an image library: https://en-au.wordpress.org/plugins/.
We would need to install and configure the plugin and learn how to use it to achieve.
This is a job that probably we will carry on in the winter time, but for now we thanks immensely Bob K4MZU and Greg Cogar VK2GJK for their friendship and help. In the mean time, thanks very much to all those Hams who are sending scan copies of their cards, or scan copies of old cards from their friends.

K4MZU Antarcic QSL Gallery & web site at: http://www.k4mzu.net

K6EID Antarctic QSL Gallery & web site at : http://www.k6eid.com

http://www.qsl.net/k6eid/DXCC-Antarctica.htm

RRC Antarctic QSL Gallery: http://www.rdxc.org/RRC/QSL/list_e.asp?ID=1

VP8SG 2027 DX-pedition

Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARD) is pleased to announce a major milestone in the preparation of the VP0SG South Georgia 2027 DXpedition. They have successfully signed the vessel contract and first deposit is being paid, officially securing the expedition vessel M/V MEREDIAN.
VP8SG will be on air by March 2027, QSL manager for VP8SG will be MØOXO Charles
Info at: https://www.ardxpeditions.com/dxpeditions/vp0sg

David F4FKT-FT4YM; his 2026-2027 Antarctic Season is going to start!

David Brunet F4FKT is going to be active again during the 2025-2026. Mehdi F5PFP has relayed the following information on David's next possible activity:
***FT4YM/P** Base Concordia **(WAP MNB-Ø3**): QRV from mid November 2026 to late January 2027.*
***FT4YM/P** Camp Little Dome C (**WAP MNB-15**): During this period (mid November to late January), occasionally QRV from Little Dome C Camp which is situated about 30km from Concordia.*
***VK0/FT4YM/P** Camp North Patch (**WAP AUS-NEW**): During this period (mid November to late January), occasionally QRV from North Patch Camp which is situated about 8km from Concordia.*
***FT4YM** Base Robert Guillard-Cape Prud'homme (**WAP MNB-18**): Late January - early February; QSY from Concordia by DC3 aircraft to Cape Prud'homme for a short stay of unspecified duration (1 to 5 days, so not sure to be QRV).*
***FT4YM** Base Dumont d'Urville (**WAP FRA-Ø1**): Late January - early February; QSY from Cape Prud'homme by helicopter flight to Dumont d'Urville, QRV for an unspecified duration (3 to 15 days).*
***FT4YM** Lion island Depot (**WAP FRA-NEW**): which is situated just beside Dumont d'Urville.*
***FT4YM/MM** **Icebreaker L'Astrolabe-P800**: From mid February, on the way back to Tasmania.*
The above timetable may change anytime due to the work duties, so nothing is promised.

Antarctic Cruise by Mehdi F5PFP

Mehdi F5PFP has informed Antarctic chasers that sailing authorization, landing authorizations and radio amateur license have been granted; departure in early January 2027 for a 4 weeks Antarctic cruise aboard a durable and accredited sailing boat, with an experienced skipper and mate. Mehdi will travel along his girlfriend who's a doctor plus eventual passengers and 2 crew members.
«This is not a DXpedition, it is an Antarctic cruise including radio amateur activities during various stopovers», said Mehdi. The itinerary will start from Puerto Williams, Navarino island, Chile, then stopover on the South Shetland islands if sailing conditions permit to activate some bases. Then, navigation along the West Graham Land and neighbouring Antarctic archipelagos according to passengers wishes with radio amateur activities when we stop on various islands, Bases and Refuges. Except during the crossings of the Drake and Bransfield straits, we go ashore almost every day.A possible new stopover on the South Shetland islands, on the way back from Antarctica, if sailing conditions permit, before reaching Puerto Williams, Navarino island, Chile,

"Overland Glaciological Temporary Camp Dome B", WAP RUS-NEW

The region of Dome B (or Ridge B) in central East Antarctica is one of the last unexplored parts of the continent and, at the same time, ranks among the most promising places to search for Earth's oldest ice. In January 2020, a first scientific traverse from Russia's Vostok Station to the topographical Dome B (or Ridge B) at 71° 07' 04,80" South, 84° 19' 15,6" East.
The glaciological program included continuous snow-radar profiling and geodetic positioning along the traverse's route, installation of snow stakes, measurements of snow density, collection of samples for stable water isotope and chemical analyses. A 20.5 meters deep borehole was drilled on the Dome itself, followed by a study of the raised firn core. As a result, it was possible to obtain the first field glacio-climatic data on Dome B.
The first results of the traverse show that the surface mass balance at Dome B (2.28 g cm−2 year−1) is among the lowest in Antarctica. The firn temperature below the layer of annual variations is −58.1 ± 0.2°C. A very low value of heavy water stable isotope content (-58.2‰ for oxygen-18) was discovered at a distance of 170 km from Vostok Station (WAP RUS-13). This work is the first step towards a comprehensive reconnaissance study of the Ridge B area aimed at locating the best site for future deep drilling for the oldest Antarctic ice.
Read more at: https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Map-of-the-scientific-traverse-from-Vostok-to-Dome-B-Colours-show-the-bedrock-elevation_fig1_352238152

First traverse and Temporary Dome B Camp

To reach Dome B, the first traverse started from Vostok at 2 p.m. local time on 24 January 2020. The caravan consisted of two PistenBully 300 Polar tractors, one balok (a crew box mounted on a sledge) and one fuel tank. Throughout the entire journey the Team performed kinematic Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) measurements as well as GPR profiling. Every 5km the traverse made a short stop for glaciological observations, (installation of a snow stake, measurements of upper snow density and collecting snow samples for water stable isotope and chemical analyses.
The scientific traverse to Dome B, was equipped with scientific equipment including a sledge with the snow radar towed behind the traverse, GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System). The average speed of the traverse on the move was 9.7 km h-1, meaning that 5km intervals were passed approximately every 31 minutes. Aside from the short stops, the Team also made four longer stops a day for refueling, meals and rest. At such a speed, the traverse arrived at Dome B at 6 p.m. on 26 January.
On arrival at Dome B, firstly the Team set the camp and installed the drilling equipment and organize static GNSS measurements. The next day they completed the drilling of a 20.5m firn core and installed geodetic markers for the precise determination of local flow directions and velocities. The firn temperature was measured after 12h equilibration of the platinum thermometer at the hole's bottom at 20.5m depth. A snow stratigraphy investigation and snow sampling were carried out in a 2m pit. Finally, a seven-snow-stake farm was set up in the vicinity of the camp. The traverse left Dome B at ~5 p.m. on 28 January 2020 and arrived back at Vostok Station in the early morning of 30 January 2020.
Thanks to Oleg UA6GG @ DX Trophy, WAP received the following information by Alexey RN1ON info about RI1ANI:
In the 2025-26 season, Alexey Turkeev, UG1A-RI1ANI, was not at Dome B. They had planned it, but they didn't meet the deadlines. RI1ANI worked from Novolazarevskaya (WAP RUS-Ø9) and from the Progress–Vostok expedition. This season, they are planning another expedition to Dome B.
On October 21, Alexey Turkeev is flying from St. Petersburg to Cape Town. Then a flight to Novolazarevskaya (WAP RUS-Ø9) and Progress (WAP RUS-11). The campaign to the East and then to Dome B. RI1ANI will work the beam trailer vehicle. There are no exact deadlines yet, but Oleg and Alexey will keep us informed. RI1ANI license will be active again from November 21 of this year. At he light of the information collected about the "Overland Glaciological Temporary Camp Dome B" which identify the site, the news recently received of a planned activity, the QSL already prepared, WAP is going to add "Overland Glaciological Temporary Camp Dome B" on WAP WADA Directory as WAP RUS-NEW.
As soon as RI1ANI operation will take place a new WAP number will be issued.
TNX Oleg UA6GG and Alexey RN1ON/RI1ANI

French Polar Team 2027 Expedition by Mehdi F5PFP

For a 4 weeks Antarctic cruise in early 2027 aboard a durable and accredited sailing boat, with a very experienced skipper and mate; my girlfriend who's a doctor and myself, that means in total 4 to 5 passengers and 2 crew members. This is not a DX-pedition, it is an Antarctic cruise including radio amateur activities during various stopovers.

ITINERARY:

1) Departure from Puerto Williams, Navarino island, Chile.

2) A stopover on the South Shetland islands if sailing conditions permit to activate some bases.

3) A navigation along the West Graham Land and neighbouring Antarctic archipelagos according to passengers wishes with radio amateur activities when we stop on various islands, bases and refuges. Except during the crossings of the Drake and Bransfield straits we go ashore almost every day.

4) A possible new stopover on the South Shetland islands, on the way back from Antarctica, if sailing conditions permit.

5) Back to Puerto Williams, Navarino island, Chile.

CONDITIONS: No need to be an amateur radio operator to join us; being in good physical shape; completely approve the project and its price. E-mail f5pfp@sfr.fr

AMATEUR RADIO ACTIVITY:

Mainly QRV after daily navigation and landing from +/- 2200 utc to +/- 0300 utc on 20 and 40m. This will be an old-school style and freelance radio amateur activity, so no FT8/digital modes, no sponsor to be free, no score to achieve because I have nothing to prove, just an adventure to live. If this is not what you want for any reason, please don't contact me.

Mehdi hopes to be QRV from Admiralty Bay, King George i., S.Shetlands in early 2027, where the following base entities are situated:

Base Machu Picchu (Peru)

Base Comandante Ferraz (Brazil) & the ruins of the Base G-Admiralty Bay (United Kingdom) on the same site.

The ruins of the Base Giacomo Bove (Italy)

Refuge Brazil (Brazil)

Base Pieter J Lenie Field-Copacabana (USA)

Refuge Republica del Ecuador (Ecuador)

Base Arctowski (Poland)

Admiralty Bay is a large, open and windy area with bad soils for anchorage, so not a good place for sail boat stopovers. That means, I won't be able to be QRV from all these entities, but from 1 at least I hope, maybe 2 or 3 in case of very good weather.

As a French expedition, we must submit soon the exact sites to get landing permissions from TAAF administration (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises) which is the French representative of the Antarctic Treaty.

Mehdi requests Hams to feel free to report their TOP 3 most wanted base entities on the list above, and he will do his best without any guarantee of success. E-mail f5pfp@sfr.fr

Don't forget to check daily information on Antarctic News at both W.A.P. website at: ***www.waponline.it***

73s de John I1HYW, Max IK1GPG and Betty IK1QFM