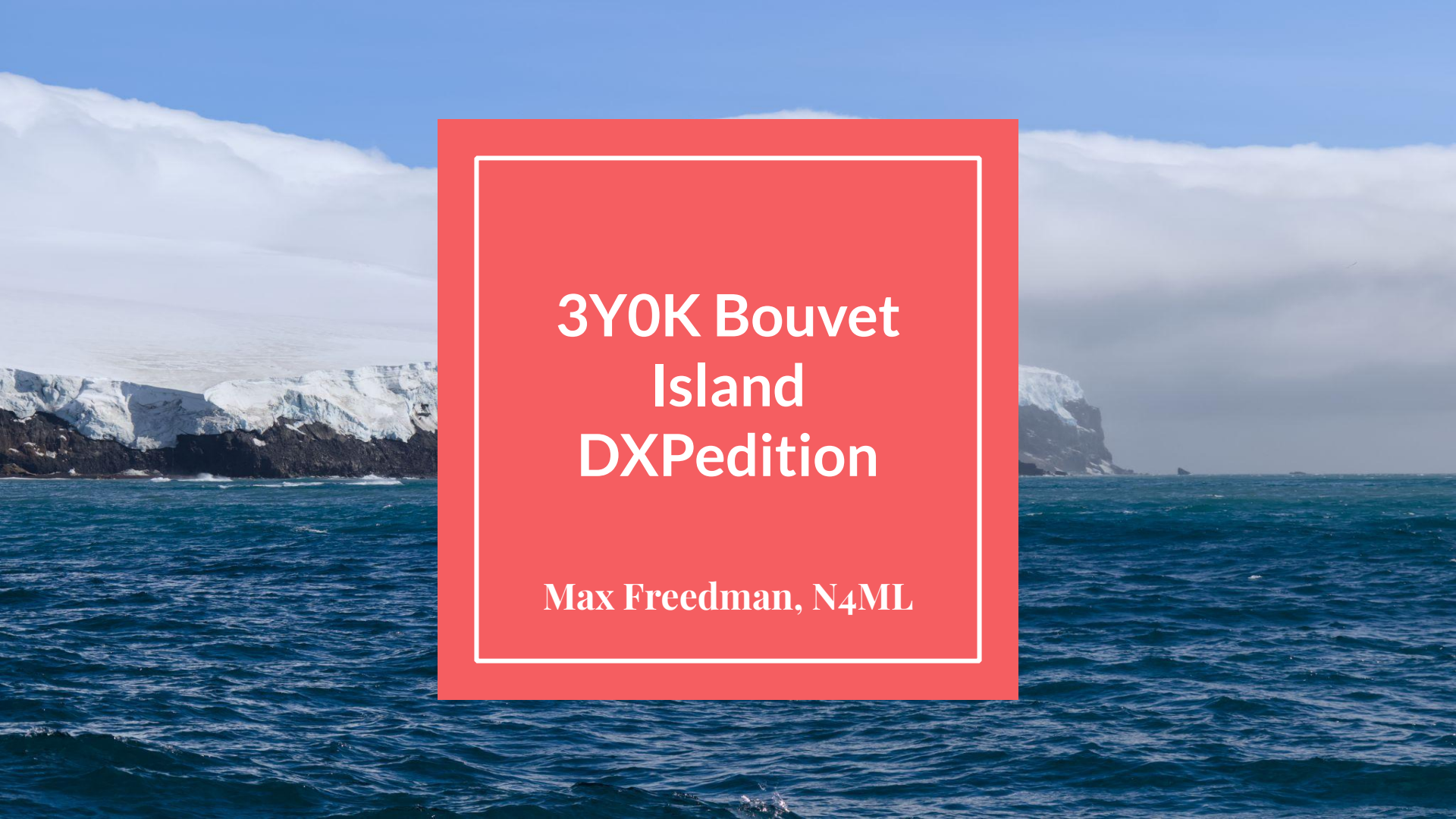




3Y0K Bouvet Island DXPedition

Max Freedman, N4ML

Agenda

Background

Where is Bouvet?

The Team

Logistics & Planning

Radio Operations & Stations

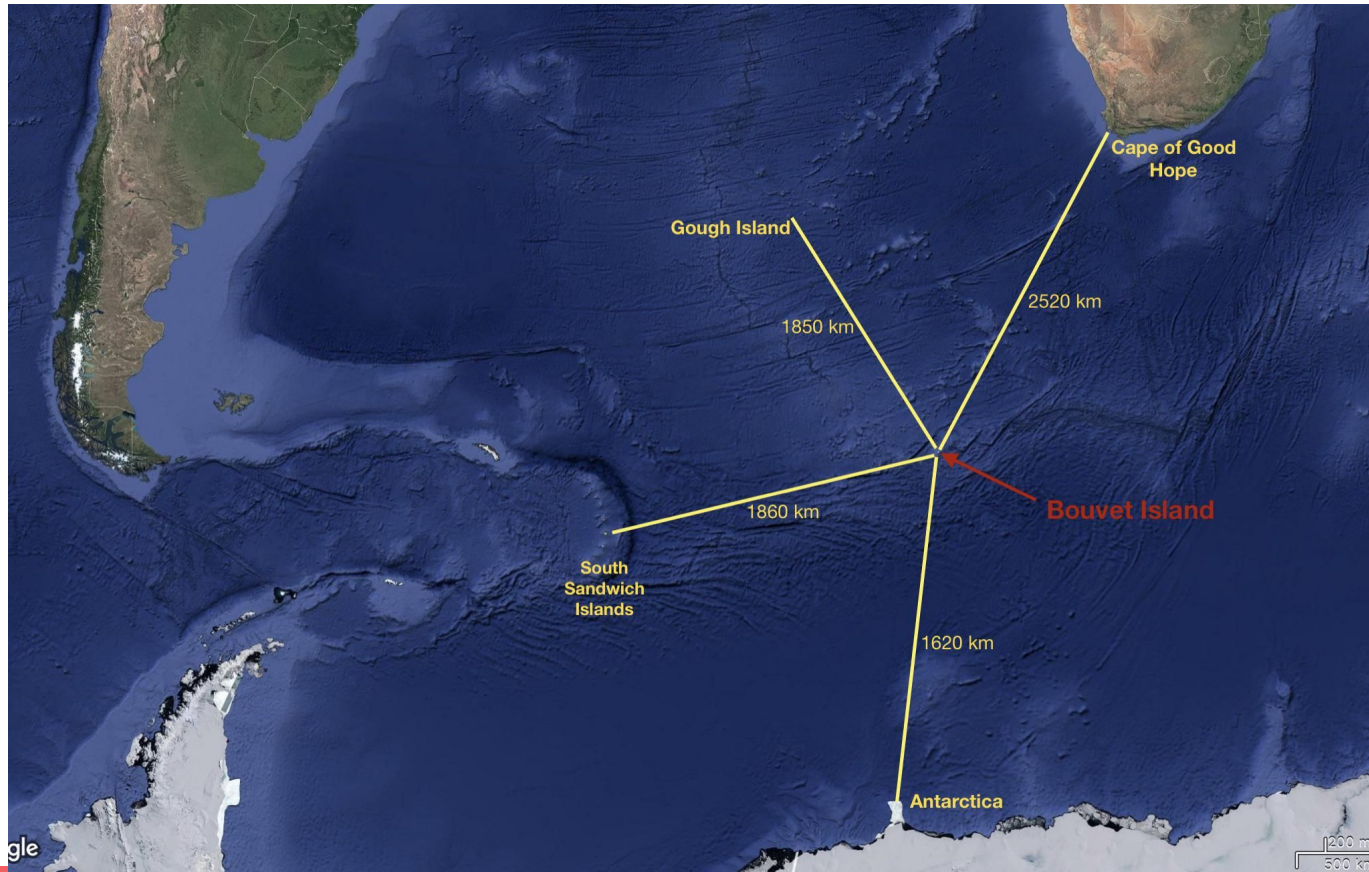
Challenges & Successes

Q&A

Background

- Bouvet Island is one of 340 DX Entities tracked by the ARRL DXCC Program
- Hard place to get to
- Thus, very rare DXCC
 - #10 as of start of 3Y0K
- Ham for 10 years
- Work at ARRL
- NCDXF Board Member
- Active in contests, dxing, POTA, etc

Where is Bouvet?



The Team



Team lead Ken LA7GIA



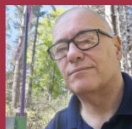
Co-leader Adrian KO8SCA



Co-leader Cezar VE3LYC



Co-leader Dennis KT8X



Donato IK2EGL



Vadym UT6UD



Gudmi TF3SG



Laci HA0NAR



Alex DL2ALY



Bob W9AP



Stian LB5SH



James W7EY



Regin OY1R



Max N4ML

Medical and Support Team



Shawn

Team Doctor



Julia – DO4JVN

Doctor



Peter Madej

SAR Team



Birgir Sigurdsson

SAR Team



Neil

Support Team

What you don't think about

- Planning started in 2024
- 3+ work trips to Oslo and other places
 - Logistics decisions, container packing, etc
- 1.7 Million dollars is a LOT of money
 - Private Tourists
 - Non traditional fundraising avenues
 - A lot of effort



Getting there

Long flights to Cape Town, South Africa (CPT)

Me

For me: EWR to CPT direct

Common Connections

A lot of connections in CPH, ADD, ATL



In South Africa

- Meetings with pilots, ships agents
- Some touring around with ZS1S



MV Argus

Class 1A Icebreaker

Regularly used in Greenland



Airbus AS-350-B3

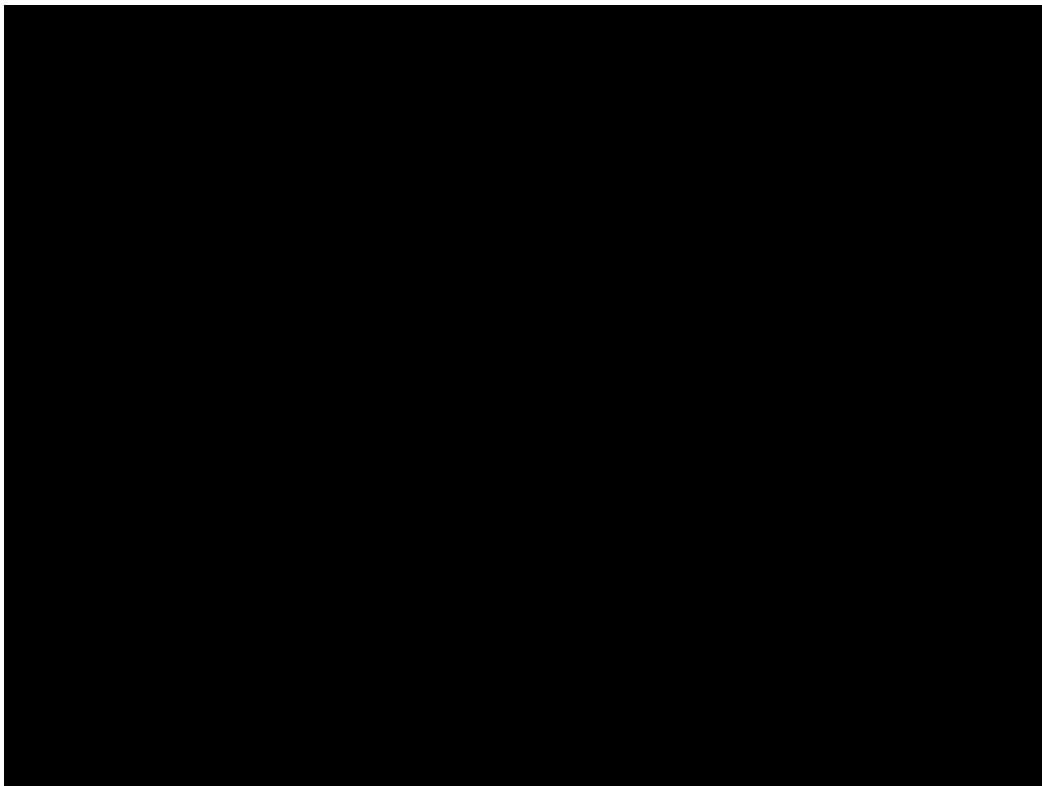
Single Rotor

1400kg Sling Payload

4 Pax Capacity



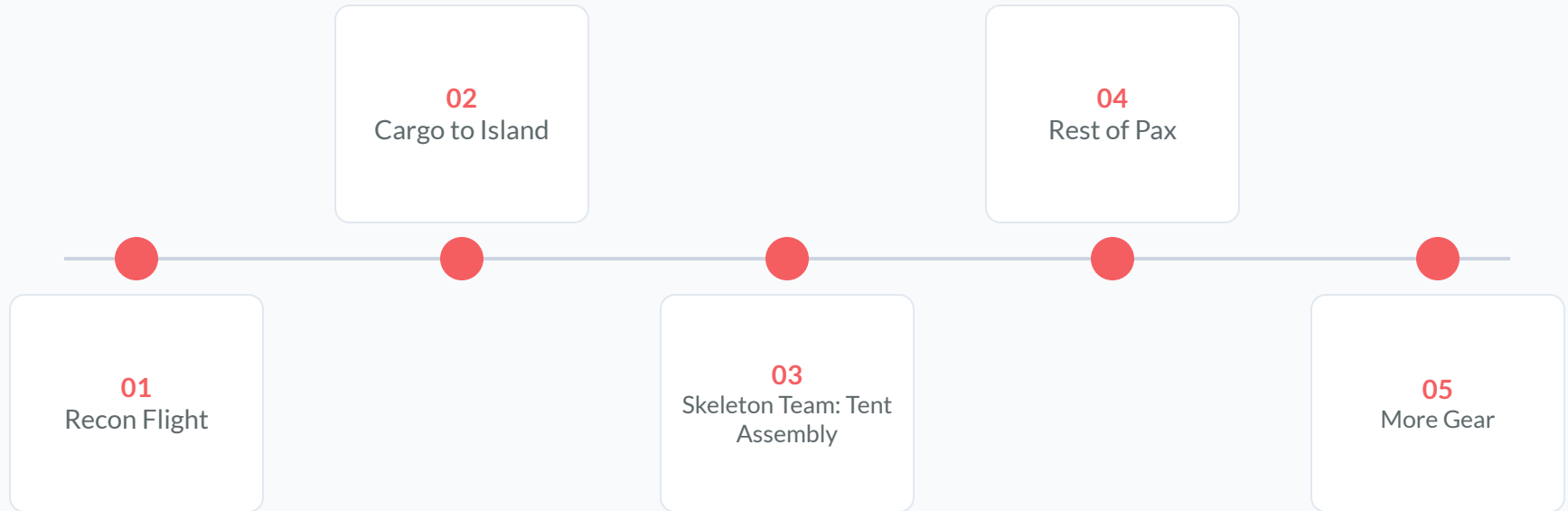
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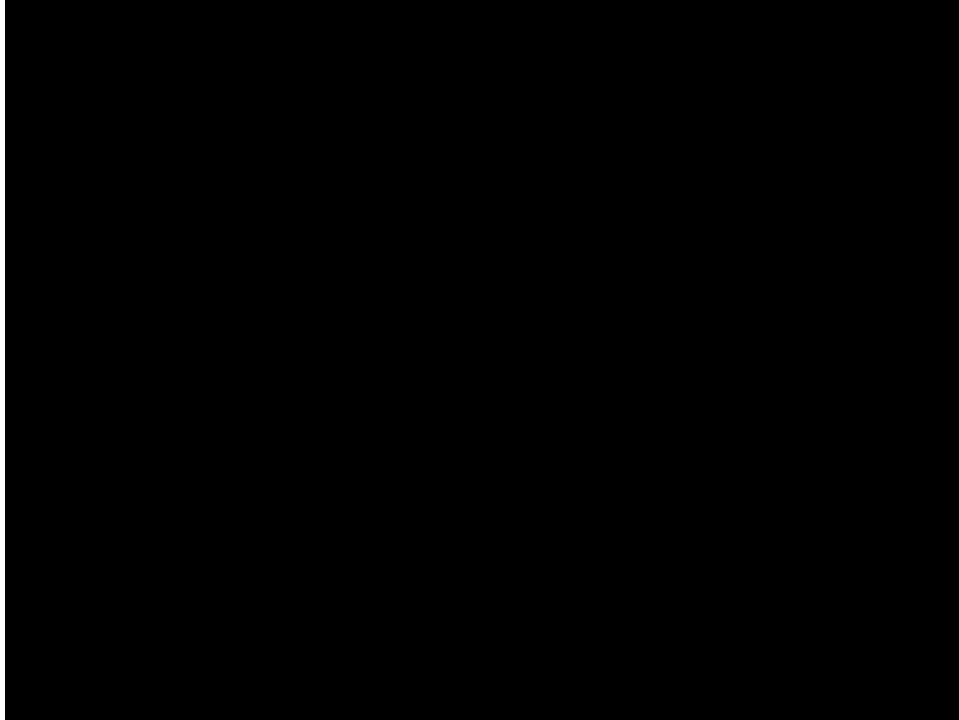
Island in Sight...
Sort Of



Mission Concept of Operations



Sling Ops



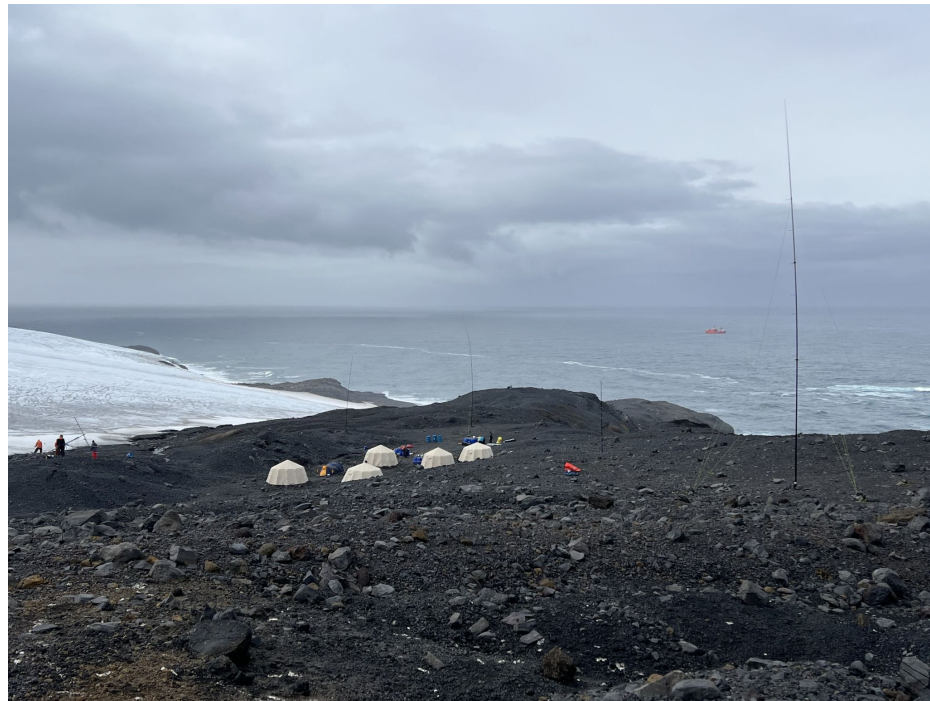
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On the Island 2/5



On the Island 3/5



On the Island 4/5



On the Island 5/5



Coming Back



Stats

MODE/BAND	160 m	80 m	60 m	40 m	30 m	20 m	17 m	15 m	12 m	10 m	13 cm	TOTAL QSO	TOTAL %
CW	178	1,234	0	2,211	1,440	2,697	4,459	3,733	3,102	2,686	878	22,618	22.05 %
FT4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	71	0.07 %
FT8	471	2,721	397	7,170	4,406	8,707	11,504	9,486	11,526	6,492	527	63,407	61.81 %
RTTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	28	0	0	0	39	0.04 %
SSB	0	0	0	1,169	0	1,512	1,352	3,077	4,133	3,839	1,369	16,451	16.04 %
TOTAL QSO	649	3,955	397	10,550	5,846	12,916	17,326	16,324	18,761	13,017	2,845	102,586	100 %
TOTAL %	0.63 %	3.86 %	0.39 %	10.28 %	5.7 %	12.59 %	16.89 %	15.91 %	18.29 %	12.69 %	2.77 %	100 %	

CONTINENT / BAND	160 m	80 m	60 m	40 m	30 m	20 m	17 m	15 m	12 m	10 m	13 cm	TOTAL QSO	TOTAL %
AFRICA	9	43	16	136	63	162	192	185	196	133	40	1,175	1.15 %
ASIA	52	563	7	1,998	1,474	3,037	3,862	3,795	3,430	1,998	105	20,321	19.81 %
EUROPE	374	1,632	219	3,836	2,637	6,413	10,778	10,020	11,779	8,824	2,588	59,100	57.61 %
NORTH AMERICA	159	1,430	112	3,853	1,391	2,503	1,717	1,572	2,801	1,761	9	17,308	16.87 %
OCEANIA	7	37	3	83	45	306	324	234	120	52	6	1,217	1.19 %
SOUTH AMERICA	48	250	40	642	236	495	452	518	434	249	97	3,461	3.37 %
Not Determined	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	0 %
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Lessons Learned

Challenge & Ease

DXpeditions are both harder and easier than most people think.

Empowerment

You(th) can do it—encouraging the next generation.

Financial Sustainability

Rare entities are increasingly expensive. Can the community continue to fund them?

Human Factor

Team dynamic is paramount to the ultimate success of the mission.

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Call to Action

Want to continue working rare entities?

Support DXpeditions to places you need.

Where do we go next?

Christmas Island (VK9X)

Next DXpedition Destination

- **Highly Desired:** Ranked #79 on DXCC Most Wanted List (#52 in North America).
- **Timeline:** Scheduled for November 16 – Dec 4, 2026.
- **The Team:** 10-operator youth-focused crew utilizing innovative remote operating platforms.



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Any Questions?

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