

Map With Indian Ocean

== Affected states and regions ==
Each of these island components has its own shire council: the Shire of Christmas Island and the Shire of Cocos.

British Indian Ocean Territory The largest and most southerly island is Diego Garcia, 27 square kilometres (10 square miles), the site of a Joint Military Facility of the United Kingdom and the United States. Official administration is remote from London, though the local capital is often regarded as being on Diego Garcia. The territory comprises the seven atolls of the Chagos Archipelago with over 1,000 individual islands, many very small, amounting to a total land area of 60 square kilometres (23 square miles). The British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) is a British Overseas Territory situated in the Indian Ocean. The territory comprises the seven atolls of the The British Indian

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Effect of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake on India The death toll of the earthquake was 1,500 people. thousands of people became homeless when a tsunami triggered by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake near the Indonesian island of Sumatra struck the southern According to official estimates in India, 10,749 people were killed, 5,640 people were missing and thousands of people became homeless when a tsunami triggered by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake near the Indonesian island of Sumatra struck the southern coast on 26 December 2004. 2-9. The earthquake registered 9. 3 Mw and was the largest in five decades. It was followed by strong aftershocks on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

The North Indian Ocean is the least active official basin, contributing only seven percent of the world's tropical cyclones. However the basin has produced some of the deadliest cyclones in the world, since they strike over very

densely populated areas. 6c608fa0de

Indian Ocean It is bounded by Asia to the north, Africa to the west and Australia to the east. The Indian Ocean is the third-largest of the world's five oceanic divisions, covering 70,560,000 km² (27,240,000 sq mi) or approximately 20% of the water area of Earth's surface. To the south it is bounded by the Southern Ocean or Antarctica, depending on the definition in use. The Indian Ocean has large marginal or regional seas, including the Andaman Sea, the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal, and the Laccadive Sea 6c608fa0de

North Indian Ocean tropical cyclone In the Indian Ocean north of the equator, tropical cyclones can form throughout the year on either side of the Indian subcontinent, although most frequently In the Indian Ocean north of the equator, tropical cyclones can form throughout the year on either side of the Indian subcontinent, although most frequently

between April and June, and between October and December

The earliest long distance trade was by the sea-faring Austronesian peoples who settled in a vast swathe of coastal lands in the Indian Ocean from islands surrounding southern China such as Taiwan and Japan, to coastal areas of Maritime South East Asia, South Eastern India and Sri Lanka. These routes were later continued by South Asian, East...

2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami 3 earthquake struck with its epicenter off the west coast of Aceh, in northern Sumatra, Indonesia. tsunami, which devastated communities along the surrounding coasts of the Indian Ocean, killing an estimated 227,898 people in 14 countries, especially in Aceh On 26 December 2004, at 07:58:53 local time (UTC+7), a Mw 9. The undersea megathrust earthquake, known in the scientific community as the Sumatra-Andaman earthquake, was caused by a rupture along the fault boundary between the Burma plate and the Indian plate, and reached a maximum

Mercalli intensity of IX in some areas. 2-9
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The earthquake caused a massive tsunami with waves up to 30 m (100 ft) high, referred to by British and Commonwealth media as the Boxing Day tsunami, after the Boxing Day holiday, or the Asian tsunami, which devastated communities along the surrounding coasts of the Indian Ocean, killing an estimated 227,898 people in 14 countries, especially in Aceh in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Tamil Nadu in India, and Khao Lak in Thailand. The direct result was severe disruption to living conditions and commerce in coastal provinces of these and other surrounding countries. It is the deadliest tsunami in history, the deadliest natural disaster of the 21st century, and one of the deadliest natural disasters in recorded history. It is also the worst natural disaster in the history of Indonesia... 6c608fa0de

Flag of the British Indian Ocean Territory
The palm tree and crown are symbols of the territory. The flag of the British Indian Ocean Territory is similar to the flags of other British dependencies and

colonies as it has the Union Flag in the upper The flag of the British Indian Ocean Territory is similar to the flags of other British dependencies and colonies as it has the Union Flag in the upper hoist-side corner. The flag was initially intended to be used by the commissioner for the British Indian Ocean Territory but has gained semi-official status as a territorial flag for use on land

The Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre (RSMC) is the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and it is responsible to monitor the basin, issues warning and name the storms. Since 1971, only personnel of the British and United States military and associated contractors have been legally allowed to live on the Chagos Islands. The forced removal of Chagossians from the Chagos Archipelago occurred between 1968 and 1973. The Chagossians, then numbering about 2,000 people, were expelled by the British government to Mauritius and Seychelles, even from the outlying islands far... Following Operation C, the British expected a Japanese offensive in the Indian Ocean. The main base of the

Eastern Fleet was moved to East Africa and Ceylon was reinforced. Somerville kept his fast carrier division, Force A, "in Indian waters, to be ready to deal with any attempt by the enemy to command those waters... 6c608fa0de Mauritius claims that the British government separated the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius, creating a new colony, the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT). There are ongoing negotiations on this dispute. 6c608fa0de Cocos (Keeling) Islands (12.158°S 96.870°E / -12.158; 96.870 (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)), where the same officer also has jurisdiction as administrator but does not reside 6c608fa0de

Southern Indian Ocean Islands tundra
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The ecoregion stretches from Prince Edward Islands in the west, past the

Crozet Islands to the Kerguelen Islands 1500 km to the east, and includes the active volcano Heard Island and the nearby McDonald Islands. 6c608fa0de

Australian Indian Ocean Territories The Australian Indian Ocean Territories is the name since 1995 of an administrative unit under the Australian Department of Infrastructure, Transport, The Australian Indian Ocean Territories is the name since 1995 of an administrative unit under the Australian Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, consisting of two island groups in the Indian Ocean under Australian sovereignty: 6c608fa0de

== Sub-basins == 6c608fa0de

Indian Ocean trade The ocean was historically called the "Mahodadhi", divided into the two seas Purvapayodhi (sunrise) and Aparā (sunset). Traditionally connecting the western world Indian Ocean trade is vital for the global economy and has been described as the "cradle" for global trade. Indian Ocean trade is vital for the global

economy and has been described as the “cradle” for global trade. Cities and states on the Indian Ocean rim focused on both the sea and the land. The Indian Ocean is critical for global trade and 50% of container traffic and 80% of global seaborne oil traverses the region. Traditionally connecting the western world to the eastern world since antiquity, long-distance maritime trade by South East Asian and South Asian, and Middle Eastern and later African ships has made it a dynamic zone of interaction between peoples, cultures, and civilizations stretching from Southeast Asia to East and Southeast Africa, and the East Mediterranean in the West, in prehistoric and early historic periods

The administrative unit does not have jurisdiction over the uninhabited Ashmore and Cartier Islands and Heard Island and McDonald Islands, despite these territories lying within the Indian Ocean. Design The coat of arms of the British Indian Ocean Territory also bears the territory's flag. Geologically, the Indian Ocean is the

youngest of the oceans (being directly preceded by the Tethys Ocean, which fragmented into the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean only 20 million years ago), and it has distinct features such as narrow continental shelves. Its average depth is 3,741 m. It is the warmest ocean, with a significant impact on global climate due to its interaction with the atmosphere. Its waters are affected by the Indian Ocean Walker circulation, resulting in unique oceanic currents and upwelling patterns. The Indian Ocean is ecologically diverse, with important ecosystems such as coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass beds. It hosts a significant portion of the world's tuna...
6c608fa0de == Location and description == 6c608fa0de Christmas Island (10.485°S 105.636°E / -10.485; 105.636 (Christmas Island)), where the administrator resides 6c608fa0de

Indian Ocean raid Japanese aircraft carriers (Admiral Chūichi Nagumo) struck Allied shipping, naval bases and airfields around British Ceylon but failed to find most of the Eastern Fleet. The British were forewarned by signals intelligence and the fleet sailed before

the raid; its attempt to surprise the Japanese was frustrated by poor tactical intelligence. The Indian Ocean raid (Operation C, the Third Mobile Operation in the Indian Ocean and the Battle of Ceylon in Japanese) was a sortie of the Imperial Japanese The Indian Ocean raid (Operation C, the Third Mobile Operation in the Indian Ocean and the Battle of Ceylon in Japanese) was a sortie of the Imperial Japanese Navy (IJN) from 31 March to 10 April 1942 6c608fa0de

The flag contains the Union Flag in its canton (upper hoist quarter). It depicts the waters of the Indian Ocean, where the islands are located, in the form of white and blue wavy lines. The flag also depicts a palm tree rising above the Tudor Crown. 6c608fa0de Concurrent with Operation C, the IJN dispatched Malaya Force (Vice Admiral Jisaburō Ozawa) consisting of the aircraft carrier Ryūjō, six cruisers, a light cruiser and four destroyers, to raid the northern Bay of Bengal. In three days, Malaya Force aircraft and ships sank twenty merchant ships and damaged three, a total of over 130,000 GRT. 6c608fa0de

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