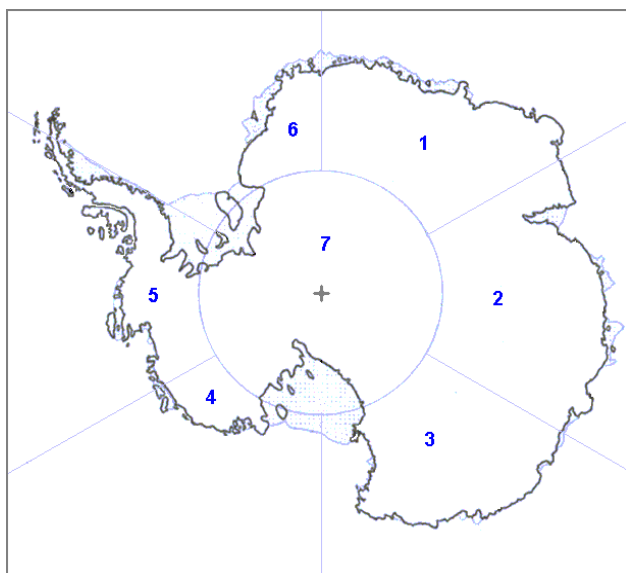


## RULES FOR THE ANTARCTICA AWARD

The Mediterraneo DX Club issues the **Antarctica Award (AA)** for contacting amateur radio stations operating from the various human settlements (henceforth referred to as Bases) in Antarctica, defined as the area south of 60° South latitude, including islands and ice shelves, to which the provisions of the Antarctic Treaty apply.

### THE ANTARCTICA AWARD DIRECTORY

The Antarctica Award is not intended to replace the popular WABA/WASA awards, but to complement them and carry on a tradition that dates back to 1991. For these reasons the AA Directory makes use of ARI-Diamond DX Club's WABA Directory 2003, which is also the official source of information for the RSGB IOTA Programme on Antarctic Base stations. Changes shall be made and integrations (including new reference numbers and possible new Bases) shall be added depending on ongoing and future developments of Antarctic activities, as well as on possible new information on past activities.



For AA purposes the Antarctic territory has been divided up into six sectors, plus one central sector as follows:

	Latitude	Longitude
Sector 1	60°00S-79°59S	00°00E-59°59E
Sector 2	60°00S-79°59S	60°00E-119°59E
Sector 3	60°00S-79°59S	120°00E-179°59E
Sector 4	60°00S-79°59S	180°00W-120°01W
Sector 5	60°00S-79°59S	120°00W-60°01W
Sector 6	60°00S-79°59S	60°00W-00°01W
Sector 7	80°00S-90°00S	00°00E-00°01W

The Bases have been grouped according to their "nationality". The current AA Directory lists Bases established and operated by the following countries: Argentina (LU-), Australia (VK-), Belgium (ON-), Brazil (PY-), Bulgaria (LZ-), Chile (CE-), China (BY-), Ecuador (HC-), Germany (DL-), Finland (OH-), France (F-), India (VU-), Italy (I-), Japan (JA-), Korea (HL-), New Zealand (ZL-), Norway (LA-), Peru (OA-), Poland (SP-), Russia (UA-), South Africa (ZS-), Spain (EA-), Sweden (SM-), Ukraine (UR-), United Kingdom (G-), United States of America (K-).

The AA Directory also provides for the following special cases:

German Democratic Republic (Y-)

Bases established and operated by the former GDR before the accession to the Federal Republic of Germany, effective from 3 October 1990

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U-)

Bases established and operated by the former USSR before 24 December 1991

Multi-National Bases (MN-)

This category is for, but not necessarily limited to, bases established and operated by two or more countries, or by multi-national teams from non-governmental organizations or private expeditions. Maudheim Station on the Quar Ice Shelf (71°03 S - 10°56 W) was an early example of Multi-National base, as it was established by the Norwegian-British-Swedish Antarctic Expedition (NBSAE) of 1949-52.

AA reference numbers (nationality indicator + 01, 02, ecc) are issued to those Bases that have been activated on the amateur radio bands since 1 January 1961. The AA Directory conforms to the WABA Directory 2003 with regard to the twenty reference numbers issued in the past that, following a major revision, were either deleted or withdrawn pending further investigation (see Appendix).

## REQUIREMENTS

The Antarctica Award is available to either licenced amateurs and SWLs.

All contacts must have taken place since 1 January 1961.

Contacts may be made on any amateur radio HF band from 10 to 160 metres (single band endorsements will not be issued).

Contacts may be made on CW, SSB and RTTY (single mode endorsements will not be issued).

- **Basic Award**

It is issued for confirmed contacts with 5 different Bases located in at least 3 different sectors.

- **Updates**

Participants are encouraged to increase their scores at any time. However, the deadline for mailing an update in order to have up-to-date scores included in the next year's AA listing is 30 November. The AA listing is published on the Mediterraneo DX Club's web site ([www.mdxc.org](http://www.mdxc.org)).

- **Endorsements**

AA endorsement stickers are available as additional credits are granted. Stickers are provided upon request for confirmed contacts with 10, 15, 20. etc. different Bases.

- **Honour Roll**

It is issued upon request for confirmed contacts with 25 different Bases located in at least 6 different sectors.

- **Certificate of Excellence**

It is issued upon request for confirmed contacts with 50 different Bases in at least 6 different sectors.

## FEES (including P&P when applicable)

	MDXC Members			
	EUR	USD	EUR	USD
Basic Award	15,00	15.00	12,00	12,00
Updates	2,00	2.00	1,50	1,50
Endorsement Stickers (each)	2,00	2.00	1,50	1,50
Honour Roll	15,00	15.00	12,00	12,00
Certificate of Excellence	15,00	15.00	12,00	12,00

The Mediterraneo DX Club undertakes to use any and all proceeds beyond out-of-pocket expenses to support amateur radio operations from Antarctica by the printing of QSL cards for stations in need.

## WHAT TO DO

Complete Part 1 (please tick boxes where appropriate) and Part 2 of the Application Form. Please list cards by sector and alphanumerically by reference number, and take the name of the Base from either the QSL or the AA Directory. Example:

Sector	Ref.No.	Base	Callsign	DD/MM/YY	UTC	Band	Mode
1	JA-02	Syowa	8J1RL	08/01/00	18.45	20	CW
1	U-06	Molodezhnaya	4K1A	07/12/90	00.01	30	CW
1	UA-06	Molodezhnaya	R1ANT	18/01/96	19.22	20	CW
2	VK-02	Casey	VK0KC	14/02/91	16.52	20	SSB
3	F-01	Dumont d'Urville	FT4YD	30/11/91	18.38	20	SSB
4	U-09	Russkaya	4K1H	02/03/87	01.36	40	CW
5	G-19	Station KG- Fossil Bluff	VP8GAV	08/12/94	20.50	20	SSB
5	MN-05	Evaodden Camp II	3Y0PI	04/02/94	06.19	20	SSB
6	DL-01	Georg von Neumayer	DP0GVN	12/12/86	23.30	40	SSB
7	K-08	Amundsen-Scott	KC4AAA	01/01/94	18.25	20	SSB

Send the Application Form together with the QSL cards [1], appropriate fees and return postage to the Award Manager (address below) or the appointed local Checkpoint [2].

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80029 S. Antimo - NA  
Italy  
e-mail [antarctica.award@mdxc.org](mailto:antarctica.award@mdxc.org)

[1] Front/back scannings sent on magnetic storage medium instead of the original cards are acceptable. However, the originals must be in the applicant's possession and the Award Manager reserves the right to check on any claimed QSL/contact.

[2] The list of appointed local Checkpoints will be published on [www.mdxc.org](http://www.mdxc.org)

<b>APPENDIX</b>
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**DELETED REFERENCE NUMBERS**

The following reference numbers have been deleted and will not be re-issued (the only exceptions are UA-05 and UA-09, which may be reinstated if evidence is provided that the relevant bases were activated on the amateur radio bands after 24 December 1991):

- DL-02 Previously issued for contacts made with Georg Forster station before the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany (3 October 1990). Contacts made with Forster station up to 2 October 1990 count for Y-01.
- DL-07 Previously issued to the Eduard Dallmann Laboratory, which has been transferred to the Multi-National section (MN-07). The station is operated by Germany jointly with Argentina.
- EA-02 Previously issued for an activity by ED0BOD in January-February 1991, which actually took place from the Destacamento Naval Orcadas del Sur of Argentina (LU-14).
- G-06 Previously issued to a "Base N – Galindez", which actually is the Station F - Faraday on Galindez Island (G-04). The letter N was assigned to a station on Anvers Island.
- G-21 VP8CPL and VP8CBE, following whose activity in February 1994 this reference number was issued, operated from the Russian base Bellingshausen (UA-04). The operations were conducted by members of the 3Y0PI (Peter I) DXpedition party while waiting for their chartered plane to be able to land on King George Island.
- K-03 Previously issued to Hallett Station (MN-03), a "multi-national" base that was operated by the US jointly with New Zealand from 1957 to February 1973.
- K-16 In order to count towards AA credit, contacts must have taken place since 1 January 1961. This reference number was issued to Wilkes Station (VK-05), which was established by the US in February 1957 and then transferred to Australia on 4 February 1959.
- LU-20 Previously issued to a "Isla 25 de Mayo" base, which actually is the Teniente Jubany Scientific Station (LU-15). 25 de Mayo is the Argentine name for King George Island.
- LZ-01 LZ0AM, following whose activity in 1988 this reference number was issued, operated from Novolazarevskaya base of the former USSR (U-08).
- UA-01 Previously issued to Druzhnaya-1 (U-01), which was never activated on the amateur radio bands after 24 December 1991.
- UA-05 Previously issued to Leningradskaya (U-05), for which no amateur radio activity after 24 December 1991 has been reported so far.
- UA-09 Previously issued to Russkaya (U-09), for which no amateur radio activity after 24 December 1991 has been reported so far.
- ZL-01 Previously issued for operations that actually took place from the German Gondwana Station (DL-06).
- ZL-04 Previously issued to World Park Base of Greenpeace International (MN-04).

**WITHDRAWN REFERENCE NUMBERS**

AA chasers are encouraged to provide information (including QSL cards) in support of the reinstatement of the following seven reference numbers, which have been temporarily withdrawn pending further investigation.

- G-02 This reference number was issued for the activity by VP8BDG in 1985 from a base or camp "Brabant" whose co-ordinates (64°30 S - 64°21 W) seem to indicate a location apparently further west than the given QTH (Brabant Island).
- G-16 This reference number was issued for the activity by VP8IK in 1966 from a "Base R – Grahamland" (the letter R is allocated to Rothera, which however was established in 1975) whose co-ordinates (66°00 S - 65°00 W) clash with the location (Ronne Ice Shelf) and seem to indicate a different QTH instead (possibly Station J - Prospect Point, also known as Graham Coast and established in 1957 at 66°00 S - 65°21 W).
- K-19 This reference number was issued for an activity by KC4/W1GWN in 1992 from a "McMurdo Sound 1" base, supposedly located on Ross Island. However, while the island lies between 77°10-77°51 S and 166°09-169°24 E, the co-ordinates given for K-19 (77°05 S - 166°02 E) seem to indicate a spot in McMurdo Sound, Ross Sea.
- K-22 This reference number was issued for an activity by KC4/VE7MKZ in 1994-95 from a "Fuchs Sound Camp" on Loubet Coast of western Graham Land, Antarctic Peninsula. However, the co-ordinates given for K-22 (67°22 S - 68°36 W) seem to indicate a spot on Adelaide Island, and the Fuchs Ice Piedmont (geographic names of the Antarctic apparently do not include a Fuchs Sound) actually extends along the entire west coast of that island.
- LA-02 This reference number was issued for activities by 3Y1CC in 1970-71 and 3Y2DQ in 1979 from a base supposedly located on Wilhelm II Coast. However the co-ordinates given for LA-02 (66°33 S - 93°01 E) not only indicate a spot on Queen Mary Coast, but are the actual co-ordinates of Mirny Station of the former USSR (U-07).
- VK-06 This reference number was issued for the activity by VK0/W3RS and VK0URS in 1969 from a "Ionospheric Research Station" whose location (Donovan Islands) clashes with the coordinates (66°25 S - 110°24 E). Lying about 11 km north-east of the Clark Peninsula, the Donovan Islands are centered at 66°11 S - 110°24 E, whilst the coordinates for VK-06 seem to indicate a location on Holl Island, at the south-west end of the Windmill Islands. As far as IOTA is concerned, either the Donovan Islands and Holl Island fall within the currently unnumbered Wilkes Land (Budd and Sabrina Coasts) group, but it is still to be determined if they meet the IOTA qualification criteria.
- ZL-03 This reference number was issued for a reported activity by ZL0AAF in 1990 from a "Swan Base" supposedly located on one of the Balleny Islands. While this chain of isolated islands of difficult access is located between 66°15 S to 67°10 S and 162°15 E to 164°45 E, the co-ordinates given for ZL-03 (66°00 S - 162°00 E) are approximate and do not refer to any specific island in that group. The Balleny Islands are still unnumbered in the RSGB IOTA Directory island listings.