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by I2MQP

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PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3B8	Mauritius	NOW	DL6UAA is again on as 3B8MM	H.C.
4J	Azerbaijan	Now - Jun 15	4JSONG & 4KSONG will be on the air	RU3SD
5H	Tanzania	Jun 11 - Jun 22	5H9CP will be used by NK80	H.C.
5X	Uganda	May - Jun 8	F5IRO is on during free time as 5X5RO mainly CW	F8DFP
6O	Somalia	May 25 - May 31	E70A/J28AA will be again on as 6O3A	K2PF or E77E
6W	Senegal	May 16 - May 28	RK4FF will be again on as 6V7S	H.C.
7X	Algeria	May 20 - May 26	7U50ND will be on by the 7X2VFK members	
9J	Zambia	2011 - 2012	ZS6RI is active as 9J2RI during his stay in Zambia	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
9H	Malta	Jun 17 - Jun 29	9H3ZZ by N6GQ	H.C. & LoTW
9N	Nepal	Mar 30 - May 30	WP3FE as 9N1FE	
A5	Bhutan	Now - Sep 2013	JA2PSV is active as A52SV on 10-12-15 meters	H.C.

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A5	Bhutan	May 24 - Jun 6	A5A all bands and modes	
A5	Bhutan	Jun 6 - Jun 14	JA1JQY (A52JY), JA1KJW (A52KJ), JA3MCA (A52MA), JK1EBA (A52BA) and JA8VE (A52VE) will be on all bands/modes.	H.C.
CY0	Sable	Apr - Jun	VE1AWW will be /CY0 active during spare time	H.C.
D2	Angola	NOW - Jun 2012	MM0SSG is in D2 signing D2SG when free from his job	GM4FDM
D2	Angola	NOW	UA1QV is active signin D3AA	H.C.
DL	Germany	May 20 - May 25	DL1AXX will be /p from EU-047	H.C. bur
DL	Germany	NOW	DL125HHZ special call	
E4	Palestine	NOW	UA4WHX is signing E40VB all bands and modes	H.C.
F	France	May 19 - May 25	TM0CI from EU-039	F5ETO bur & dir
F	France	May 18 - May 20	TM120 from EU-032	EA2TT
FK	New Caledonia	Now - My 29	ZL3CW is on as TX5CW	H.C.
FO/M	Marquesas	Jun 3 - Jun 11	F5IDM as TX5VT mainly 20 meters	H.C.
FS	St.Martin	Jun 8 - Jun 24	K9EL will be again /FS SSB, CW & RTTY	H.C.
GM	Scotland	May 21 - Jun 7	GM3VLB will activate several Islands	
GM	Scotland	May 16 - May 21	Several operators will be on eu-059 as GM7WCO/p	H.C.
GU	Guernsey	May 12 - May 19	PA0VHA, PA3BAG, PA2A and PA2AM will be /MU	H.C. bur
HB9	Switzerland	May 7 - Jun 9	HB100FLP special call	HB9OCR
HH	Haiti	Apr 7 - May 12	EA3OW is now /HH8 during spare time	H.C.
I	Italy	May 17 - May 20	Several operators will be on from EU-017 as ID9Z	LoTW
JA	Japan	Now - Jul 15	8J3XVI special call	JA3UJR

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JT	Mongolia	NOW	UA4NW is active as JT5NM	
JT	Mongolia	May 18 - May 20	JT7WFF	RZ0SB
JY	Giordan	NOW	IK0BOU is active as JY9ET in the afternoon SSB & CW	M00XO
JY	Giordan	NOW	UA4WHX is active as JY8VB	H.C
KH4	Midway	NOW - May 2012	W5FJG is /KH4 for at least one year	N7RO
KH8	American Samoa	Jun 1 - Jun 7	N7RO & N3QQas KH8/KL7RRC	UA9OB EU N7RO USA
KH9	Wake	Now - 2013	WA2YUN is on /KH9	K2PF dir only
LA	Norway	May 16 - May 21	DL2VFR & DL2RNS will sign /LA from EU-061	H.C. dir & bur
OD	Lebanon	Now - Oct 2012	IV3XNF is in UN duty and active /OD5 mainly CW	H.C.
ON	Belgium	Apr 14 - Dec 31	Special call ON100TT	ON4WDL
ON	Belgium	May 18 - May 20	OT7G will be the call of ON5MA from OV-032 Belgian Castle	ON5MA bur
OX	Greenland	May 26 - May 27	OZ1BII will sign XP2I in the contest	H.C. dir & bur
P4	Aruba	Now - May 31	OK7MT, OK5MM and OK2PP are /P4 all bands. Will sign P40H during the contest	
PA	Netherlands	May 6 - May 28	PC2F is using the special call PC25HR	H.C:
PJ2	Curacao	May 5 - May 18	DH2AK and DL1THM will be /PJ2	H.C.
PJ2	Curacao	May 17 - May 20	G4MFW will be /PJ2	H.C.
PJ4	Bonaire	May 17 - May 20	G4MFW will be /PJ4	H.C.
S7	Seychelles	May 15 - May 23	DJ9RR will be S79RR	H.C. dir and bur
SM	Sweden	May 17 - May 20	Several SM operators will be on from EU-043 as 7S6W	QRZ.com
SM	Sweden	Jun 11 - Jun 13	JH8SGR will be /SM1 from EU-020	H.C.
SP	Poland	May 18 - Jun 8	Special station SN750K	Bur

SV5	Rhodes	May 23 - May 28	N6GQ will be /SV5	H.C. dir
TF	Iceland	Jun 17 - Jun 30	TF/VX3T will be on 6 meters	
TN	Congo	NOW - 2012	TN9SN is active for one year	IZ1BZV
UA	Russia	MAY	R1945HS special call	RW6HS
UR	Ukraine	May 1 - Jun 30	Special call EM350S	UW8SM dir, bur & LoTW
UR	Ukraine	Now - May 31	EM100RU special call	UT1RT
V2	Antigua	May 23 - May 30	AB2E will be on as V26E	H.C: dir &LoTW
V3	Belize	May 11 - May 31	VE2XB as V31XB	H.C.
V3	Belize	May 23 - May 29	KU5B as V31UB	H.C. dir & LoTW
V6	Micronesia	May 25 - May 29	JA7HMZ as V63DX, JA7ZP as V63ZP Will sign V6A during the contest	H.C. dir
V7	Marshall	Delayed to May - June	K4FW will sign V73FW or /V7	H.C.
VE	Canada	MAY	VC2CBS30 special call	VE2DWE
VK	Australia	May 19 - May 21	VK6YS will be /p from OC-199	H.C. dir
VK9	Lord Howe	May 26 - Jun 4	VK3FY will be VK9LHI	VK3HF
VK9	Lord Howe	May 23 - May 30	VK2PN, OK1NG and VK3FY will be in the contest as VK9PN	
VP2M	Montserrat	Jun 6 - Jun 12	KB4CRT will be on as VP2MRT	H.C. dir
VP5	Turks	May 21 - May 24	JH1BXH and JA1EAX will be /VP5 all bands CW & SSB	JH1BXH
VU	India	Now - May 31	Special call AU50GOA	VU2SMS
W	U.S.A.	Jun 2 - Jun 4	Several operators from NA-143 as KK5W	KK5W
XU	Cambodia	NOW	ZL1DD is signing XU7AEL	
XV	Viet Nam	Now - Jun 12	W6NWS is active as XV2W all modes	H.C.

XX	Macao	May 17 - May 23	Activity by a big EA team with the call XX9E	LoTW & EB7DX
YA	Afghanistan	May 26 - May 27	T6MO will be in the contest	K9GY dir & bur & LoTW
YA	Afghanistan	Now - July	OZ2JBC will be active up to the end of July	
YA	Afghanistan	Jan 17 - Jun 13	CT1FKN is active as T6JM	H.C. dir & bur
ZB	Gibraltar	May 5 - Jun 10	ZQ3M will be on frequency ZQ2ER as well	ZB3M dir ZB2ER
ZS8	Marion	Jun ???	ZS6RGV will be on the island and in a few weeks should get a call and start operations	ZS1HF

FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3D2C	Conway reef	Sep 25 - Oct 6	Several operators will be on signing 3D2C	YT1AD
6O	Somaliland	Nov 6 - Nov 14	The Intrepid DX Team will put on a big expedition with several stations all bands and modes	W3HMK
6W	Senegal	Oct 17 - Oct 18	F5VHJ will be on as 6W1RY	H.C.dir bur LoTW
7P8	Lesotho	Nov 22 - Dec 3	ZS2DL and other operators will be on all bands and modes probably as 7P8D	Dir only
9A	Croatia	Sep 29 - Oct 6	9A8OK group will be on from several islands in the EU-098 group	OK1HWS dir & bur
C2	Nauru	Postponed to 2012	6 operators and 3 stations will be active as C21AA	VK4FW dir & bur
CY9	St. Paul	Jul 26 - Aug 2	AB5EB EA1DR EA2TA EA3NT IZ7ATN MM0NDX SM0MDG SV2KBS VA3FM VE3EN	M0URX
D4	Comoros	Aug 2012	D64K will be aired by an Italian team all bands and modes	IV3DSH
DL	Germany	Jul 27 - Jul 29	Special call DM50IOTA from EU-047	bur

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F	France	Jul 27 - Jul 29	ON group will be on from EU-039 signing F70T9Z	OT9Z
FO	French Polynesia	Jun 24 -	F4EBT will be active from various islands in the OC-046 & OC-067 groups	H.C. dir & bur
FO0	Clipperton	Mar 1 - Mar 10	KK6EK, N7CQQ, AD6E, W6OP, N7XG and N7CQQ will be on as TX5Q	
FP	St. Pierre	Jul 9 - Jul 17	KV1J will be /FP	H.C dir & LoTW
FR	Reunion	Sep 2 - Sep 10	DF8AN will be /FR CW	H.C.
GD	Isle of Man	Oct 27 - Oct 28	G3RXQ will sign GD3RXQ during the contest	H.C.
GJ	Jersey	Jun 28 - Jun 29	GJ2A will be in the contest	GJ3DVC dir
GJ	Jersey	Jul 20 - Jul 27	3 ON operators will be on as MJ/OT9Z	ON bur
GM	Scotland	Jul 15 - Jul 22	GMDX will activate EU-112 signing GB5SI	MM0BQI dir & bur
GU	Guernsey	Jun 22 - Jun 27	GP3ZME/p on HF, VHF & SHF	M0PNN dir
GU	Guernsey	Jul 16 - Jul 20	ON group will be on from EU-114 as MU/OT9Z	OT9Z
GU	Guernsey	Jul 28 - Jul 29	GW3SQX will be in the contest as GU70	H.C.
H40	Temotu	Dec 22 - Jan 7	DK9FN will be again on as H40FN	HA8DD
I	Italy	Jul 27 - Jul 31	IJ7A will be on from EU-073	IK7IMO
JW	Svalabard	Aug 10 - Aug 12	LA6VJA will be JW6VJA LA6TMA will be JW6TMA	H.C. dir & bur
JW	Svalabard	Spt 12 - Sep 19	LA8DW as JW8DW and LA9HH will be on from JW5E	
KH5	Palmyra	Postponed to Nov 2012	25 operators will be on from Jarvis Island signing probably N5E	
KH8S	Swain's Island	Sep 4 - Sep 14	Big multinational team will sign NH8S	AA4NN
KL7	Alaska	Postponed to Jul 2013	K6VVA will be /KL7 activating a new island	
PY	Brazil	Jul 28 - Jul 29	ZV1M from SA-029 will be in the contest	PY12MT dir only
T30	W.Kiribati	Oct 16 - Oct 25	9 PY operators will be on as T30PY & T30SIX	PY2PT dir & bur

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T33	Banaba	Oct/Nov 2011 Delayed to 2012	HA5AO & HA5UK plan to be active as T33HA	HA5AO LoTW bur
TA	Turkey	Jul 24 - Aug 1	HA5OJ, HA5BWW, HA5MA, HA7PC, HA8KW, TA2RX, TA7EB and TA7EM will be /TAO from AS-154.	H,C die & bur
TA	Turkey	Jul 28 - JUL 29	The above group will sign TC0HA durino the contest	HA5KHC
TI	Costa Rica	Aug 1 - Aug 8	N6OPR N0TW as TI5/K6MQ	N0TW
TK	Corsica	July 7 - Jul 21	F8BB1 will be on as TK12IOTA from EU-124, EU-164	
UA	A.Russia	Jul - Aug	RRC is planning an expedition to AS-051 & AS-092	
V3	Belize	Jul 23 - Jul 30	W5HNS, K0BCN and W5MRM will be active as V31WH, V31MX and V31MO	H.C. & LoTW
V4	St.Kitts	Jul 12 - Aug 2	W5JON will be again V47JA	H.C. dir & LoTW
V7	Marshall	Delayed to May - June	K4FW will sign V73FW or /V7	H.C.
V8	Brunei	Nov 13 - Nov 22	MDX Club will be on as V84SMD all bands and modes with 4 stations	IK2VUC
VE	Canada	Jun 15 - Jul 15	Special call CG7CWPC	VE7EES dir & bur
VE	Canada	Jul 26 - Jul 29	VX2I from NA-128	VE2CQ dir 6 bur
VK0	Heard Island	Feb 1 - Feb 18 2013	Big group will be on Details will follow later	
W	U.S.A.	Jul 28 - Jul 29	WD5IYT will be on from NA-092	H.C. dir & bur
W	U.S.A.	Jul 18 - Jul 13	AC0QG will be /5 from NA-092	H.C. dir & LoTW
W	U.S.A.	Jul 28 - Jul 29	AD5WB will be on from NA-143	H.C. dir & bur
W	U.S.A.	Jul 28 - Jul 29	W6UX/p will be in the contest from NA-144	
YN	Nicaragua	Oct 23 - Oct 29	N6GQ will sign YN2AA	NN3W dir & LoTW
ZK1	S.Cook	Jul 2 - Aug 25	AB7FS will be again on holiday style as R51AND	H.C.
ZK2	Niue	Sep 7 - Sep 21	W7GJ as ZK2JG VHF EME	H.C.

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ZK2	Niue	Sep 8 - Nov 15	ZL1RS will be active VHF	H.C.
ZL9	Auckland	Nov 17 - Nov 30	VK2IR & VK3YP will be on as ZL9HR Heading a group of nine	

ANNOUNCEMENT (from the Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin)

7O6T - Socotra Island DX-pedition

April 30 thru May 15, 2012

By Dmitry (RA9USU; Leader), Igor (RA3AUU; Co-Leader) and David (K3LP; Co- Leader)

Dated: May 16, 2012

It gives us great pleasure to bring the 7O6T - Socotra Island DX-pedition to a successful finish on May 15, 2012, at 2100 GMT. As we finalize the checking of our Club Log QSO data, we celebrate with each of you in achieving the 162,029 QSO's logged. Each of our team members achieved many individual and team successes. This included working outside their normal operating comfort zone and working day after day using 8 to 12 hour work shifts with only getting 4 hours of sleep then hitting the stations operating again. They did not complain as they forged forward in a manner we've never seen. For this, we are extremely proud of their efforts.

As part of the informal operating agreement, we were limited to six radios and ten operators total. Remember, this means five operators available during anyone shift with six operators operating during peak performance periods. When you break these five operators into CW, SSB, TTY & 160/80 Meter, you can run out of enough people quickly just because all bands and modes are open at the same time. We had three camp locations in order to reduce interference; CW Camp (Summerland Hotel), SSB Camp (Taj Socotra Hotel) and 160/80 Meter Camp at a remote beach location. Each of these locations remained on gas or diesel power generators throughout their operation. We would lose power at least once or twice each day at the Taj Socotra Hotel location for 1 to 3 hours each time. We acquired a gas powered generator for use at the 160/80 Meter Camp.

Though in any major DX-peditions such as this, there are issues that get identified and warrant re-direction, re-planning and even a few changes in operating philosophy. Prior to, during and after closing our operating positions, the team had many review meetings to improve our team's performance. The DX Community at large provided valuable information that helped us to succeed. Thank you for your emails and comments regarding adjustments to frequencies, band openings, best use of operators, mode use, and logging errors. This input made us stronger and will be applied as we move forward on future planned DX-peditions.

As early as February 2010, the planning for this trip began. Initially, one may not believe that such an event would be even possible. This trip came about as a result of focusing on being a good person and building meaningful relationships in the Republic of Yemen. After numerous Dmitry

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trips and flights from Moscow to Sana'a, then from Sana'a to Socotra Island, it became evident that a future DX-pedition to the Republic of Yemen might be possible. Just like in business, even a 99% possible business deal sometimes doesn't close. For this reason, events occurring prior to Dmitry's formal announcement were never released or discussed except with the two Co-Leaders, Igor (RA3AUU) and David (K3LP).

Dmitry (RA9USU) and David (K3LP) had various conversions along the way leading up to this event regarding the Operating Plan and Logistics. Our plan was to have the DX-pedition occur the first week of June 2012 when we both had cleared our work schedules and when all the radios, amps, antennas, and supplies would be shipped in advance. After Dmitry landed on Socotra Island on April 12, it became apparent that our plan was coming to fruition faster than expected. Dmitry made a couple of round trips to and from Socotra Island and Sana'a resulting in several formal approvals being given. At this point, we were faced with a choice on either to have Dmitry operate as a single operator or try to invest as much energy as possible in brief moment to organize a team and have them fly two days later to Socotra Island. We elected to proceed with a bigger team and try our best to make the event significant!

Dmitry (RA9USU - Team Leader) and Igor (RA3AUU) had contacted David (K3LP) just as he arrived in California at the Visalia DX-Convention on April 18-19, 2012, that our trip was a go and needed to be started on April 30 and ended on May 15, 2012. This forced us to abandon our prior Operations Plan and quickly devise a quick and dirty approach before the opportunity disappeared. This meant assembling an operating team that could go immediately, applying for VISAs, having each team member pack their applicable radios, amps, computers, antennas, filters, keyer, headset, coax, etc., immediately purchase their airline tickets and get ready to depart on April 26, 2012 arriving in Socotra Island on April 28, 2012.

This also meant that we were not in a position to discuss or request donations from organizations, clubs or individuals in fear of having the DX-pedition cancelled. As you can imagine, this was an expensive trip that lasted from April 12 (i.e. included on site planning) through May 16, 2012.

In order not to draw any attention to our activities, we used only one large movement of equipment into the country and prevented our second arriving team members to bring anything. In addition, no informal or formal announcement was made until April 30, 2012 as we activated our 7O6T website (www.yemen2012.com) and communicated our intentions via the internet and emails.

After getting limited team member contributions requested beyond their personal hotel, food and airline tickets (about \$2,800.00), we are still in the hole about \$25,000.00, so your individual contributions are greatly really needed. A complete 7O6T Finance spreadsheet was put together detailing all income and expenses for this trip and will be shared with NCDXF upon our return in hopes of getting their support.

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You can submit your QSL Card request direct or via the bureau. Each will be responded too in a timely manner. In saying this, it takes a lot more time to process the manual requests. In order to provide an expedited QSL service, here are a few adjustments that we are making to our website (www.yemen2012.com):

. Adding PayPal payment for electronic QSL Card confirmations. No need to send QSL cards, once you "valid date and time" of your QSO's on line and make a payment, these cards will be sent out first. Adding key space for major sponsors to the website

We want to thank the DX Community for their hard work, patience and willingness in making this DX-pedition a major success. We are all on our way home at this time.

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

706T - Yemen

Current Operations

603A - Somalia

2012 Operation

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DJ9ZB - DX World Guide

CQ Communications, Inc., today announced the publication of the third edition of the DX World Guide, by Franz Langner, DJ9ZB. This 384-page DXer's guidebook is the first edition using color throughout and the first to be entirely in English.

The book includes entries for well over 300 DX "entities." Information includes geographical information about each country, WAZ and ITU zones, ITU callsign allocations and amateur prefixes. Each listing also includes a map and flag, plus information on the country's licensing agency and national amateur radio society. In addition, as appropriate, listings include call areas, IOTA (Islands on the Air) information and representative QSL cards.

The DX World Guide, 3rd edition, will be available in both print and digital (CD) formats. It will retail for \$42.95 in print and \$22.95 on CD.

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NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0130Z-0200Z, May 18

NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, May 18

The Day of YLs: 0000Z, May 19 - 2330Z, May 20

UN DX Contest: 0900Z, May 19 to 0900Z, May 20

Aegean RTTY Contest: 1200Z, May 19 to 1200Z, May 20

EU PSK DX Contest: 1200Z, May 19 to 1200Z, May 20

His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW: 1200Z, May 19 to 1200Z, May 20

Feld Hell Sprint: 1600Z-1800Z, May 19

Baltic Contest: 2100Z, May 19 to 0200Z, May 20

UA2 QSO Party: 1300Z-1659Z, May 20

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest: 0100Z-0300Z, May 21

SKCC Sprint: 0000Z-0200Z, May 23

**CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, May 23 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 23
and 0300Z-0400Z, May 24**

RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW: 1900Z-2030Z, May 24