

BENE LUX DX CLUB STANDARD RADIO LANDLIST RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN DX COUNCIL.

E U R O P E

Albania	Great Britain	Poland
Andorra	Greece	Portugal
Austria	Hungary	Romania
Azores	Iceland	San Marino
Belgium	Ireland	Spain
Bulgaria	Italy	Spitsbergen
Czechoslovakia	Jan Mayen	Sweden
Denmark	Liechtenstein	Switzerland
East Germany	Luxembourg	USSR
Faroe Islands	Malta	Vatican City
Finland	Monaco	West Berlin
France	Netherlands	West Germany
Gibraltar	Norway	Yugoslavia

Former radio countries after 1945.

GERMANY = until 450507 one radio country; since then East Germany, West Berlin and West Germany

SAAR = 480103-561231 separate country; since then part of West Germ.

TRIESTE = 470210-541005 separate country; since then northern part to Italy and southern part to Yugoslavia

A F R I C A

Afars and Issas	Gambia	Rhodesia
Algeria	Ghana	Rwanda
Angola	Guinea Rep.	St. Helena
Annobon	Ivory Coast	Sao Tome and Principe
Ascension	Kenya	Senegal
Botswana	Lesotho	Seychelles
Burundi	Liberia	Sierra Leone
Cabinda	Libya	Somalia
Cameroun	Madeira	South Africa
Canary Islands	Malagasy Rep.	South West Africa
Cape Verde Islands	Malawi	Sp. Sahara
Central African Rep.	Mali	Sudan
Ceuta	Mauritania	Swaziland
Chad	Mauritius	Tanzania
Comoro Islands	Melilla	Togo
Congo-Brazzaville	Morocco	Tristan da Cunha
Congo-Kinshasa	Mozambique	Tunisia
Dahomey	Niger	Uganda
Equatorial Guinea	Nigeria	United Arab Rep
Ethiopia	Port. Guinea	Upper Volta
Gabon	Reunion	Walvis Bay
		Zambia

Former Radio countries after 1945

BR CAMEROON = since 610601 northern part to Nigeria and since 611001 southern part to Cameroun

BR SOMALILAND = since 600701 part of Somalia; gained independance 600626

ERITREA = since 520915 part of Ethiopia

FED OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND = 580201-631231 separate country; since then devided into Rhodesia, Zambia and Malawi

FR EQUATORIAL AFRICA = 580928 divided into Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Gabon, Oubangui-Chari (=Central African Rep.)

FR MOROCCO = since 560302 part of Morocco

FR WEST AFRICA = 580928 divided into Fr Guinea, Fr Soudan, Ivory Coast, Niger, Dahomey, Mauritania, Senegal and Upper Volta.

IFNI = since 690104 part of Morocco

IT SOMALILAND = since 600701 part of Somalia

KATANGA = 600711-621231 separate country; before and after this period part of Congo-Kinshasa (former Congo-Léopoldville)

RUANDA-URUNDI = after 620630 separated into Rwanda and Burundi  
 SP MOROCCO = since 560407 part of Morocco except for Ceuta and Melilla  
 SUEZ CANAL ZONE = since 560613 part of Egypt (United Arab Rep)  
 TANGANYIKA = since 640424 part of Tanzania  
 TANGIER = since 561029 part of Morocco  
 ZANZIBAR = since 640424 part of Tanzania

A S I A

Afghanistan	Israel	Pakistan, Eastern
Andaman Islands	Japan	Pakistan, Western
Bahrain	Jordan	Philippines
Bhutan	Kamran	Qatar
Brunei	Kashmir	Ras Musandam
Burma	Kuwait	Ryu Kyu Islands
Cambodia	Laos	Saudi Arabia
Ceylon	Lebanon	Sikkim
Chagos Islands	Macau	Singapore
China	Malaysia, Eastern	South Korea
Christmas Islands	Malaysia, Western	South Viet-Nam
Cocos Islands	Maldiv Islands	South Yemen
Cyprus	Mongolia	Syria
Hong Kong	Muscat and Oman	Taiwan
India	Nepal	Thailand
Indonesia	North Korea	Timor
Iran	North Viet Nam	Trucial Coast
Iraq	Ocussi Ambeno	Turkey
		Yemen

Former Radio countries after 1945.

CHAUDERNAGORE = since 520609 part of India  
 CHINA = since 491001 divided into China and Taiwan  
 DAMAO = since 611219 part of India  
 DIU = since 611219 part of India  
 DUTCH NEW GUINEA = also known as West Papua; since 630501 part of Indonesia, called West Irian  
 FR INDO-CHINA = since 490308 excluding Viet Nam, since 490719 excluding Laos and ceased to exist 491108 when Cambodia was created  
 GOA = since 611219 part of India  
 GWADAR = since 580908 part of West Pakistan  
 HYDRABAD = 470815-4809-- separate country; before and after this period part of India  
 INDIA = also known as Br India; since 470815 divided into Indi. (Bharat), Hyderabad, East Pakistan and West Pakistan  
 KARIKAL = since 541101 part of India  
 KOREA = since 480501 divided into Nort Korea and South Korea  
 KURIA-MURIA = since 671130 part of Muscat and Oman  
 MAHE = since 541101 part of India  
 MALAYA = 630916-650808 counted together with Singapore; now called Western Malaysia  
 MOUNT SCOPUS = 480515-670605 separate radio country; before this part of Palestine and after part of Israel  
 PALESTINE = since 480515 divided into Israel, Mount Scopus and Trans-jordania (of Jordan)  
 PONDICHERY = since 541101 part of India  
 SABA = also known as North Borneo; since 630916 part of Eastern Malaysia  
 SARAWAK = since 630916 part of Eastern Malaysia  
 SOCOTRA = since 671130 part of South Yemen  
 SOUTH ARABIAN FED = formerly known as Aden (incl Aden Protectorate and Hadramaut) since 671130 part of South Yemen  
 TIBET = since 510523 part of China  
 VIET NAM = since 540721 divided into North Viet-Nam and South Viet Nam. of Fr. Indo-China.  
 YANAON = since 541101 part of India.

P A C I F I C

American Samoa  
Australia  
Bonin and Volcano Islands  
Canton and Enderbury  
Caroline Islands  
Cook Islands  
Daito Islands  
Easter Islands  
Fiji  
Gilbert and Ellice Islands  
Hawaiian Islands  
Howland and Baker Islands  
Ile Clipperton  
Iles Wallis

Jarvis  
Johnston  
Line Islands, Northern  
Line Islands, Southern  
Manihiki  
Marcus  
Mariana Islands  
Marquesas  
Marshall Islands  
Nauru  
New Caledonia  
New Hebrides  
New Zealand  
Niue

Norfolk  
Palmyra  
Papua and New Guinea  
Parece Vela  
Phoenix Islands  
Pitcairn Islands  
Society Islands  
Solomon Islands  
Tokelau Islands  
Tonga  
Touamotou  
Toubouai  
Wake  
Western Samoa

N O R T H A M E R I C A

Alaska  
Bermuda

Canada  
Greenland

St. Pierre and Miquelon  
U S A

C E N T R A L A M E R I C A

American Virgin Islands  
Anguilla  
Antigua  
Aves  
Bahamas  
Barbados  
Br. Honduras  
Br. Virgin Islands  
Cayman Islands  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Dominica  
Dominican Rep.

El Salvador  
Grenada  
Guadeloupe  
Guantanamo Base  
Guatemala  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Jamaica  
Martinique  
Mexico  
Montserrat  
Navassa  
Neth. Antilles, northern

Neth. Antilles, southern  
Nicaragua  
Panama  
Panama Canal Zone  
Puerto Rico  
San Andres  
St. Barthelemy  
St. Kitts-Nevis  
St. Lucia  
St. Vincent  
Swan Islands  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Turks and Caicos Islands

S O U T H A M E R I C A

Argentina  
Bolivia  
Brazil  
Chile  
Colombia  
Desventurados

Ecuador  
Faikland Islands  
Fr. Guyana  
Galapagos  
Guyana  
Juan Fernandez

Paraguay  
Peru  
Sao Paulo  
Suriname  
Trinidad  
Uruguay  
Venezuela

A N T A R C T I C A

Antarctica Mainland  
Balleny Islands  
Bouvet  
Crozet Islands  
Heard and MacDonald Islands

Kerguelen  
Macquaire Islands  
Peter I Island  
Prince Edward Islands  
Scott

South Georgia  
South Orkneys  
South Sandwich Islands  
St. Paul and Amsterdam Islands

## COUNTING COUNTRIES -- HOW AND WHY ?

### Background:

A DX-er's ability cannot solely be judged on the basis of the number of countries from which he has heard radio broadcasts. It is difficult, if not impossible, to determine how an acceptable ranking list should be established. But it is generally accepted that a rough yardstick is the number of verified countries.

To achieve a unified system, all DX-ers must obviously find a common set of terms for the designation of "radio countries". Such a list has now been created by the European DX Council after a year of negotiations between representatives from the member countries: Benelux, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Sweden, plus unofficially Finland. Switzerland entered just prior to the ratification.

The Swedish Land List was used as a starting point for the discussions because of the fact that this list has been spread and used in the countries of the Council.

The reason for changing the old list is not so much recent political events or a change in basic principles, but an endeavour to abolish a few old inconsistencies. The counting of radiocountries easily tend to be emotionally coloured if the continuous inflow of questions are dealt with by a simple voting procedure. First we have to make up our minds about the fundamental principles. Of course we must use our common sense, but this should be complementary to the fundamental principles when these do not give adequate analogies.

It should be emphasized that this list of the European DX Council is a recommendation for the member countries -- that is to say subject to alterations by each country if it finds it impossible to agree on some specific issue. However, each such action is a blow against the idea of the Land List being a common basis for the DX-ers.

### Fundamental principles:

An endeavour towards simplicity, avoiding elaborate rules merely serving the purpose of increasing the number of radio countries:

#### 1. Criteria for radio countries:

- a. sovereign states
- b. remote territories, colonies, faraway islands distant to the parent territory  
- (somewhat arbitrary criteria for "distant")
- c. difference in governmental administration
- d. enclaves - separation from parent body by intervening land under other control
- e. broadcasting activity
- + contrary to some other lists we do not include autonomous departments or republics of unions etc, e g USA, USSR, China and India

#### 2. Changes in radio countries are created by:

- a. division
- b. amalgamation
- c. annexation (=division+amalgamation, actually)  
- not by quasi changes, i.e. changes of name or constitution

#### 3. The principle of wait-and-see

New loose and fragile federations and suddenly emerging nations are not immediately put into the Land List. If the new country proves to be stable during a certain period, it is added to the list. Of course, the date will then be put retroactively from the creation of the new country

#### 4. Old radio countries:

- They can be counted by old DX-ers if logged during the listed time span.

#### 5. Counting radio countries:

is not solely a matter of adding, e g Ruanda-Urundi + Rwanda + Burundi = 2 radio countries. The total sum cannot be higher than the biggest amount of radio countries existing within the area at a specific moment.

#### 6. Counting a radio country:

presuppose a verification based on a logging in a period during which the radio country has been in existence according to the Land List.

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