

Announcement of New IOTA Groups at Ham Radio Friedrichshafen on 22 June 2019

Following the decision to split the 5 yearly review of the IOTA list into two parts, we announced the first tranche of six new IOTA groups at the RSGB Convention, Milton Keynes on 14 October 2018 (see Management News item of the same date). The plan mentioned at the time was to add the second tranche at Ham Radio Friedrichshafen in June 2019. At the event's IOTA Forum on Saturday, 22 June this took place with the announcement of a further six new groups. The review has now completed its work; the next one is scheduled for 2024.

These new groups have provisional numbers. This means that they will need to be confirmed by an operation taking place after 22 June 2019 that meets the 1000 QSO and other normal validation requirements. Only after confirmation of the group number will credit for past operations be considered. Read the full list *here*.

The addition of these six groups takes the total of groups that have confirmed or provisional IOTA numbers to 1172. Of these 1131 have seen activity, the remaining 41 have not. The number of unnumbered groups remains at 33. A number of these will be withdrawn in due course to keep within the programme cap of 1200 groups set long ago by the Management Team as a firm policy decision.

AS-206 JA0, 1, 2, 7 Honshu's Coastal Islands East, Japan (qualifying islands to be added from Directory for these prefixes) 33°43–41°35N 136°00–142°15E. A new group, created by splitting the current AS-117 Honshu's Coastal Islands in accordance with the 'large island' criterion that allows more than one coastal island group. There has been considerable activity from both groups. **The entry/title of AS-117 Honshu's Coastal Islands has been changed to JA3, 4, 9 Honshu's Coastal Islands West with the above-mentioned islands transferred to AS-206 and its co-ordinates box changed to 33°24–37°54N 130°00–137°38E.**

AS-207 R0K Chukchi Sea Coast Centre group, Chukotskiy Avtonomnyy Okrug, Russia – Asia (=Kosa Dvukh Pilotov) 68°08–69°27N 178.00E-177.00W Valid for the Arctic Islands Award. New 'unofficial/coastal island group', created by splitting the current AS-174 Chukchi Sea Coast West group. There has been no known previous amateur radio activity. **This island does not currently appear in the listing for AS-174 Chukchi Sea Coast West group although it did many years back (it was deleted for lack of a map). The latter's new coordinates will be 69°27–70°00N 172.30-178.00E but the name will not be changed.**

OC-298 FO Tatakoto Atoll, Tuamotu Islands, French Polynesia (=Tatakoto) 17°15–17°25S 138°11–138°35W. New 'remote island group'. This island was previously part of OC-066 Tuamotu Archipelago but is separated from the other islands in this large group by at least 154 km. There have been some four previous operations. **Tatakoto will be deleted from OC-066 Tuamotu Archipelago without any change to the latter's group name or co-ordinates.**

OC-299 V6 Yap East group, State of Yap, FSM (=Elato, Lamotrek, Olimarao, Pikelot, Satawal, West Fayu) 07°15–08°15N 145°40–147°45E. New 'remote island group'. These islands were previously part of OC-132 East Yap group but are separated from the remaining islands in that group by at least 160.5 km. There has been no known previous amateur radio activity. **These islands will be deleted from OC-132 East Yap group which will now consist of Eauripik, Faraulep, Gaferut, Ifalik and Woleai and be renamed as Yap Centre group. Its new coordinates will be 6°35–9°20N 142°55–145°40E.**

OC-300 T31 McKean and Nikumaroro Atolls, Phoenix Islands, Central Kiribati, Kiribati (=McKean, Nikumaroro) 02°30–05°00S 173°00–174°50W. New 'remote island group'. These islands were previously part of OC-043 Phoenix Islands but are separated from the remaining islands in that group by at least 230 km. There has been no known previous amateur radio activity. **These islands will be deleted from OC-043 Phoenix Islands which will now consist of Birnie, Enderbury, Kanton, Manra, Orona and Rawaki. The latter's new coordinates will be 02°30–05°00S 170°25–173°00W.**

SA-101 CE0 Alejandro Selkirk Island, Juan Fernandez Archipelago, Chile (=Alejandro Selkirk) 33°35–33°55S 080°35–081°00W. New 'remote island group'. This island was previously part of SA-005 Juan Fernandez Archipelago but is separated from the remaining islands in that group by some 159 km. There has been no known previous amateur radio activity. **This island will be deleted from SA-005 group which will now consist of Robinson Crusoe and Santa Clara and be renamed as Juan Fernandez Archipelago (Robinson Crusoe Island). Its new coordinates will be 33°30–33°50S 078°40–079°05W.**