Mike/K9AJ, Vince/K5VT, Jim/N9TK, Kan/JA1BK and Jin/JF1IST were able to leave Mangareva, Gambier Islands around 4 UTC on 13 March. They arrived at Pitcairn at 15 UTC on the 14th, picked up the local team members and left for Ducie around 1 UTC on the 15th. The voyage should take some 30 hours, which means they should reach at Ducie around 7 UTC on 16 March (11 p.m. Ducie time). The callsign for the DXpedition will be released on 16 March at about 15 UTC and operations will continue at least until next weekend (23-24 March).

The following set-up plans for the Ducie Island operation (there may be changes depending on the local situation) have been provided by the pilot stations:

Station A: 6m 4-el Yagi

20m 500W or 1KW Four Square

40 and/or 80m 500W or 1KW Inverted V

Station B: 15m SSB 2-el phased array beam

Station C: 15m CW 2-el phased array beam

Station D: 10m CW (100W) 2-el phased array beam

Station E: 17/12m (100W) Vertical

Stations A and B will share one tent, while stations C, D and E will have their own tents.

Another web site for the operation has been established at http://www.qsl.net/aa0mz/ducie.htm
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5W - Tommy, VK2IR and Bruce, VK2KLM of the International Radio DX Group confirm they will be active as 5W0IR from Upolu, Samoa Islands (OC-097) between 28 March and 3 April [425DXN 563]. They will operate on all bands 80 through 6 metres, SSB only. The web site for the operation, with on-line logs, is at http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/5w0ir.html QSL direct only to VK2IR (Tommy Horozakis, P.O. Box 1, South Bexley, Sydney, NSW 2207, Australia). [TNX VK2IR]

7X - Mirek, SP5IXI/9V1XE [425DXN 455] has finally received his permanent 7X0DX. He will be leaving his present QTH on 18 March and will operate (on 10-40 metres) until the late hours of the 17th or the early morning of the 18th. "There is possibility that I will return here again in the future", he says, "as the project is not completed as yet". QSL via DL4DBR either direct (Teddy Barczyk, Pappelstrasse 34, 58099 Hagen, Germany) or through the DARC bureau. Updates will be posted at http://www.7x0.sp5zcc.waw.pl/ [TNX 7X0DX]

9A - Emir, 9A6AA will be active on 10-80 metres from Kanula Lighthouse (CRO-064, LH-1430, CLH-047, WWL JN82GS) on the island of Susac (EU-016, IOCA CI-109) on 23-30 March. QSL via home call (Emir Mahmutovic, Slovenska 15, HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia). Log and pictures will be available at http://www.qsl.net/9a6aa [TNX 9A6AA]

9M2 - Rich, G4ZFE will operate (CW only) as 9M2/G4ZFE/p from Ketam Island (AS-074) on 15-17 March. Look for him on 10, 15, 20 metres and possibly on the WARC bands as well. QSL via G4ZFE through the bureau or direct (until 1 June 2002) to Richard Everitt, #1208 PNB Darby Park, Jalan Binjai, Kuala Lumpur 50450, Malaysia. [TNX 9M2/G4ZFE]

BV - Look for BV9G to be active from the Gong-Guan Elementary School on Green Island/Lu Tao (AS-155) on 21-25 March. QSL direct to BV8BC (Bill Chen, P.O. Box 222, Taitung 950, Taiwan). [TNX BV8BC]

C6 - Bill, AA7X will be active as C6AKK from Exuma Island (NA-001), Bahamas on 23-31 March, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. QSL via AA7X. [TNX QRZ-DX]

CEO_sf - The San Felix XROX DXpedition [425DXN 555] is on schedule to hit the airwaves late Friday evening or early Saturday morning local time, with radio operations continuing for approximately 12-14 days. Please visit the expedition web site (http://www.cordell.org/SFX) for more information on frequencies and operating plans. Radio operations manager Mike, N6MZ worked closely with the Ducie Island expedition team to coordinate frequencies and splits, given that both expeditions will be on the air simultaneously. The web site will contain a log search facility and frequent news updates. QSL via N7CQQ (John Kennon, P.O. Box 31553, Laughlin, Nevada 89028, USA). [TNX K6GNX]

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**** DX INFORMATION ****
EM - EM0U is the callsign issued to the club station at the Ukrainian State Center of Radio Frequencies and Supervision for Telecommunications. Look for this station to participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest on 30-31 March. QSL via UT3UZ either direct (Alex I. Arbusov, P.O. Box 240, Kiev-232, 02232, Ukraine) or through the UARL bureau. [TNX UT3UZ]

F - Look for Francis, F6HKSp/ (CW) and Jean-Claude, F6HDHp (SSB) to be active from L'Espiguette Lighthouse (ARLHS FRA-276) on 17 March. QSL via home calls. [TNX F5NQL]

FG - Pierre, F6FXS will be active (only CW with 30-40 watts into a long wire) as FG/F6FXS from Guadeloupe (NA-102) between 17 April and 16 May. Look for him at 14-16 UTC and again around 21-22 UTC on +/-28030, 21030, 14030 and 7023 kHz. QSL via home call. [TNX La Gazette du DX]

FO_aus - Tony, 3D2AG (aka FO0DER and ZK1AGG) will be working on Rapa (OC-051), Austral Islands in late October for one month. He only has a dipole and would be interested to hear from any IOTA enthusiasts willing to loan or donate a compact directional antenna. According to the IOTA Most Wanted List for 2001 OC-051 is needed by the 99.30% of participants in the Programme. If you can help, please contact Tony at nyeurt@upf.pf [TNX 3D2AG and Islands On The Web]

G - The Titanic Wireless Commemorative Group will operate special event station GB90MGY from Godalming, Surrey from 09.30 UTC on 13 April through 06.47 UTC on the 15th. The operation will commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Titanic disaster and heroism of Jack Phillips, the liner's Chief Wireless Telegraphist, born and bred in Godalming. Operations will take place on 10-80 metres, CW only. QSL cards for every contact will be sent automatically via the bureau. For further information, please visit http://www.gdrs.net/titanic [TNX G0EFO]

HI - Danny, T93M will be active as T93M/HI9 from Dominican Republic between 26 March and 1 April. he will operate on all HF bands CW and SSB (including a SOAB entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest), and will pay special attention to 6 metres. QSL via DJ2MX either direct or through the bureau (http://www.dj2mx.com). [TNX DJ2MX]

HK0_sa - Gerd, DL7VOG/HK0GU, who is currently active from San Andres Island (NA-033) [425DXN 566], is expected to take the side trip to Providencia Island (NA-049) between 28 March and 1 April. He will be back to Germany on 6 April. QSL via home call (bureau cards can be requested at dl7vog@darc.de). [TNX The Daily DX]

HL - A group of operators from Korea plan to be active (with two stations on 10-40 metres CW and SSB) from the Huksan Islands (AS-093) on 4-7 April. Further details are expected in due course. [TNX HL1VAU]

J6 - Jack, K9JE will be active (on 10-80 metres SSB and CW) as J68AR from St. Lucia (NA-108) between 21 March and 2 April. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest with the J6DX contest group. QSL J68AR via K9JE. [TNX The Daily DX]

JA - Takeshi, JI3DST reports he will be active (on 40, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 metres SSB) as JI3DST/6 from Miyako Island (AS-079) between 7
UTC on 29 March and 00.00 UTC on 2 April. QSL via JI3DST preferably through the JARL bureau.

**JW**  - Look for Torfinn/LA4OFA, Magnus/LA4PHA, Morten/LA9GY and Bjoern/LA9IY to be active from Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard between 28 March and 1 April. They will participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (30-31 March) as JW8G ([http://www.qsl.net/la8g](http://www.qsl.net/la8g)), while outside the contest they will operate as JW4OFA, JW4PHA, JW9GY and JW9IY respectively. QSL JW8G via LA9GY, others via home calls. If you QSL direct, please note that one US$ does not cover neither Priority nor Air Mail postages from Norway. [TNX LA9GY]

**KG4**  - Pick, WA5PAE and Jay, K4ZLE will operate (mainly on the WARC bands CW, with an emphasis on the low bands at their sunrise/sunset) as KG4IZ and KG4MO from Guantanamo Bay on 21-30 March. QSL via home calls. [TNX WA5PAE]

**OX**  - Look for Per, OZ1EQC to operate (on 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 80 metres CW, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV) as OX/OZ1EQC from Greenland (NA-018) between 23 April and 8 May. He plans to be active from IOTA NA-134 and NA-220 as well. QSL via O25KU (Kurt Jensen, Thuroevej 27 Starup, Haderslev, Denmark). [TNX IZ8BRI]

**P2**  - Bernard, DL2GAC/P29VMS is now back in Kavieng, New Ireland (OC-008) and, if he can arrange the transport, plans to operate from Simberi Island (OC-099) starting this weekend. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**PJ2**  - Steve/N8BJQ and Geoff/W0CG are active as PJ2/homecall from Curacao (SA-006) until 2 April. QSL via home calls. They plan to participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as PJ2T (QSL via N9AG). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

**TN**  - Josep Gibert, EA3BT and his wife Nuria Font, EA3WL will be active from Congo possibly as TN3B and TN3W on 17-27 May. They plan to be active with two stations, beams and dipoles on 80-6 metres SS, RTTY and some CW. QSL via EA3BT. Further information will be available at [http://www.qsl.net/ea3bt](http://www.qsl.net/ea3bt) [TNX EA3BT]

**VP6**  - The Ducie team will stop at Henderson Island (OC-056) for a one day operation on their way back to Pitcairn.

**XW**  - Fabrizio, IN3ZNR will be active again as XW3ZNR from Vientiane, Laos from 24 April through 4 May. He plans to operate on +/- 28475, 21375, 14275, 7075 and 3775 (listening 5-10 kHz up) with an amplifier, a tribander yagi, a dipole and a delta loop for the low bands. QSL via IN3ZNR (Fabrizio Vedovelli, Via Gramsci 27, 38100 Trento -TN, Italy). [TNX IN3ZNR]

**XZ**  - Dan Brown, NA7DB and two YL operators from the Central Arizona DX Association (CADXA) will be active from Myanmar between 29 March and 4 April. They will operate as XZ1SB, XZ1JB, and XZ1DB from Yangon and then as XZ5SB, XZ5JB, and XZ5DB from Mandalay, however their main purpose is to make preparations for future DXpeditions. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

**YA**  - Chris, G0TQJ reports he will be going to Afghanistan around 15 April for two or three months. If he gets an operating permit, he will be active on SSB and RTTY during his spare time. QSL via home call.

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CHATHAM APPEAL ---> The Kermadec DX Association is going to undertake a DXpedition to Chatham Island (ZL7) later this year and is looking for experienced SSB and CW operators. "As this will be 24 hour per day operation", Ken Holdom, ZL4HU (team leader) says, "we are looking for operators who feel they have the willingness and ability to operate during both day time and night time." For further information please contact the Kermadec DX Association, P.O. Box 7, Clyde, Central Otago, New Zealand or e-mail zl2hu@clear.net.nz [TNX ZL4HU]

DXCC NEWS ---> The recent VP8THU (South Sandwich Islands, 18-22 January) and VP8GEO (South Georgia, 26 January-6 February) operations are now being accepted for DXCC credit. [TNX Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager]

JD1BLL ---> Mack, JJ2QXI reports that the station signing JD1BLL or JD1BLL/JD1 is most likely to be a pirate. "According to the information available at http://www.k-denkan.go.jp/faq/faqfaq/faqfuyo.html this callsign has not been assigned yet", he says. "Japanese callsign is by alphabetical order, and the last one is JD1BKZ as of February 21, 2002."

NORTH KOREA WRAP-UP ---> The following release comes from Hrane, YT1AD through Nenad, VE3EXY: "We arrived to Pyongyang on March 5th, where we were welcomed by representatives of Ministry of Telecommunications and Foreign Affairs. We were stationed in Yangakdo Hotel, on the bank of the river with the same name. The hotel has 47 floors, and we were on the 40-th floor, with almost ideal conditions for work. All our equipment was put together, and we were about to start our operation with previously assigned callsign P5A. Unexpectedly the uniformed military official appeared, and imposed ban on our operation, until the permission of military authorities is obtained. It was supposed to be available on March 8th, but nobody showed up, possibly because of holiday. We did not want to risk starting unauthorized operation. Meanwhile we had fun listening all pirates pretending to be us, when we did not make a single contact. Finally, the military official showed up on Sunday and simply said: 'No transmission until further notice.' Than we did not have any choice but to leave. After landing in Beijing, our only comment was: Never Again !!!"

QSL GB0SGI ---> Anyone who is still awaiting a QSL card for the Warrington Amateur Radio Club's (http://www.warc.org.uk) GB0SGI operations from EU-120 (3 & 5 August 1999 and 3-6 July 2000) can e-mail Ron Davies, G0WJX (ron-G0WJX@warc.org.uk) and he will check the log and send a duplicate. [TNX G0WJX]

QSL IU3A ---> Please note that Mauro, IV3HAX cannot confirm QSOs made with IU3A before 2001.
QSL OH2BV/BY1DX ---> Tor Nylund, OH2BV is receiving dozens of bureau cards for OH2BV/BY1DX (2000-2001), but he has nothing to share with this activity. More than likely those QSOs were made with Jari, OH2BVE [425DXN 465], who had announced he would confirm all the QSOs automatically through the bureau (direct cards had to be sent to OH6LI, who would act as a maildrop).

QSL UA0IA ---> Serge, UA0IA was active as UA0IA/0 from AS-018 in 1999 and from AS-025 in 2000-2001. His former QSL manager (US7IIA) is currently living in Germany, Serge is not in contact with him any longer and, according to Alex, UY9IF, "all the QSLs left unanswered are lost completely". The new QSL manager is UT7IY (cards have bee already printed).

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Agostino Palumbo, I2FIQ has recently retired and offers his services as QSL manager for a DX station. Please contact him at ik2fiq@hotmail.com

"THE LOST ISLANDS" DXPEDITION ---> Serg, UA1OMS reports that on 11 March he has accepted the order for printing the QSL cards for the 16 April-2 May 2001 "Lost Islands" DXpedition [425DXN 520]. The operations concerned are RIOB (AS-156), RU0B (AS-057), RS0B (AS-042), RU0B/p (AS -050), RS0B/p (AS-068) and R3CA/p (AS-005). Cards should be ready within a couple of weeks (the status of the order can checked at http://www.quadrat.ru/qsl/english/rightnow.htm).

WORLD ROBINSON CUP 2002 ---> The Russian Robinson Club sponsors the "World Robinson Cup" (wrc_rrc@mail.ru) for contacting stations operating from islands between 1 April and 30 September 2002. The national island programmes considered by WRC are CIS (Canada), DIA (Denmark), DIB (Brazil), DICE (Chile), DIE and DIEI (Spain), DIFM and DIFO (France), DIP (Portugal), GIA (Germany), IIA and ILIA (Italy), IOCA (Croatia), IOSA (Scotland), RRA (Russia), SPIA (Poland), UIA (Ukraine), USIA (United States) plus IWDR (Islands of West Dvina River). Full information is available on the Russian Robinson Club's web site, whose new URL is http://www.hamradio.ru/rrc

XW1HS ---> The advance team of the RAST/HSDXA Thai/Laos Friendship DXpedition was active as XW1HS during the past weekend. The main operators were Champ/E21EIC, Choon/E20HHK, Cy/HS0GBI and Winit/HS1CKC. This was a preliminary trip to make arrangements for a main joint operation in April, whose details will be announced later. QSL via E21EIC. [TNX HS0/G3NOM]

LOGS: The logs for V31YN are now available at http://www.qsl.net/dj4kw [TNX DL9HO]
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