Research Dossier: Ascension Island

Geographic Region (ITU/UN)
Africa

Currency
SHP

ISO 3166 Code
SH-AC

MCC
658

Calling Code
+247

ITU Member
No

ITU-R Region
Region-1

Overview

Ascension Island is an isolated volcanic island in the equatorial waters of the South Atlantic Ocean, around 1,600 kilometres from the coast of Africa and 2,250 kilometres from the coast of Brazil, which is roughly midway between the horn of South America and Africa. It is governed as part of the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, of which the main island, Saint Helena, is around 1,300 kilometres to the southeast.

Ascension Island is not a member of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) however as an overseas territory falls under UK administration. Ascension Island follows radio frequency harmonisation principles according to ITU-R Region-1. The regulatory body governing communications policy is the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), and the Office of Communications - Ofcom is charged with regulating the region's radio frequency spectrum activities such as planning, allocations, and licencing.

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