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# Heard and McDonald Islands vdm energy solutions

Where are Heard Island and McDonald Islands located?

The islands are a territory (Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands) of Australia Aministered from Hobart by the Australian Antarctic Division of the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

## How big is Heard Island & McDonald Islands?

The group's overall land area is 372 km 2 (144 sq mi)and it has 101.9 km (63 mi) of coastline. Discovered in the mid-19th century,the islands lie on the Kerguelen Plateau in the Indian Ocean and have been an Australian territory since 1947. Heard Island and McDonald Islands contain Australia's only two active volcanoes.

#### Does Heard Island have a harbour?

Heard Island and the McDonald Islands have no ports or harbours; ships must anchor offshore. The coastline is 101.9 km (63.3 mi) in extent,and a 12 nmi (22 km) territorial sea and 200 nmi (370 km) exclusive fishing zone are claimed. [2]

### Is Heard Island a subantarctic island?

The fauna of the freshwater pools, lakes, streams and mires found in the coastal areas of Heard Island are broadly similar to those on other subantarctic islands of the southern Indian Ocean. Many species reported from Heard Island are found elsewhere.

### Does Heard Island get snow?

According to the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, Heard Island (Atlas Cove) receives an average of 96.8 snowy days annually. [30] Meteorological records at Heard Island are incomplete. The islands are part of the Southern Indian Ocean Islands tundra ecoregion that includes several subantarctic islands.

In some regions, such as the subantarctic waters around the Heard and McDonald Islands, the fishing industry works with the Australian government to perform an annual random stratified survey...

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Tanya Plibersek, Australia"s Environment Minister, announced last week the expansion of the Heard Island

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and McDonald Islands Marine Reserve by over 300,000 square kilometers, ensuring that the country protects 52 percent of its oceans--more than any other nation. This comes ahead of a big global nature summit in which world leaders will ...

expand protection for the diverse and vulnerable benthic assemblages present on the shallow plateau, banks and upper slopes around Heard Island and McDonald Islands by including examples of all depth ranges and associated demersal fish ...

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The Proposal to expand Heard Island and McDonald Islands Marine Reserve - Public consultation paper ("proclamation proposal") has been prepared to support public consultation on the proposed design of an expanded Heard Island and McDonald Islands (HIMI) Marine Reserve.

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