

How big is the Heard & McDonald Islands protected zone?

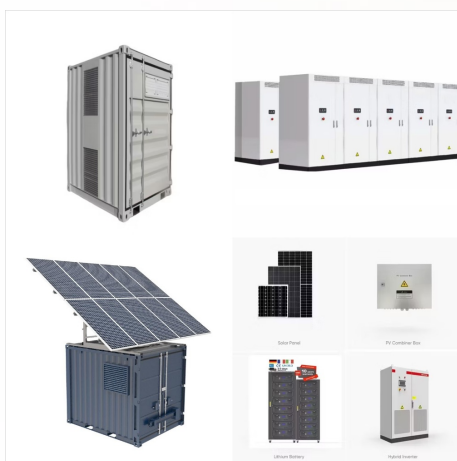
This week, the Government announced it was expanding the Heard and McDonald Islands protected zone, quadrupling the size of the marine park by an additional 310,000 square km-- an area larger than New Zealand. The Government said it consulted with scientific and fishing industry representatives on the changes.

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The group's overall land area is 372 km² (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.

Where are Heard Island and McDonald Islands located?

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



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Terrestrial habitat connectivity for foraging, breeding
and migratory seabirds and marine mammals ???
Heard Island and McDonald Islands are home to
numerous nesting seabirds and breeding marine
mammals, including two endemic species, which
rely on the surrounding waters to forage.

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Heard Island and the McDonald Islands are free from introduced predators and provide crucial breeding habitat in the middle of the vast Southern Ocean for a range of birds. The surrounding waters are important feeding areas for birds and some scavenging species also derive sustenance from their cohabitants on the islands.



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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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