

Announcement

Amateur Radio DXpedition April 10 to 18, 2010



«AS-185 – the 2nd
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group of the IOTA
program in Asia»

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countries worldwide
(The DX Magazine)»



3W6C

Côn Cỏ Island

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LOW-FREQUENCY BANDS**

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Côn Cỏ DXpedition – Information for Sponsors

What is 3W6C?

A group of enthusiastic amateur radio operators is planning a DXpedition to the Vietnamese island Côn Cỏ during April 2010. In the very popular IOTA program, this island belongs to those that in the past have been activated only extremely rarely. This DXpedition – already issued the call 3W6C – will therefore meet with high interest. Extra emphasis will be placed on the low bands.

What makes the DXpedition to Côn Cỏ so special?

- Côn Cỏ was previously a top secret Vietnamese military base and so any ham-radio activity was unimaginable. And while tourists are today permitted to visit the island, it is not readily accessible, being several hours away by boat – and so rare QSOs with 3W6C will be highly valued.
- Vietnam is a mysterious, aspiring country that is open to new things and ideas. By incorporating operators already living there into our team, we want to make a contribution to international understanding, encourage cultural exchange and increase the amount of modern equipment that will serve the local hams for years to come.

Why are we turning to you?

In order to meet the great demand for QSOs on this DXpedition, our group hopes to be on the air with four full stations along with a backup station that can also be used for special modes. The amount of investment required considerably exceeds our individual financial resources and thus we are greatly dependent on the generous support of equipment manufacturers, other companies involved in the ham radio community, clubs and also very much on individuals. We are happy to receive any donation of materials or funds.

What can we offer in return for your support?

Above all, you receive our heartfelt thanks that you help make this very special project possible! In a very short time we will put our web site online, and there with hams from around the world you can follow along as we make our preparations and carry out our mission. We will, of course, list every one of our sponsors, even individuals, on the web site. For our major sponsors, we will include their logo on the QSL card that will be sent to the more than a sixty thousand stations that will make a contact with 3W6C. In addition, we can offer banner ads on our web site, where we expect millions of page views from active hams.

How can you get in touch with us?

The contact details of our Sponsorship Committee are given on the back page of this flyer.



Côn Cỏ DXpedition – The Location

Côn Cỏ Island (Vietnamese: Đảo Côn Cỏ)

Position: 17°09' North, 107°20' East, 32 km off the coast
Area: 2 km²
Maximum elevation: 45 m ASL
Population: around 400

Côn Cỏ is also the name of a district in the Quang Tri Province in the North Central Coastal region of Vietnam. The island was a strategic base in the Vietnam War and until recently a restricted military zone. Plans are to develop tourism on it over the coming years.

Amateur Radio

DXCC country: XV (Vietnam)
IOTA program: AS-185 (Asia, Gulf of Tonkin South group)
Last activity: 2008: XV3M (= F6BUM, only 577 contacts)



The Vietnamese island Côn Cỏ is the destination for an amateur-radio DXpedition scheduled to take place in April 2010. (Image adapted from The World Factbook, 2009.)



Côn Có DXpedition – 3W6C Team Members



Team Leader: Hans-Peter Blättler, HB9BXE, is a Swiss ham known around the world and is member of various clubs. He participated in a number of famous DXpeditions such as 3YØX and 3B7RF and was Team Leader for 3B6RF. Operating as 5H1BP, he is among the handful of hams to ever have activated Uhuru Peak on Mount Kilimanjaro.

Additional team members (as of July 2009, in order of call)

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- via PayPal: Reference W7H36DJ8RJTWC, see web site www.3w6c.qrv.ch
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