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Chapter 1

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1.1 186.guide

Texified version of data for Palmyra Atoll.

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Palmyra Atoll

1.2 186.guide/Palmyra Atoll

Palmyra Atoll

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1.3 186.guide/Header (Palmyra Atoll)

Header (Palmyra Atoll)
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Affiliation:
 (territory of the US)

1.4 186.guide/Geography (Palmyra Atoll)

Geography (Palmyra Atoll)
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Location:
 in the North Pacific Ocean, 1,600 km south-southwest of Honolulu, almost
 halfway between Hawaii and American Samoa
Map references:
 Oceania
Area:
 total area:
 11.9 km²
 land area:
 11.9 km²
 comparative area:
 about 20 times the size of The Mall in Washington, DC
Land boundaries:
 0 km
Coastline:
 14.5 km
Maritime claims:
 contiguous zone:
 12 nm
 continental shelf:
 200 m (depth)
 exclusive economic zone:
 200 nm
 territorial sea:
 12 nm

International disputes:
none
Climate:
equatorial, hot, and very rainy
Terrain:
low, with maximum elevations of about 2 meters
Natural resources:
none
Land use: arable land:
0%
permanent crops:
0%
meadows and pastures:
0%
forest and woodland:
100%
other:
0%
Irrigated land:
0 km2
Environment:
about 50 islets covered with dense vegetation, coconut trees, and balsa- ←
like
trees up to 30 meters tall

1.5 186.guide/People (Palmyra Atoll)

People (Palmyra Atoll)
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Population:
uninhabited

1.6 186.guide/Government (Palmyra Atoll)

Government (Palmyra Atoll)
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Names:
conventional long form:
none
conventional short form:
Palmyra Atoll
Digraph:
LQ
Type:
unincorporated territory of the US; privately owned, but administered by ←
the

Office of Territorial and International Affairs, US Department of the Interior
 Capital:
 none; administered from Washington, DC

1.7 186.guide/Economy (Palmyra Atoll)

Economy (Palmyra Atoll)
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Overview:
 no economic activity

1.8 186.guide/Communications (Palmyra Atoll)

Communications (Palmyra Atoll)
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Ports:
 the main harbor is West Lagoon, which is entered by a channel on the southwest side of the atoll; both the channel and harbor will accommodate vessels drawing 4 meters of water; much of the road and many causeways ← built during the war are unserviceable and overgrown

Airports:
 total:
 1
 usable:
 1
 with permanent-surface runways:
 1
 with runways over 3,659 m:
 0
 with runways 2,440-3,659 m:
 0
 with runways 1,220-2,439 m:
 1

1.9 186.guide/Defense Forces (Palmyra Atoll)

Defense Forces (Palmyra Atoll)
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Note:

defense is the responsibility of the US