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Chapter 1

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1.1 20.guide

Texified version of data for Baker Island.

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Baker Island

1.2 20.guide/Baker Island

Baker Island

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1.3 20.guide/Header (Baker Island)

Header (Baker Island)
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Affiliation:
(territory of the US)

1.4 20.guide/Geography (Baker Island)

Geography (Baker Island)
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Location:
in the North Pacific Ocean, just north of the Equator, 2,575 km southwest ↔
of
Honolulu, about halfway between Hawaii and Australia
Map references:
Oceania
Area:
total area:
1.4 km²
land area:
1.4 km²
comparative area:
about 2.3 times the size of the Mall in Washington, DC
Land boundaries:
0 km
Coastline:
4.8 km
Maritime claims:
contiguous zone:
12 nm
continental shelf:
200 m or depth of exploitation
exclusive economic zone:
200 nm
territorial sea:

12 nm
 International disputes:
 none
 Climate:
 equatorial; scant rainfall, constant wind, burning sun
 Terrain: low, nearly level coral island surrounded by a narrow fringing reef ↵
 Natural resources:
 guano (deposits worked until 1891)
 Land use:
 arable land:
 0%
 permanent crops:
 0%
 meadows and pastures:
 0%
 forest and woodland:
 0%
 other:
 100%
 Irrigated land:
 0 km2
 Environment:
 treeless, sparse, and scattered vegetation consisting of grasses, prostrate vines, and low growing shrubs; lacks fresh water; primarily a nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat for seabirds, shorebirds, and marine wildlife ↵

1.5 20.guide/People (Baker Island)

People (Baker Island)
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Population:
 uninhabited; note - American civilians evacuated in 1942 after Japanese air and naval attacks during World War II; occupied by US military during World War II, but abandoned after the war; public entry is by special-use permit only and generally restricted to scientists and educators; a cemetery and cemetery ruins are located near the middle of the west coast

1.6 20.guide/Government (Baker Island)

Government (Baker Island)
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Names:
 conventional long form:
 none

conventional short form:
 Baker Island
 Digraph:
 FQ
 Type:
 unincorporated territory of the US administered by the Fish and Wildlife
 Service of the US Department of the Interior as part of the National
 Wildlife Refuge system
 Capital:
 none; administered from Washington, DC

1.7 20.guide/Economy (Baker Island)

Economy (Baker Island)
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Overview:
 no economic activity

1.8 20.guide/Communications (Baker Island)

Communications (Baker Island)
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Ports:
 none; offshore anchorage only, one boat landing area along the middle of the
 west coast ↔
 Airports:
 1 abandoned World War II runway of 1,665 m
 Note:
 there is a day beacon near the middle of the west coast

1.9 20.guide/Defense Forces (Baker Island)

Defense Forces (Baker Island)
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defense is the responsibility of the US; visited annually by the US Coast
 Guard
