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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 13.guide

Texified version of data for Ashmore and Cartier Islands.

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Ashmore and Cartier Islands

### 1.2 13.guide/Ashmore and Cartier Islands

Ashmore and Cartier Islands

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Header (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)  
 Geography (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)  
 People (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)  
 Government (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)  
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 Communications (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)  
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### 1.3 13.guide/Header (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)

Header (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)  
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Affiliation:  
     (territory of Australia)

### 1.4 13.guide/Geography (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)

Geography (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)  
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Location:  
     in the Indian Ocean, 320 km off the northwest coast of Australia, between  
     Australia and Indonesia  
 Map references:  
     Oceania, Southeast Asia  
 Area:  
     total area:  
         5 km<sup>2</sup>  
     land area:  
         5 km<sup>2</sup>  
     comparative area:  
         about 8.5 times the size of The Mall in Washington, DC  
 note:  
     includes Ashmore Reef (West, Middle, and East Islets) and Cartier Island  
 Land boundaries:  
     0 km  
 Coastline:  
     74.1 km  
 Maritime claims:  
     contiguous zone:  
         12 nm  
     continental shelf:  
         200 m (depth) or to depth of exploration  
     exclusive fishing zone:  
         200 nm

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territorial sea:  
3 nm  
International disputes:  
none  
Climate:  
tropical  
Terrain:  
low with sand and coral  
Natural resources:  
fish  
Land use:  
arable land:  
0%  
permanent crops:  
0%  
meadows and pastures:  
0%  
forest and woodland:  
0%  
other:  
100% (all grass and sand)  
Irrigated land:  
0 km2  
Environment:  
surrounded by shoals and reefs; Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve  
established in August 1983

## 1.5 13.guide/People (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)

People (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)  
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Population:  
no indigenous inhabitants; note - there are only seasonal caretakers

## 1.6 13.guide/Government (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)

Government (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)  
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Names:  
conventional long form:  
Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands  
conventional short form:  
Ashmore and Cartier Islands  
Digraph:  
AT  
Type:

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territory of Australia administered by the Australian Ministry for Arts,  
Sports, the Environment, Tourism, and Territories  
Capital:  
none; administered from Canberra, Australia  
Administrative divisions:  
none (territory of Australia)  
Independence:  
none (territory of Australia)  
Legal system:  
relevant laws of the Northern Territory of Australia  
Diplomatic representation in US:  
none (territory of Australia)  
US diplomatic representation:  
none (territory of Australia)

## 1.7 13.guide/Economy (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)

Economy (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)

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Overview:  
no economic activity

## 1.8 13.guide/Communications (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)

Communications (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)

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Ports:  
none; offshore anchorage only

## 1.9 13.guide/Defense Forces (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)

Defense Forces (Ashmore and Cartier Islands)

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Note:  
defense is the responsibility of Australia; periodic visits by the Royal  
Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force