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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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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 km²
 land area:
 5 km²
 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

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:

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