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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 23.guide

Texified version of data for Bassas da India.

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### 1.2 23.guide/Bassas da India

Bassas da India

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Header (Bassas da India)  
Geography (Bassas da India)  
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### 1.3 23.guide/Header (Bassas da India)

Header (Bassas da India)  
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Affiliation:  
    (possession of France)

### 1.4 23.guide/Geography (Bassas da India)

Geography (Bassas da India)  
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Location:  
    Southern Africa, in the southern Mozambique Channel about halfway between  
    Madagascar and Mozambique  
Map references:  
    Africa  
Area:  
    total area:  
        NA km2  
    land area:  
        NA km2  
    comparative area:  
        NA  
Land boundaries:  
    0 km  
Coastline:  
    35.2 km  
Maritime claims:  
    contiguous zone:  
        24 nm  
    continental shelf:  
        200 m (depth) or to depth of exploitation  
    exclusive economic zone:  
        200 nm  
    territorial sea:  
        12 nm

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International disputes:  
 claimed by Madagascar  
 Climate:  
 tropical  
 Terrain:  
 a volcanic rock 2.4 meters high  
 Natural resources:  
 none  
 Land use:  
 arable land:  
 0%  
 permanent crops:  
 0%  
 meadows and pastures:  
 0%  
 forest and woodland:  
 0%  
 other:  
 100% (all rock)  
 Irrigated land:  
 0 km2  
 Environment:  
 surrounded by reefs; subject to periodic cyclones  
 Note:  
 navigational hazard since it is usually under water during high tide

## 1.5 23.guide/People (Bassas da India)

People (Bassas da India)  
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Population:  
 uninhabited

## 1.6 23.guide/Government (Bassas da India)

Government (Bassas da India)  
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Names:  
 conventional long form:  
 none  
 conventional short form:  
 Bassas da India  
 Digraph:  
 BS  
 Type:  
 French possession administered by Commissioner of the Republic Jacques

DEWATRE (since July 1991), resident in Reunion  
Capital:  
none; administered by France from Reunion  
Independence:  
none (possession of France)

## 1.7 23.guide/Economy (Bassas da India)

Economy (Bassas da India)  
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Overview:  
no economic activity

## 1.8 23.guide/Communications (Bassas da India)

Communications (Bassas da India)  
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Ports:  
none; offshore anchorage only

## 1.9 23.guide/Defense Forces (Bassas da India)

Defense Forces (Bassas da India)  
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Note:  
defense is the responsibility of France

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