

Juan de Nova Island

(possession of France)

Geography

Location: Southern Africa, island in the Mozambique Channel, about one-third of the way between Madagascar and Mozambique

Area:

total area: 4.4 sq km

land area: 4.4 sq km

Land boundaries: 0 km

Coastline: 24.1 km

Maritime claims:

contiguous zone: 12 nm

continental shelf: 200-m depth or to depth of exploitation

exclusive economic zone: 200 nm

territorial sea: 12 nm

Climate: tropical

Natural resources: guano deposits and other fertilizers

Land use:

arable land: 0%

permanent crops: 0%

meadows and pastures: 0%

forest and woodland: 90%

other: 10%

Environment:

natural hazards: periodic cyclones

Note: wildlife sanctuary

People

Population: uninhabited

Government

Names:

conventional short form: Juan de Nova Island

local short form: Ile Juan de Nova

Type: French possession administered by Commissioner of the Republic, resident in Reunion

Capital: none; administered by France from Reunion

Independence: none (possession of France)

Economy

Overview: no economic activity

Transportation

Railroads:

total: NA km; short line going to a jetty

Ports: none; offshore anchorage only

Airports:

total: 1

Defence Forces

Note: defence is the responsibility of France