

# Navassa Island

(territory of the US)

## Geography

Location: Caribbean, island in the Caribbean Sea, about one-fourth of the way from Haiti to Jamaica

Area:

total area: 5.2 sq km

land area: 5.2 sq km

Land boundaries: 0 km

Coastline: 8 km

Maritime claims:

exclusive economic zone: 200 nm

territorial sea: 12 nm

Climate: marine, tropical

Terrain: raised coral and limestone plateau, flat to undulating;  
ringed by vertical white cliffs (9 to 15 meters high)

Natural resources: guano

Land use:

arable land: 0%

permanent crops: 0%

meadows and pastures: 10%

forest and woodland: 0%

other: 90%

Note: strategic location 160 km south of the US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; mostly exposed rock, but enough grassland to support goat herds; dense stands of fig-like trees, scattered cactus

## People

Population: uninhabited; note - transient Haitian fishermen and others camp on the island

## Government

Names:

conventional short form: Navassa Island

Type: unincorporated territory of the US administered by the US Coast Guard

Capital: none; administered from Washington, DC

## Economy

Overview: no economic activity

Transportation

Ports: none; offshore anchorage only

Defence Forces

Note: defence is the responsibility of the US