

Bassas da India

(possession of France)

Geography

Location: Southern Africa, islands in the southern Mozambique Channel, about one-half of the way from Madagascar to Mozambique.

Map references: Africa

Area:

total area: 0.2 km².

land area: 0.2 km².

Land boundaries: 0 km.

Coastline: 35.2 km.

Maritime claims:

exclusive economic zone: 200 nm.

territorial sea: 12 nm.

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 sq km.

Environment:

natural hazards: maritime hazard since it is usually under water during high tide and surrounded by reefs; subject to periodic cyclones.

Population: uninhabited

Government

Names:

conventional long form: none.

conventional short form: Bassas da India.

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

Capital: none; administered by France from Reunion.

Independence: none (possession of France).

Economy

Overview: no economic activity