

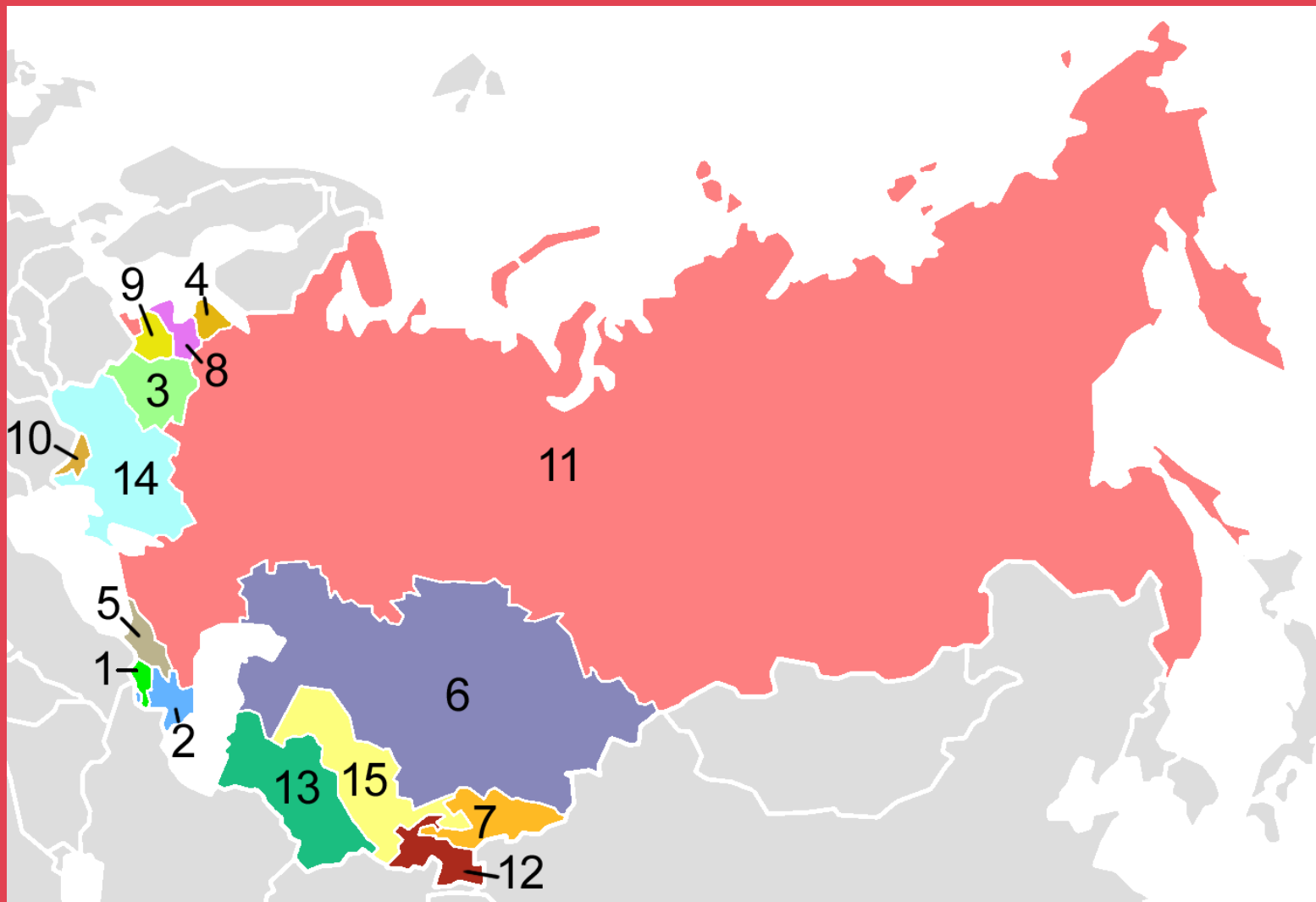
NICK MIDDLETON

An  
ATLAS  
of  
COUNTRIES  
That  
DON'T  
EXIST





# Disintegration of the Soviet Union results in 15 new countries





Some countries become reunited (Germany, Yemen 1990)

Others break in two (Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia 1993)

More new countries in the 21st century (East Timor 2002, Montenegro 2006, South Sudan 2011)

# Europe 2000

## Europe 1900



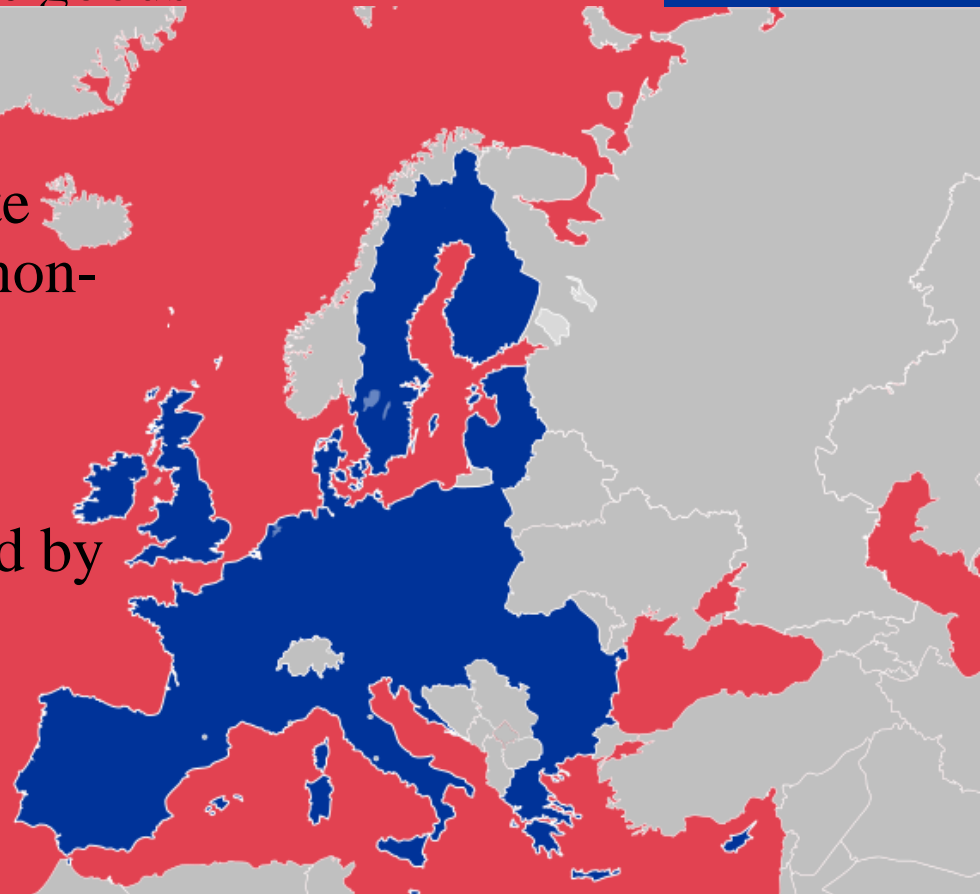


# Globalization and the end of the nation state?

National boundaries matter little to the movement of investment & goods

National governments compete with global corporations and non-governmental organisations

Transnational networks fuelled by information technology



# The end of the nation state?





# How many countries in the World?

- **United Nations: 195**  
(193 UN Member States + 2 UN Observer States)
- **Olympic Nations: 206** National Olympic Committees
- **Football Nations: 209** FIFA Countries
- **Country Codes: 249** in the ISO Standard List



**There is NO  
UNIVERSALLY  
ACCEPTED  
DEFINITION of  
country, nation or  
state**

**What is a Country?  
(Nation? State?)**



# UN membership (only for sovereign states)

Israel became UN member 1949, but  
36 countries do not recognise Israel

Palestine became UN observer state  
2012, but 60 countries do not  
recognise Palestine

Some countries have UN membership as a group  
(England+Scotland+Wales+N Ireland = UK)

TAIWAN was a UN member until asked to leave in 1971



# Montevideo Convention

on the

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Article 1 criteria for statehood:

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*(b) a defined territory*

*(c) government*

*(d) capacity to enter into relations with the other states*

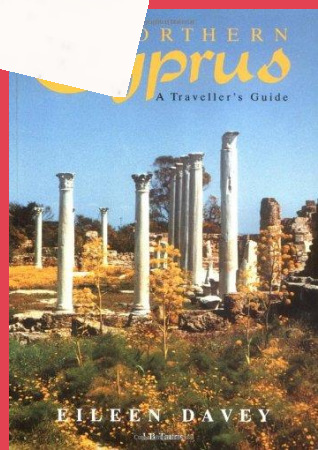
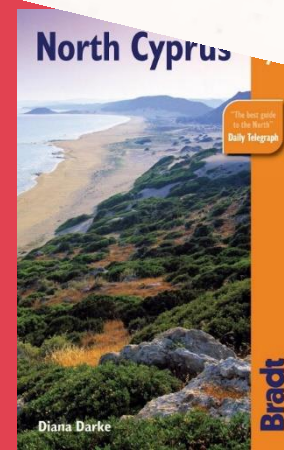
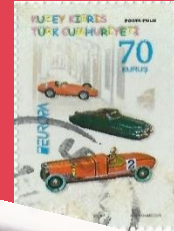
# NORTHERN CYPRUS





Laurie Patton 1973





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**Article 3 states:**

*The political existence of the state is  
independent of recognition by the other states*

# Mutual recognition to combat diplomatic isolation



Community for Democracy and Rights of Nations  
(aka Commonwealth of Unrecognized States)  
Abkhazia, South Ossetia, Transnistria, and Nagorno-  
Karabakh



Unrepresented  
United Nations (UUN)



Unrepresented Nations  
and Peoples Organization  
(UNPO)

# Non-FIFA World Cups

VIVA World Cup

Kurdistan 2-1 Northern Cyprus

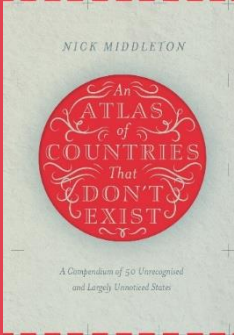
FIFI Wild Cup

Northern Cyprus 0-0 Zanzibar [4-1 pen]

CONIFA World Cup

Abkhazia 1-1 Panjab [6-5 pen]





# Rules of thumb for inclusion

Some form of government

Claim to territory

Flag

Seriousness of purpose

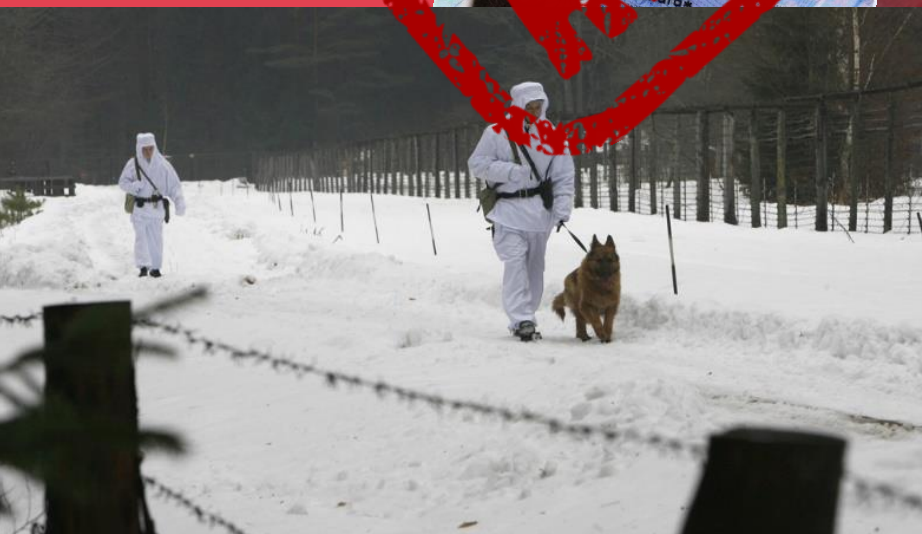
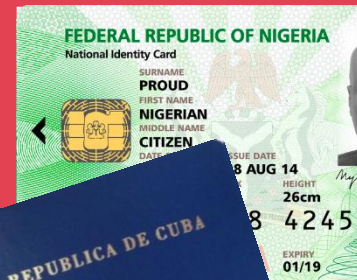
No UN seat

Lack of widespread international recognition



# States exercise power

RULES  
AND  
LAWS





# SOMALILAND



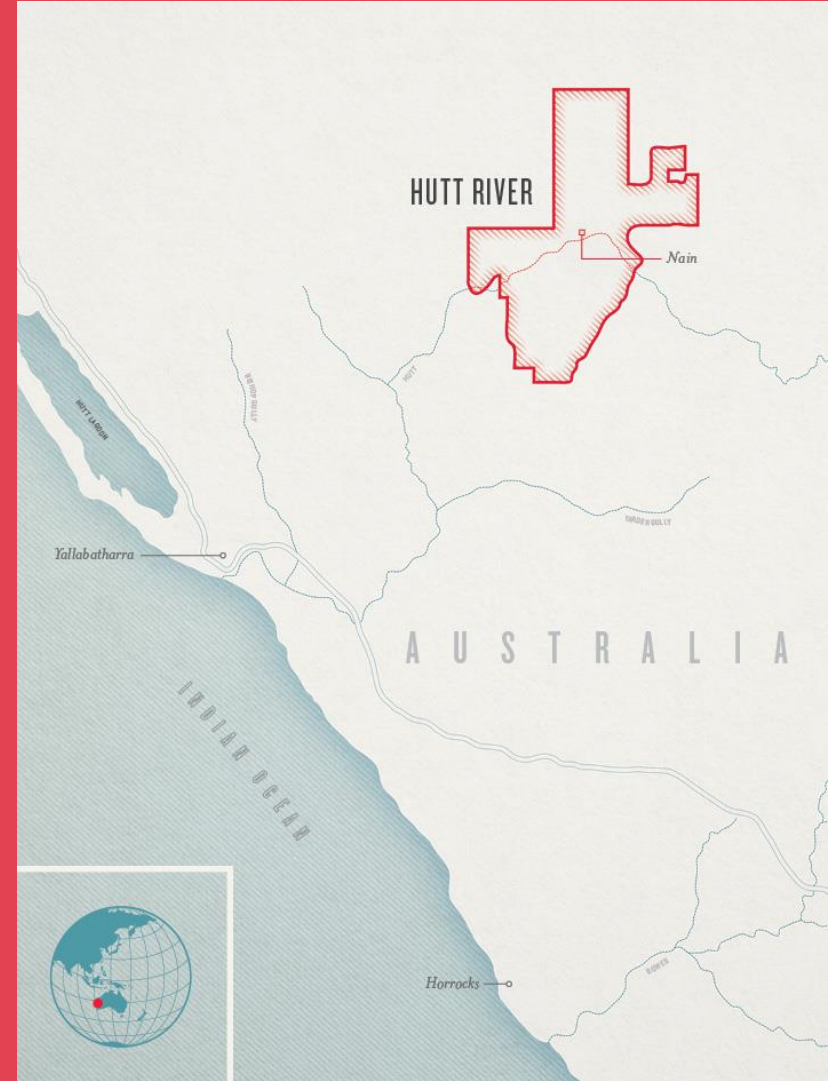




# HUTT RIVER secession to protest against grain quotas



HRH Prince Leonard & Princess Shirley  
Declared independence 21 April 1970




DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
**OUTWARD CABLEGRAM**

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**RESTRICTED**  
\*\*HUTT RIVER PROVINCE\*\*  
OUR LEGAL ADVICE IS THAT THE  
ANY AUSTRALIAN LAW, HOWEVER  
RECOGNITION FOR HIMSELF AS  
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WHERE APPROPRIATE, ADVISE  
THEM BY THE COMMON  
WILL BE PROVIDING  
PRIME MINISTER  
FOREIGN  
AG

**CONFIDENTIAL**

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Penrith NSW 2740

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**NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT**  
For the year ending 30 June 2005 (or substituted accounting period)

	\$	¢
Your Taxable income is nil	A	0.00
Tax on Taxable income	L	0.00
Balance of this Assessment		

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**INCOME TAX RETURN 2004**

No tax is payable on your taxable income of \$0 shown on your return lodged for the  
year ended 30 June 2004 (or substituted accounting period) and no refund is due.

**PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ASSESSMENT.**



A U S T R A L I A





# Australia's oldest micronation



# LAKOTAH

## they won't take the money



**1868:** Fort Laramie Treaty: US pledges Great Sioux Reservation, including Black Hills, “**set apart for the absolute and undisturbed use and occupation of the Indians herein named.**”

**1874:** Custer’s Black Hills expedition discovers gold.

**1974:** Indian Claims Commission rules taking of Black Hills unconstitutional under Fifth Amendment - Government must pay compensation.

**1975:** US Court of Claims: “*A more ripe and rank case of dishonorable dealings will never, in all probability, be found in our history...*”

**1998:** Compensation award, including backdated interest, passes US\$0.5 billion.

**2007:** Lakotah withdraws unilaterally from Fort Laramie Treaty (permitted under 1969 Vienna Convention on Law of Treaties, of which US is signatory).

# MURRAWARRI

## never ceded sovereignty



## Murrawarri Republic

### MEDIA RELEASE

10<sup>TH</sup> May 2013

### QUEEN RECOGNISES MURRAWARRI REPUBLIC

**Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth the Second the Queen of England and the Head of the Commonwealth recognises the Murrawarri Nations continued Independence and Statehood.**

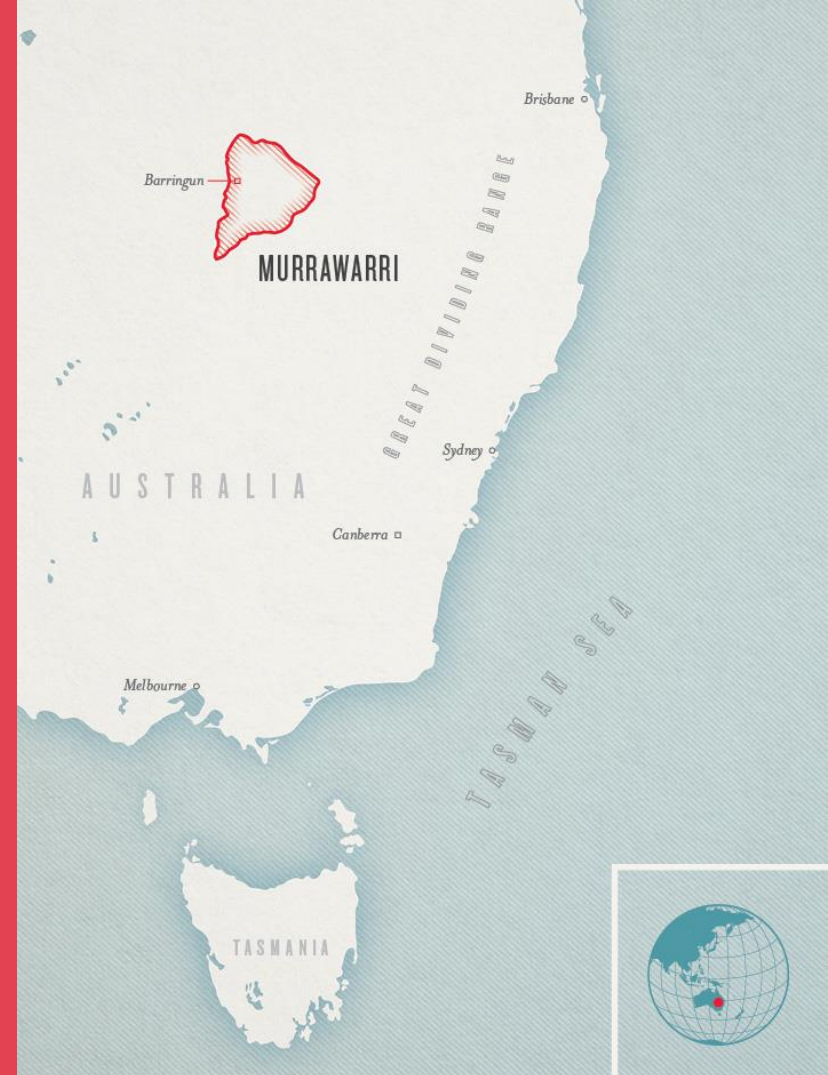
The Murrawarri peoples declared their continued Independence and Statehood on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 through their Declaration of Independence and Statehood. In line with the Murrawarri Republic draft constitution a People's Council was formed and will act as the Provisional Government of the Murrawarri Republic.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2013 the Murrawarri Peoples Council wrote to Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth the Second advising her of the declaration of the Murrawarri Nations continued Independence and Statehood and requested Her Royal Highness produce documents that show how Sovereignty, Dominion and Ultimate (Radical) Title was obtained over the Murrawarri Nation Ancient Lands, Waters, Subsurface, Natural Resources and Airspace under International and British Common Law. The documents requested were:

- a. Treaty documents between the Murrawarri Nation and the Crown of Great Britain outlining the conditions of such a treaty,
- b. A Deed of Cession document that show the Murrawarri Nation has ceded Sovereignty, Dominion and Ultimate (Radical) to the Crown of Great Britain, or
- c. Documents showing a declaration of war against the Murrawarri Nation and its people by the Crown of Great Britain.

The Murrawarri Peoples Council also advised Her Royal Highness that if these documents cannot be produced within 28 days of receipt of this correspondence, we will make representation to the United Nations to be accepted as the world's newest Independent Nation in line with United Nations protocols.

We have confirmation from Buckingham Palace that shows the Murrawarri Peoples Council letter was received on 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2013. The 28 days expired on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 and the Peoples Council of the Murrawarri have not received a response from Her Royal Highness.





# ISLE OF MAN

## Self-governing dependency of British Crown

Unique constitutional relationship with UK - elects own Government, makes own laws, levies own taxes, controls expenditure

Not part of UK or EU

Tynwald, parliament, world's oldest continuous ruling body

1881 world first to give (propertied) women vote in parliamentary elections

2006 first Western European nation to lower voting age to 16

ISLE OF MAN

Tynwald

Douglas

IRISH SEA

EUROPEAN UNION

BRITISH ISLANDS  
ISLE OF MAN



PASSPORT





# GREENLAND



1721 colonized by Denmark  
1979 home rule  
1985 leaves EU  
2009 self-rule





# Next stop: Independence?

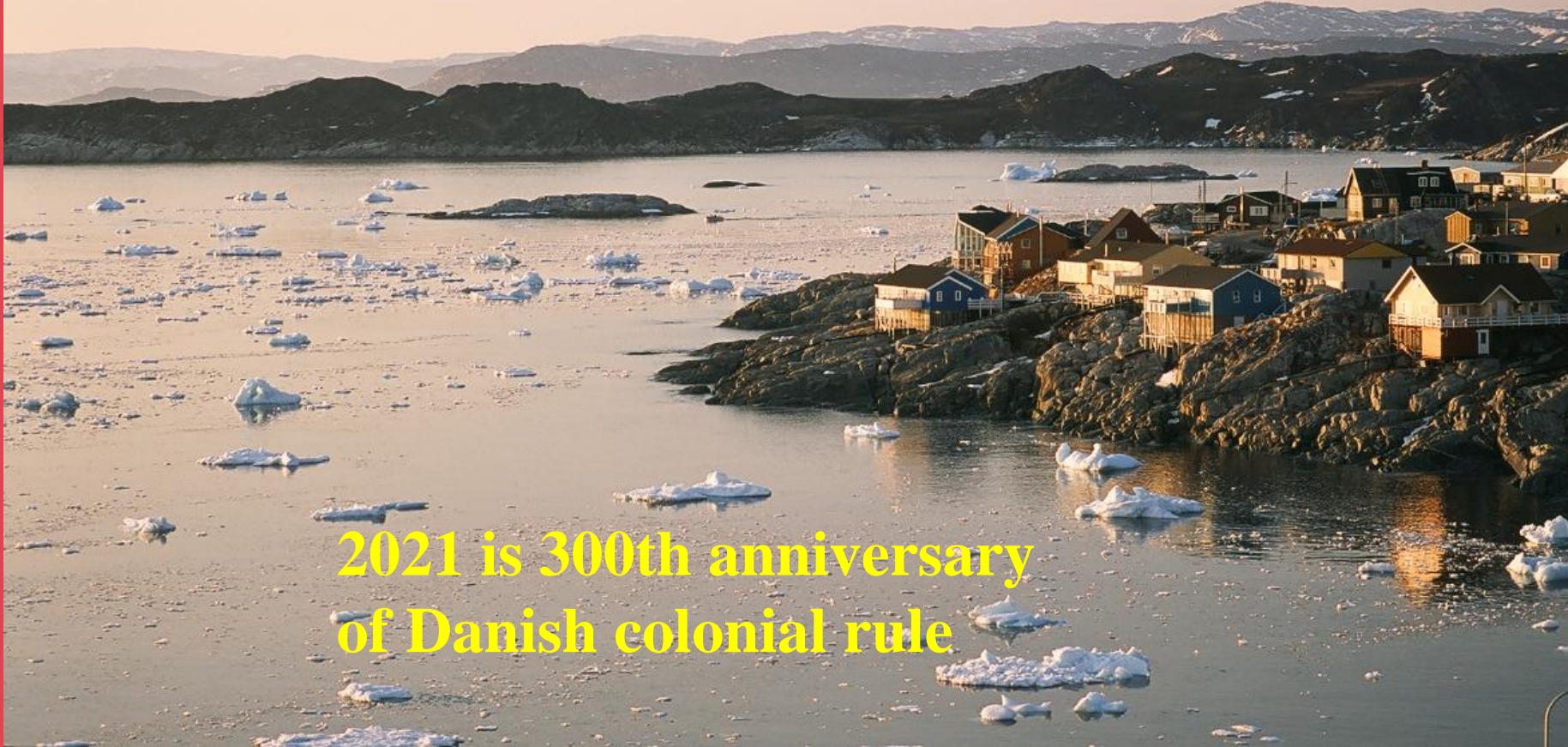
## Self-rule

- control of law enforcement, coast guard, legal system
- official language Greenlandic
- revenues from mineral resources

## Economic stability

- Danish Government annual subsidy 3.6 bn kroner (US\$600m)
- oil price

2021 is 300th anniversary  
of Danish colonial rule





# ANTARCTICA

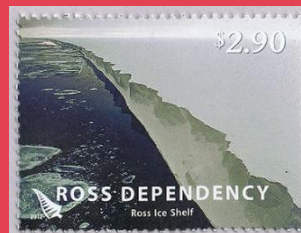
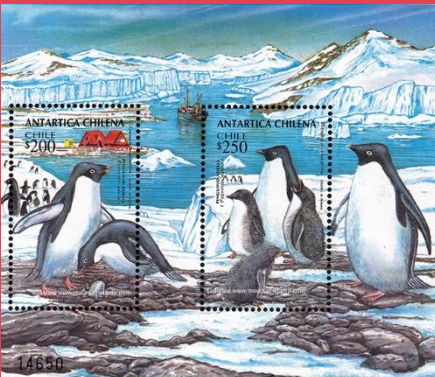
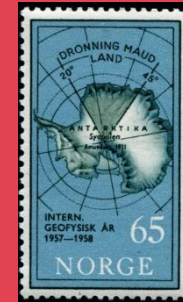
the last continent

## Antarctic Treaty 1959

- claims of territorial sovereignty uniquely set aside
- used exclusively for peaceful purposes (science, tourism)

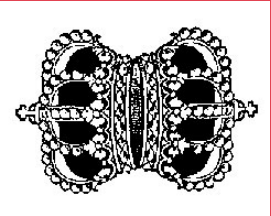


Antarctica even has its own  
Internet country code: **.aq**





# ELGALAND-VARGALAND



Largest and most populous realm on Earth, incorporating all boundaries between other nations as well as Digital Territory and other states of existence



