

# Independent Reviews of DBS-10

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Domestic Broadcasting Survey 2008

Die aktuelle Ausgabe 2008 des von Anker Petersen für den DSWCI jährlich herausgegebenen *Domestic Broadcasting Survey* (DBS) ist jetzt erschienen. Die für aktive Wellenjäger unverzichtbare Publikation hat einen Umfang von 36 Seiten im Format DIN-A-4 und ist in vier Teile gegliedert: Den Anfang macht eine nach Frequenzen geordnete Liste der zwischen 2300 und 5700 kHz aktiven Hörfunksender, also die so genannten Tropenbandstationen. Teil 2 zeigt die auf Kurzwelle zwischen 5700 und 17890 kHz aktiven Inlandsdienste, während sich der dritte Teil den politischen Untergrundsender (Englisch: *Clandestine*) sowie inhaltlich vergleichbaren Hörfunksendungen auf Kurzwelle widmet. Dabei dokumentiert der DBS auch Sendepläne und Stationsansagen.

In den Listen erscheinen nur Frequenzen und Stationen, die in den letzten zwölf Monaten mindestens einmal in einer glaubwürdigen Empfangsmeldung als gehört bestätigt wurden. Hierfür hat Anker Petersen akribisch zuverlässige DX-Bulletins aus aller Welt ausgewertet. Dabei wurde er unterstützt durch ein Netz internationaler Empfangsmonitore, die jede der über 1000 Sendefrequenzen geprüft haben. Der Status einer Station ist am Eintrag vor der Frequenz sofort erkennbar: **A** steht für eine regelmäßige Aktivität, **B** bedeutet unregelmäßige Sendungen, **C** deutet auf einen sporadischen Sendebetrieb hin und **D** heißt, dass die auf dieser Frequenz gelistete Station zuletzt nicht mehr gehört wurde und vermutlich inaktiv ist. Die Nennung von Parallelfrequenzen erleichtert die Identifizierung zunächst unbekannter Stationen. In den vergangenen zwölf Monaten nicht als aktiv bestätigte Stationen wurden wie gewohnt aus den aktuellen Frequenzlisten gelöscht und in Teil 4 geschoben. Darin stehen nach Frequenzen geordnet alle Frequenzen, die in den letzten fünf Jahren zwar nicht mehr gehört wurden, jedoch reaktiviert werden könnten.

Registrierte DBS-Nutzer erhalten als kostenlose Zugabe den Zugang zu einem geschützten Bereich auf den Internetseiten des DSWCI (<http://www.dswci.org>) mit einer monatlichen Aktualisierung der Tropenbandfrequenzen namens **Tropical Bands Monitor** (TBM). Sollte also eine Tropenbandstation den Sendebetrieb neu aufnehmen oder eine Frequenz reaktivieren, erfährt man davon spätestens im nächsten Nachtrag; Stationsdaten oberhalb 5700 kHz werden nicht ergänzt. Beispiellisten mit TBM-Daten von 2005, 2006 und 2007 sind unter <http://www.dswci.org/tbm> frei zugänglich und lassen an der Zuverlässigkeit der Informationen keinen Zweifel aufkommen. Fazit: Der DBS 2008 ist sehr empfehlenswert und sollte keinem Wellenjäger fehlen.

Der DBS ist in zwei Varianten erhältlich: Eine als Anhang per E-Mail zugeschickte PDF-Datei (Dateigröße: etwa 360 kb) kostet 5 Euro oder 5 IRCs; diese Datei lässt sich auch ausdrucken. Alternativ erhält man für 11 Euro oder 9 IRCs eine gedruckte Version der Frequenzlisten. Bestellungen mit Bargeld oder IRCs im Brief bitte an die folgende Anschrift richten: DSWCI, c/o Bent Nielsen, Egekrogen 14, 3500 Vaerloese, Dänemark.

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The *Danish Shortwave Listener's Club International*, an active club of worldwide radio listeners from 33 countries, have released their 10<sup>th</sup> edition of *Domestic Broadcast Survey*.

The 10<sup>th</sup> edition, edited by DSWCI Chairman, Anker Petersen, is divided into four parts. Part 1 covers all active shortwave stations broadcasting on 2300-5700 kHz. Part 2 includes Domestic stations on international shortwave bands above 5700 kHz broadcasting to a domestic listening audience. Part 3, is all Active Clandestine shortwave stations including schedules and identification information. Part 4 list all the frequencies deleted between 2 and 30 MHz which have not been reported during the past five years, but may possibly reappear.

The new Survey as with past editions, is based on sources that include DX bulletins, current schedules and actual monitoring from radio hobbyists. Listings are in an easy to follow by-frequency format sorted by frequency, kW, country, station operating schedules, parallel frequencies and operating program format. Active stations are noted as A (Regular), B (Irregular), C (Sporadic) or D (Likely Inactive).

The Last Log column is listed on the right side, and indicates when the last month and year the station was reported prior to the publication's deadline this year.

The 35 page edition is available by email as a PDF format (about 175 kB). A limited number are available in printed format. All buyers of the DBS-10 will be given a username and password to the monthly updates on the tropical bands published as Tropical Bands Monitor on the clubs website at [www.dswci.org](http://www.dswci.org). The similar data from 2005-2007 is available from [www.dswci.org/tbm](http://www.dswci.org/tbm) to anyone.

Funds should be addressed to: Bent Nielsen-Treasurer, Egekrogen 14, DK 3500 Vaerloese, Denmark. Email edition: DKK 40.00 or USD 9.00; Euro 5.00 or GBP 4.00 or SEK 50.00 or 5 IRCs. Printed edition: DK 80.00 or USD 17.00 or EUR 11.00 or GBP 8.00 or SEK 105.00 or 9 IRCs. Additional payment information for cash notes may be obtained at [www.dswci.org/](http://www.dswci.org/)

The *Domestic Broadcast Survey 10<sup>th</sup> edition* remains an excellent source for hobbyist that follow closely the changing world of shortwave radio. This fine publication has been a part of my reference library in printed and PDF format for many years and I highly recommend it to all. It is accurate, timely and valuable as a reference aid.

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Finding useful, current, accurate DX references in the electronic world isn't as easy as it should be. There are numerous providers of radio broadcasting information in the marketplace today, many of them offered for free, but a lot of them are not of a high quality. The latest Domestic Broadcasting Survey 10 ("DBS-10"), once again edited by Denmark's world-renowned DX'er Anker Petersen, is one resource that continues not to disappoint the shortwave enthusiast. Published in April by the Danish Shortwave Club International ("DSWCI"), the DBS continues to be the top annual publication devoted to tropical and domestic band shortwave broadcasting stations. Along with its monthly updated graphical companion, the Tropical Band Monitor ("TBM"), the combination of these two DX references is unbeatable in quality and value. The DSWCI offers the DBS in electronic form (pdf-format), which provides for a substantial reduction in price over a paper version thereby increasing its value and speed of delivery. Either way you will be receiving and using an important DX resource produced by an international array of top shelf DX'ers that will prove its worth to you time after time.



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As in past years, a copy of the Press Release can be found on the DSWCI website at [www.dswci.org](http://www.dswci.org). By clicking on the Domestic Band Survey, you will see the color front page of "Shortwave is Great!" stated by local guide Tom (left) and reggae singer Homer who is DJ at Irie FM, at Anker's impromptu radio shack on the beach of Oracabessa, Jamaica. The photo, which was taken by Petersen during his world travels, and a sample listings from this year's DBS along with reviews from last year's edition are also part of the press package. Anker's cover photo's for the DBS continue to provide the local flavor associated with a domestic listening market.

The DSWCI turned fifty-one years old this year. It has a worldwide membership of experienced shortwave listeners scattered in 33 different countries all over the globe. Anker draws upon the knowledge and skills of the DSWCI's international array of top-flight DX'ers to produce a unique

and extremely valuable hobby resource. In addition to the club's extensive monitoring activity, the new survey is also based upon many official sources and DX bulletins with A08 schedules included when available. Over the years, the DSWCI has published some of the best non-commercial hobby references available to the shortwave listener. The electronic DBS-10 continues this grand tradition. It is an essential reference for serious shortwave listeners and DX'ers.

This is the tenth year that the DSWCI has incorporated its invaluable tropical band survey into a broader national survey that includes all domestic shortwave broadcasting. The old Tropical Band Survey ("TBS") portion of this publication, which has been tops in the field of shortwave broadcast lists for many years, is in its 36<sup>th</sup> year. Because most of its members devote most of their DX'ing time to domestic broadcasting stations on the tropical and international shortwave bands, many years ago the DSWCI decided to expand the traditional tropical band survey to include stations broadcasting to a domestic audience on the international bands. Consequently, the DSWCI now publishes a superb, comprehensive reference of domestic shortwave broadcasting throughout the shortwave spectrum. The DBS-10 covers all active stations broadcasting to a domestic audience between the frequencies of 2,300 kHz to 30,000 kHz. Part 1 is the 36<sup>th</sup> edition of Tropical Band Survey covering all active broadcasting stations in the 2,300 to 5,700 kHz range. Part 2 covers the domestic stations on the international bands above 5,700 kHz broadcasting to a national radio audience. Part 3 continues to include active clandestine broadcasting stations with schedules and identifications that enhance the value of the DBS-10 to the serious shortwave radio monitor. Part 4 contains deleted frequencies between 2 and 30 MHz, which have not been reported heard during the last five years, but may reappear at some future point in time.

A valuable, unique feature of the DBS-10 is the right hand column called Last Log. This column shows the last month and year prior to the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline when a particular station was reported logged by a DX'er somewhere in the world. This gives the listener a reasonable indication of the audibility of the shortwave broadcasting station. As part of the updating process, most frequencies that have not been heard in the last year have been deleted from the list and moved to a section at the end of the survey, Part 4 as discussed above, for stations deleted since July 2002. This updating procedure makes the DBS current and very user friendly. My own personal monitoring and checking confirms that the 2008 edition of the Domestic Broadcasting Survey continues the tradition of providing very accurate and extremely useful information for the DX'er. Consequently, it makes an extremely valuable addition to the DX shack where published radio resources are necessary in pursuit of elusive DX station catches.

To assure reliability, each of the 1,050 station frequencies has been confirmed on the air by the club's extensive collection of worldwide monitoring experts since the last publication through the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline closing date. Stations confirmed as being active is marked with an "A" (regular), or "B" (irregular), or "C" (sporadic) in the list. A "D" means the stations is likely inactive. This simple coding system provides valuable information when tuning the bands while trying to get a handle on rare, exotic DX catches. As a result of extensive monitoring, most of the frequencies already have been confirmed as being active in 2008.

The previously mentioned Tropical Bands Monitor feature was added three years ago as a monthly updater to the DBS. Its introduction provided a readily available electronic update of broadcasting stations below 5,700 kHz using a graphical presentation format. It has been a big success making the DBS/TBM combination extremely valuable. This website based feature, which is updated each month, helps to keep the DBS-10 current. I download the latest version each month, it is usually available 3 or 4 days after the close of the previous month, and use it as a ready guide to what is being heard around the world on the domestic frequencies. This service alone is worth more than the price of the DBS itself. I can't over emphasize the value the TBM adds to the DBS. Together they form an indispensable package of DX reference sources. DSWCI members also receive periodic updates issued in the *Shortwave News* bulletin published by the club and through its

electronic *DX Window*. These extra services keep the domestic band survey accurate and up-to-date. Details about becoming a DSWCI member are available at the club website. The electronic, pdf-format, club membership option substantially reduces the cost of being a member by reducing the printing and postage costs. Because of the club's strong DX culture and its array of international DX'ers, membership in the DSWCI is well worth the annual dues.

The Domestic Broadcasting Survey and Tropical Band Monitor are high quality shortwave broadcast DX resources made available at a very reasonable price. The combination of high quality and low price make the DBS and TBM unbeatable in today's global resource reference marketplace. If you listen to domestic broadcasters, the DBS-10, and the monthly updates through the TBM, is a "*must have*" while tuning the bands. This is the first resource I pack when attending French Creek DXpeditions. I can't imagine DX'ing the shortwave bands without a copy of the Domestic Band Survey and the latest graphical update of the Tropical Band Monitor at my side.

How easy is the Domestic Broadcasting Survey to use? Simple, the DBS-10 is very straightforward and easy to use. The first column provides the reception code, A, B, or C as previously described. The second column lists the frequency. The third column provides the station transmitter output. The fourth column designates the broadcasting country utilizing the International Telecommunications Union ("ITU") country code abbreviations. For those not familiar with these abbreviations, a complete list of ITU country codes is given on page 3 of the DBS. The fifth column provides the station name and/or call letters and location. The next column provides transmission times and other useful information about the station such as operating schedules during Ramadan for Middle East and Indonesian stations. Other useful features for easy station identification are the parallel frequencies and station ID sentences. The final column is the Last Log feature previously described. Also, the survey includes a listing of Indonesian provinces and special districts, which is extremely useful for DX'ers with an interest in that part of shortwave broadcasting world. As the sunspot numbers slowly move up, I expect to be tuning more Indonesian stations during our upcoming DX season. See the sample extracts from the DBS at the end of this review.

The 36-page A-4 size Domestic Broadcasting Survey is available in electronic form in pdf-format of about 175 KB. The electronic DBS-10 is available via e-mail for only US\$9.00, EUR 5, or 5 International Reply Coupons ("IRCs"). The limited print edition is available for only US\$17.00, EUR 11, or 9 IRCs. The DBS-10 can be ordered direct from the club treasurer at the following address:

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The 2008 edition of the Domestic Broadcasting Survey continues the excellent tradition of being a very useful and reliable DX'ing resource that should be in the radio shack of every active shortwave monitor. I use the DBS on a regular basis while tuning the shortwave bands. I can't imagine DX'ing without this at my side especially while on DXpeditions. While some enjoy operating a computer while tuning the bands, I print out a hardcopy to use thereby eliminating an electronic device from the radio shack while listening. During French Creek DXpeditions, my copy of the domestic Broadcasting Survey is in constant use! The pdf-format DBS is incredibly inexpensive and extremely useful. The monthly update to the Tropical Band Monitor keeps things current. At only US\$9.00, the electronic Domestic Broadcasting Survey continues to be the "*best buy*" of any hobby resource on the market today. You must have the new DBS, which is an outstanding piece of DX hobby research. This is a "*must have*" for every DX radio shack and I can highly recommend its purchase so order a copy to enhance your DX'ing sessions.

Congratulations on a wonderful job with DBS-10. I just received my hard-copy and had a look through the pages. The details on pages 2 and 3 and further explanations in each section are VERY useful. I think the "Last Reported"-entry is a good idea, but it certainly must be a lot of extra work for you to look at all the club information and magazines from around the world to update this information.

Many thanks and with best greetings,  
Robert Kipp, Germany