

The latest trend in Tropical Broadcasting by Anker Petersen

In my lecture at the Conference of the European DX Council in Königstein, Germany in August 2003 (published in SWN NOV/DEC 2003 and JAN 2004), I did forecast that the number of active domestic stations broadcasting between 2.200 and 5.800 kHz would continue to go downwards and probably hit zero in year 2014 !

In order to follow up on this, I have counted the number of stations being active during August 2003 – July 2004 based once more on the latest edition of the Domestic Broadcasting Survey from the DSWCI:

Region	July 2003	July 2004
Central Africa	26	20
Southern Africa	9	6
Indian Subcontinent	36	36
Southeast Asia	7	8
Indonesia	19	17
Chine, Taiwan, Mongolia	44	40
CIS (Former USSR)	21	17
Far East	17	18
Papua New Guinea	20	23
Australia, N. Zealand, Vanuatu	7	8
Central America, Mexico	17	14
Caribbean	4	3
Northwestern South America	13	7
Ecuador	13	10
Peru	53	47
Bolivia	15	17
Brazil	50	48
Total	363	339

The down going average curve now seems to flatten out and rather hits the Zero-line in year 2018 than in 2014, because some stations have been reactivated and a few new ones have appeared. To differentiate this more, it seems that domestic broadcasting stations in Africa, the CIS, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador are going to disappear from the Tropical Bands long before 2014! On the other hand, it is probable that most of the stations in Asia, the Pacific, Bolivia and Brazil will die more hard and be audible maybe after 2020. It all depends on the willingness of their owners to continue to maintain the stations.

Some of the stations that during the past year have left the Tropical Bands, at least for the time being, are:

- 2410 R Enga, Wabag, Papua New Guinea
- 2415 Wenzhou General St., Zhejiang, China
- 3290 R Centro, Ambato, Ecuador
- 3316 SLBS, Goderich, Sierra Leone
- 3360 R Dif. Catolica, Macas, Ecuador
- 3360 La Voz de Nahuala, Solola, Guatemala
- 3375 R Dourados, Dourados, Brazil
- 4003 RRI Padang, Indonesia
- 4050 Krasnaya Rechka, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- 4765 R Congo, Brazzaville, Rep. of Congo
- 4777 R.Dif. TV, Gabonaise, Libreville, Gabon
- 4795 R Nova Difusora, Aquidauana, Brazil
- 4800 R Satelite, Santa Cruz, Peru
- 4819 La Voz Evangelica, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- 4820 R Botswana, Sebele, Botswana
- 4850 CNR 2, Beijing, China
- 4930 R Barahona, Dominican Republic
- 4930 R Costena Ebenezer, Honduras
- 4940 Voice of the Strait, Fuzhou, China

- 4940 R Mix-Master, Yakutsk, Russia
- 4980 Ecos del Torbes, San Cristobal, Venezuela
- 5004 R Nacional, Batá, Ecuatorial Guinea
- 5040 Fujian PBS, Fuzhou, China
- 5040 RRI Pekanbaru, Indonesia
- 5100 Liberian Communications Network, Liberia
- 5121 R Ondas del Suroriente, Quillabamba, Peru
- 5300 R Superior, Bolivar, Peru
- 5459 R Panorama, Recobamba, Peru
- 5470 R Veritas, Monrovia, Liberia
- 5500 R San Miguel, San Miguel de Pallaques, Peru

A few new or reactivated stations are:

- 4723 R Uncia, Uncia, Bolivia
- 4763 R Chicha, Tocla, Bolivia
- 4781 R Tacana, Tumupasa, Bolivia
- 4798 Son La Radio & TV, Vietnam (alt. 4741)
- 4960 Catholic R Network, Vanimo, Papua New Guinea
- 5050 ARDS Radio, Humpty Doo, Australia.



The latest QSL card from Radio St. Helena, cf. the article on page 15

Special QSL-Card from Radio Budapest

Everybody who is interested in a special QSL-card from Radio Budapest should read the following items.

The ADXB-OE (the only Austrian DX Club) has arranged together with the German Department of Radio Budapest, that between August and the End of October 2004 listeners can ask for this special QSL-card. Following mainly conditions are valid:

- reports must be sent to the ADXB-OE, P.O.Box 1000, A-1081 Wien, Austria-
- reports of transmissions between August and October 2004 are valid
- Every frequency will be verified by maximal one card
- Every language section can be used, except the Hungarian one
- for every report must be sent a IRC or US-\$ or equivalent currency (1 EUR for example)
- formal check is made by ADXB-OE
- technical and programme check is made by Radio Budapest
- Answer comes directly from Budapest

Even you don't speak German, you will recognize the languages and frequencies, think that will be easy for you.

This QSL-Action is made for the very good country-relations between Hungary and Austria, and also be attention of the Jubilee 30 Years of AGDX, the German speaking Association for DX-clubs. Further on, there is a EU-project (European Union) of the international QSL-Collection, a QSL-card collection and documentary archive with residence in Austria (head of this club is Wolf Harranth)

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