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Trends in tropical bands broadcasting 2018

Since the Danish Short Wave Club International published the first Tropical Bands Survey in 1973, I have registered which stations are active, based upon loggings from our members and other DX-ers around the world. Here is an updated status where Clandestine and Pirate stations not are included.

Active domestic transmitters on 2200 – 5800 kHz

Region	1973	1985	1997	2009	2018
Central Africa	102	76	40	18	4
Southern Africa	57	39	33	20	10
Middle East	9	4	1	0	0
Indian Subcontinent	62	45	45	29	14
South East Asia	40	29	21	4	1
Indonesia	171	105	65	13	3
China, Taiwan, Mongolia	119	110	75	32	19
CIS (former USSR)	61	59	47	7	6
Far East	38	28	28	9	8
Papua New Guinea	17	20	20	15	3
Australia and other Pacific	10	4	13	8	3
Central America, Mexico	21	23	24	5	1
Caribbean	29	3	3	2	3
Northwestern South America	98	41	19	3	1
Ecuador	47	33	22	5	0
Peru	78	69	78	28	6
Bolivia	35	42	25	14	2
Brazil	107	87	67	35	18
Southern South America	5	2	1	0	0
Total	1106	819	627	247	102

During the past year the previous trend, that Tropical stations slowly disappear, continued throughout the world with a loss of about 15 stations. The reason is, that other media get higher priority, than keeping elderly Shortwave transmitters alive.

Here are some of the stations on the Tropical Bands, which have closed down during year 2016 or 2017:

kHz	kW	Station	Country	Last log
2380	0,25	R Educadora, Limeira, SP	Brazil	FEB17
3210	1	Unique R, Halls Creek, NSW	Australia	FEB17
3250	100	Voice of Korea, Pyongyang	Korea (D.P.R.)	AUG17
3250	50	WBCQ, Monticello, ME	U.S.A.	OCT17
3275	10	R Southern Highlands, Mendi	Papua New Guinea	MAY17
3290	10	Voice of Guyana, Georgetown	Guyana	JUL16
3905	10	RRI, Merauke	Indonesia	JUN16
3920	5	KCBS, Hyesan	Korea (D.P.R.)	JUN16
3945	2	R Vanuatu, Emten Lagoon	Vanuatu	JAN17
3960	0,1	Pispalan R, Tampere	Finland	MAR17
3975	100	Vatican R, S. Maria di Galeria	Vatican City	MAR17
3975	5	R Revival, Ringvalla, Sala	Sweden	MAY16
4750	1	Dunamis Broadcasting, Kampala	Uganda	JUN16
4765	10	R Integração, Cruzeiro do Sul, AC	Brazil	MAY16
4785	10	R Caiari, Porto Velho, RO	Brazil	OCT16
4815	10	R Difusora, Londrina, PR	Brazil	NOV16
4830	10	Mongolian R, Altay	Mongolia	JAN17
4865	5	R Verdes Florestes, Cruzeiro do S.	Brazil	MAR17
4895	50	AIR, Kurseong, Paschim Banga	India	MAR17
4985	1	Voz Cristiana, Chilca, Huancán	Peru	JUL16
5015	1	R Cultura, Cuaibá, MT	Brazil	APR16
5066	1	R Télé Candip, Bunia	Dem. Rep. of Congo	MAR17