



Countries of the World

Capital
Independent state
Dependency or area of special sovereignty

The bounding lines around scattered island groups, drawn for clarity, are not actual maritime boundaries.

Scale at Equator

0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000Mi.

0 1,000 2,000 3,000Km.

1:35,000,000, Natural Earth projection

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Antarctica

Antarctica has no government, although various countries claim sovereignty in certain regions. There is no universal recognition of these claims. The Antarctic Treaty of 1959 preserves Antarctica for scientific research by all nations.