

Fact File – Kingdom of Mount Vema – *The Vema Seamount Territory*

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Vema Seamount or Mount Vema and its adjacent waters is a unique oceanic island. A sovereign territory in the South Atlantic, inextricably linked with The Vema Seamount Authority, Peter Jon Goldishman. Kingdom of Mount Vema is the official country name, and City of Mount Vema is the floating city project, aiming to be the largest and the only floating City-State in the world.

GEOGRAPHY

Location: South East Atlantic Ocean about 1,000 km west-north-west of the Republic of South Africa

Geographic coordinates: 31°38'S, 08°20'E

Map references: South Atlantic East / Southern Africa

Area - comparative: With its rocky plateau-like summit of approximately 14 kilometers in diameter, and its mean base diameter of about 60 kilometers, it is bigger than other small sovereign states such as the Vatican City of the Holy See, or The Principality of Monaco. But if added its territorial waters (200 nautical miles), then it is also bigger than The Republic of San Marino, or The Principality of Liechtenstein.

Maritime claims: *territorial sea:* 12 nm

contiguous zone: 24 nm

exclusive economic zone: 200 nm

Climate: Tropical marine; tempered by trade winds

Terrain: The largest Seamount in the South Atlantic Ocean. A volcanic pile that rises eleven meters below sea level, that was once an island at the surface of the sea, that eroded by millions of years of wave action. Note: the city will be both floating and reclaimed land. A combination of sand, soil, concrete and steel.

Natural resources: Fish and Lobster

Territorial space use: *reclaimed land:* about 20% by 2020; *other space:* about 10% by 2025

Freshwater resources: None; 100% desalinated water will be used for consumption

Natural hazards: None. However, the territory is subject to:

Tsunamis (breakwaters will be built to minimize the risk)

Volcanic activities (monitoring and evacuation systems are being developed to minimise the risk)

Earthquakes (most structures will be floating to minimise the risk)

Tropical storms (all structures are being designed to withstand the impact of strong winds)

Environment - current and future issues: Illegal fishing activities, lack of rivers or lakes will require extensive water conservation and control measures; growth in water usage outpacing supply

International agreements: *Ratified:* Biodiversity, Climate Change, Climate Change-Kyoto Protocol, Endangered Species, Hazardous Wastes, Law of the Sea, Ozone Layer Protection, Ship Pollution and Marine Life Conservation

Geography - note: Mount Vema will be the largest floating city state in the world.

PEOPLE

Population: There are no indigenous inhabitants, more than 250,000 people are expected to live and in the island by 2020.

Age structure: *0-14 years: N/A% (male N/A/female N/A)*
15-64 years: N/A% (male N/A/female N/A)
65 years and over: N/A% (male N/A/female N/A)

Median age: *total: N/A years*
male: N/A years
female: N/A years

Population growth rate: N/A%

Birth rate: N/A births

Death rate: N/A deaths

Net migration rate: N/A migrant(s)

Sex ratio: *at birth: N/A male(s)/female*
under 15 years: N/A male(s)/female
15-64 years: N/A male(s)/female

*65 years and over: N/A male(s)/female
total population: N/A male(s)/female*

Infant mortality rate: *total: N/A deaths
male: N/A deaths
female: N/A deaths*

Life expectancy at birth: *total population: N/A years
male: N/A years
female: N/A years*

Total fertility rate: N/A children born

Major infectious diseases: *degree of risk: very low at present
food or waterborne diseases: N/A
respiratory disease: N/A*

Nationality: *noun: Veman(s)
adjective: Veman*

Ethnic groups: N/A

Religions (the current society): Christian 98% (Pentecostal N/A%, Protestant N/A%, Catholic N/A%), None 1%, others 1%

Languages: English (official)

Literacy: *definition: age 15 and over will be able to read and write
total population: 99%
male: 99%
female: 99%*

School life expectancy (primary to tertiary education): *total: N/A years
male: N/A years
female: N/A years (2007)*

Education and professional training expenditures: N/A% of GDP

GOVERNMENT

Country name:	<i>conventional long form:</i> Kingdom of Mount Vema, The <i>conventional short form:</i> Mount Vema <i>informal:</i> Mount Vema, The Vema Seamount Territory <i>Local:</i> Mount Vema
Government type:	Constitutional Monarchy
Capital:	<i>name:</i> Neverland (The Royal District of Neverland) <i>geographic coordinates:</i> N/A <i>time difference:</i> UTC + 01:00 hour
Administrative divisions:	10 regions (currently as seen on the overall development plans); The Royal District of Northland, The Royal District of Westland, The Royal District of Roseland, The Royal District of Bella Vista, The Royal District of Neverland, The Royal District of Maryland, The Royal District of San Miguel, The Royal District of San Paulo, The Royal District of Eastland, The Royal District of Southland
Independence:	01 August 2006 (The day Peter Goldishman declared Vema Seamount a Sovereign Territory)
National holiday:	Independence Day, 01 August (2006)
Constitution of the Society:	unwritten; partly statutes, partly common law
Legal system:	Common law; does not accept compulsory ICJ jurisdiction
Citizenship:	<i>citizenship by birth:</i> no <i>citizenship by descent only:</i> at least one parent must be a citizen <i>dual citizenship recognized:</i> yes <i>residency requirement for naturalization:</i> 5 years
Suffrage:	18 years of age; universal
Executive branch:	<i>chief of state:</i> King PETER JON GOLDISHMAN (since 01 August 2006); Heir Apparent N/A <i>head of government:</i> King PETER JON GOLDISHMAN <i>cabinet:</i> Cabinet of Ministers nominated by the Prime Minister and appointed by the Sovereign

elections: the monarchy is hereditary; following national elections of independent candidates. The majority winner becomes Prime Minister. Next election due in 2024.

Legislative branch: Bicameral Congress consists of Council of Royal Advisors (N/A seats; N/A life peers and N/A hereditary peers), The District Representatives (N/A seats) and The Cabinet Council (N/A seats)

Judicial branch: Royal House of Appeals (highest court of appeal; several Lords of Appeal in Ordinary are appointed by the monarch for life); The Royal Court of Justice,(comprising the Royal Tribunals, the High Courts of Justice, the House of Living Standards and the House of Complaints)

Political parties and leaders: None

Political pressure groups and leaders: None

International organization participation: Expressed interest in participation but not a member of: IMF, Interpol, UN, UNESCO, UNHCR, WHO, WTO

Flag description: Two equal horizontal stripes of white and golden (top and bottom); there is a blue and red square with white in the center.

ECONOMY OF MOUNT VEMA

Economy - overview: Mount Vema is expected to have a very dynamic economy. It will be almost self-sufficient by 2025 and will benefit from tourism. However 80% of its industrial activities are expected to be predominantly shipping, fashion, publishing, entertainment and food processing. The city aims to enjoy a remarkably corruption-free environment, stable prices, a highly-developed and successful market economy, with a per capita GDP equal to that of the largest West European countries.

Budget: *revenues: N/A*
expenditures: N/A

Fiscal Year August 1 – July 31

Exports:	N/A
Exports - commodities:	N/A
Exports - partners:	N/A
Imports:	N/A
Imports - commodities:	N/A
Imports - partners:	N/A
Reserves of foreign exchange and real estate assets:	1.6 trillion golles (July 2018 est.)
Debt - external:	N/A
Currency (code):	Vema Seamount golle (VSG)
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Exchange rates:	Golle (VSG) 1=1.79 US dollar (2018),

COMMUNICATIONS

Telephones - main lines in use:	N/A
Telephones - mobile cellular:	N/A
Telephone system:	<i>general assessment:</i> aims to be excellent service <i>domestic:</i> aims to have excellent domestic facilities; wireless services; aiming to combine fixed-line and mobile-cellular teledensity of about 100 telephones per 100 persons

international: country code – N/A (210 not in service); numerous submarine cables are currently being planned to provide links throughout Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and US; satellite earth stations (2020 est.)

Radio broadcast stations: AM 0, FM 0, shortwave 0 (2020 est.)

Radios: N/A

Television broadcast stations: 7 (broadcasting on 8 channels); plus additional reception of numerous signals originating in the United States (2020 est.)

Televisions: N/A

Internet country code: N/A (.vs not in service)

Internet hosts: N/A

Internet Service Providers (ISPs): N/A

Internet users: N/A

TRANSPORTATION

Airports: 1 (2020 est.)

Airports - with paved runways: *total: 1 over 3,000 m: (2020)*

Roadways: *total: N/A km*

Waterways: N/A km

Merchant marine: *total: expected to have over 1000 ships in the region by type: bulk carriers, cargos, carriers, chemical tankers, containers, liquefied gas, petroleum tankers, refrigerated cargos, roll on/roll off,*

specialized tankers, vehicle carriers
foreign-owned: expected to house just over 700
registered in other countries: expected to house more than 300
foreign-owned: N/A

Ports and terminals: The Port of Mount Vema

MILITARY

Military branches: The Armed Forces of Mount Vema: Royal Mount Vema Navy, Royal Mount Vema Air Force, Royal Mount Vema Coast Guard; note – The Coast Guard is administered in peacetime by the Ministry of Internal Security, Defense and Emergency Response, but in wartime reports to BraveHouse (the Royal Mount Vema Department of Defense)

Military service age and obligation: 18 years of age for conscription military service

Manpower available for military service: *males age N/A*
females age N/A

Manpower fit for military service: *males age N/A*
females age N/A

Manpower reaching militarily significant age annually: *male: N/A*
female: N/A

Military expenditures: N/A% of GDP

TRANSNATIONAL ISSUES

Disputes - international: None

Illicit drugs: As hub for drug abuse, transshipment or venue for money laundering, it will be very limited because the city is designed with systems to deter such activities.