



Introduction

History

The evolution of Vema Seamount also referred to as Mount Vema, a submerged ancient island which has eroded by millions of years of wave action, from its claim in 2006, more than 50 years after it was discovered in the late 1950s stands as an unprecedented phenomenon in the history human evolution.

Before the year 2006, Mount Vema was never a nation or part of a nation, an empire or part of an empire, nor a trusteeship. Its sovereignty, declared in 2006 by Peter J. Goldishman does not represent "independence" in the strict sense, but rather a significant nationhood event which is the founding date of the nation.

The establishment of statehood by Peter J. Goldishman based on this ancient island once at the surface of the sea, and now below sea level, gave birth to a new Monarchy and what is now officially known as Kingdom of Mount Vema.

The Story of the Kingdom of Mount Vema, is inextricably linked with that of its founding father The Vema Seamount Authority - Peter Goldishman. The story of Peter is a journey that begun in Lobito, Angola where he was born, and it is very much part of the South Atlantic East and the story of ANGOLA, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA.

As a child he witnessed and met many of the men of SWAPO of Namibia, the ANC of South Africa, the Cubans and his fellow Angolans that were part of the struggles, where many gave their lives for freedom back in the 1980s against the apartheid South Africa so the region could be set free.

The struggle for some of the people of that era, ended after the Battle of Cuito Cuanavale in the South of Angola, but it was from the Port of Lobito where day after day he and others witnessed the arrival of the men (whom he would eventually be called to join as he was coming to age) who came to join that battle which led to the peace treaty mediated by the United States, and which concluded with the freedom of Nelson Mandela, and the independence of Namibia.

In the end Peter did not have to put on the uniform. Still in his teens when that battle ended, he left Angola, and when in his late twenties he moved to the United Kingdom, where the charts of the South Atlantic were presented to him and 'Vema' was brought to his attention. At that time there was nothing about Vema Seamount on the internet or anywhere else. Very few people knew it existed.

Today, Mount Vema is a well-managed territory. The once overfished and almost forgotten submerged island, has been propelled to a well-managed and well-regulated fishing ground, transformed to its greatest ever imagined state of wealth and prominence. Kingdom of Mount Vema is now 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.

Although now sovereign, Mount Vema brought Peter back, close to a familiar territory, flanked by the once old foes of the former apartheid South Africa and now allies, as well as the old comrades of Angola, of the ANC, and SWAPO from that era of the struggles for freedom.

Government

Chief/Head of State

(The Vema Seamount Authority)

Peter Jon Goldishman

Head of Government

Prime Minister of Mount Vema

(Prime Ministers are elected by the members of the Society and confirmed by the Head of State. This post is currently vacant, Peter Goldishman is currently the acting Prime Minister of Mount Vema)

Government Type

Constitutional Monarchy

(With not political parties, any member of the society can form a team for cabinet and stand for Prime Minister)

Capital

The Mount Vema Government operates the territory from its diplomatic premises overseas.

(However, the Capital of the Kingdom will be at the District of Neverland – Seat of the Monarchy and Diplomatic Embassies, and the City of Mount Vema’s Capital will the District of Maryland – Seat of the Elected Government)

Legislature

Bicameral Congress

House of Representatives (170 Seats)

House of Lords (145 Seats)

Judiciary

The Mount Vema Royal House of Appeals is the highest Court of the Kingdom.

Ambassadors to other Countries

The Kingdom of Mount Vema has appointed ambassadors, but there are no accredited ambassadors at present.

Mount Vema Ambassadors

The Kingdom of Mount Vema cannot host foreign embassies at present. However, the territory does accredit virtual Ambassadors to handle diplomatic and consular matters concerning Mount Vema.

People / Society

Total Projected Population based on accommodation capacity after construction: 1,000,000 People est.

(Projections includes infants as well as adults)

Language

English (official)

Religion

Christianity

Geography

Mount Vema is in the east region of the South Atlantic Ocean, about 1,600 kilometres from Tristan da Cunha and 1,000 kilometres northwest of Cape Town – South Africa.

Coordinates:

31°38’S 8°20’E

31.633°S 8.333°E

Area

The mean base diameter of Mount Vema is about 60 kilometers, and the plateau-like summit is approximately 14 kilometers in diameter, with the highest peak located on the southern flank.

Land

About 5% of land will be reclaimed as part of the network of concrete barriers to protect the floating city and key infrastructures from the destructive force of the wind and waves.

Climate

The climate is mostly Mediterranean but, can be wet and overcast with clouds/fog/mist/haze, with winds of about 4 kilometres per hour (light air) to 30 kilometres per hour average (Fresh/Ocean Breeze), although winds can occasionally exceed 40 kilometres per hour (Strong Breeze to Gale Force Winds). The temperature is marine, 14 °C to 21 °C average, with humidity sometimes exceeding 80%. The lowest temperatures can reach 2 °C and the highest 28 °C.

Natural Resources

Fish

Economy

Financial Year:

September 1st to August 31st

Budget:

Revenues: 200 billion golles (2030 est.)

Expenditures: 120 billion golles (2030 est.)

Note: Expenditures include both operational and development

Mount Vema has a prosperous economy, based on a comparison of GDP measured at purchasing power parity conversion rates. Real estate although off-plan, is already highly valuable. The 1.6 trillion golles total value of the Kingdom of Mount Vema entire projected property stock and the Vema Seamount territory itself with its marine life, is more than the combined gross domestic products (GDP) of some well-developed countries.

This is an economy where the Government buys needed goods and services predominantly in the private marketplace, and private individuals and business firms make most of the decisions.