

# South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands among Italian energy storage

Are South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands mountainous?

South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands are a collection of islands in the South Atlantic Ocean. Most of the islands, rising steeply from the sea, are rugged and mountainous. At higher elevations, the islands are permanently covered with ice and snow.

Who owns South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands?

The United Kingdom claimed sovereignty over South Georgia in 1775 and the South Sandwich Islands in 1908. The territory of "South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands" was formed in 1985; previously, it had been governed as part of the Falkland Islands Dependencies.

What is the ccTLD for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands?

The Internet country code top-level domain (ccTLD) for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands is .gs. The parts of the islands that are not permanently covered in snow or ice are part of the Scotia Sea Islands tundra ecoregion.

Why is the South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands marine protected area undergoing a review?

The South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Marine Protected Area is undergoing its second five-yearly review. Recovery of baleen whales coupled with climate change, means managers must be alert to alternative future ecosystem states. Areas of little economic interest within the MPA remain data poor with little monitoring.

What happened to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands?

In 1985, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands ceased to be administered as a Falkland Islands Dependency and became a separate territory. The King Edward Point base, which had become a small military garrison after the Falklands War, returned to civilian use in 2001 and is now operated by the British Antarctic Survey.

What is the future of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands?

The future management of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands For more than two centuries, exploitation of the wildlife of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands has provided revenue, albeit interrupted as serial overharvesting has destroyed stocks, in some instances taking species to the verge of extinction (see Introduction).

The South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Marine Protected Area (SGSSI-MPA) is one of the world's largest MPAs, covering an area of 1.24 million km<sup>2</sup> (an area 5 x larger than the UK). It was established in 2012 with the aim of ...





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