Government of Tristan da Cunha

Establishment of Recommended Areas to Be Avoided (ATBA)

Tristan da Cunha

SUMMARY

This document contains the details for the establishment of recommended Areas To Be Avoided (ATBA) around islands in the Tristan da Cunha archipelago by vessels making transoceanic voyages. The areas are designed to reduce the possibility of incidents by increasing the safety of navigation and additionally to protect the marine environment in the region.

The remoteness and meteorological conditions pose significant challenges to any response to any incidents and possible resulting pollution. The economic reliance of the local community on the fisheries and high environmental sensitivity means this is a high-risk region for hazards from international shipping.

The ATBAs are designed to decrease the impacts of international shipping in these areas and are located within the limits of the Tristan da Cunha EEZ. The 25 nautical mile buffer provides

- a safe distance between international shipping and the shoreline
- reduces the risk of shipping incidents and accidents
- allows time to mount a response to a developing marine emergency due to negligent navigation
- protects the sensitive environment

The ATBAs apply to ships 400 gross tonnage and above solely in transit.

DESCRIPTION

Tristan da Cunha Group

An Area To Be Avoided, by all ships 400 gross tonnage and above solely in transit, with a radius 25 nautical miles, is centred on the following geographical position:

Tristan da Cunha

37° 06′·714 S 12° 17′·330 W (Queen Mary’s Peak)

Nightingale Island

37° 25′·424 S 12° 28′·652 W (High Peak)

Inaccessible Island

37° 18′·125 S 12° 40′·888 W (approximate centre of island)
Consolidated ATBA Limit

An area bounded as follows:

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Gough Island

An Area To Be Avoided, by all ships 400 gross tonnage and above solely in transit, with a radius 25 nautical miles, is centred on the following geographical position:

40° 18′·555 S 9° 56′·817 W (7) (Edinburgh Peak)

Implementation Date: 1 April 2020

Reference chart: British Admiralty 4206, Edition 6 9th November 2017

Note: This chart is based on World Geodetic System 1984 datum (WGS 84)

“Tristan da Cunha” means the Island of Tristan da Cunha, Gough Island, Nightingale Island and Inaccessible Island.