

Chagos Archipelago (Oil Islands)

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Location and area

The Chagos Archipelago, or Oil Islands, is a group of small islands in the central Indian Ocean, south of India, constituting the British Indian Ocean Territory (a dependency of Great Britain). Diego Garcia, an atoll at the southern end of the group, is leased to the United States and holds a communications centre and naval base. The total land area of the islands is about 60 km². (Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia 2002).

Peatlands

No peatlands are known from the Chagos Archipelago.