

Heard Island and McDonald Islands are located in the Southern Ocean, approximately 1,700 km from the Antarctic continent and 4,100 km south-west of Perth. As the only volcanically active subantarctic islands they "open a window into the earth", thus providing the opportunity to observe ongoing geomorphic processes and glacial dynamics.

Heard Island and the McDonald Islands are free from introduced predators and provide crucial breeding habitat in the middle of the vast Southern Ocean for a range of birds. The surrounding waters are important feeding areas for birds and some scavenging species also derive sustenance from their cohabitants on the islands.

The Heard and McDonald Islands were designated as UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. Contents: Geography; Climate; Flora And Fauna; Brief History; Geography . The Heard and McDonald Islands form the exposed portions of ...

Heard Island and McDonald Islands, subantarctic island groups, together forming an external territory of Australia and lying in the southern Indian Ocean 2,500 miles (4,000 km) southwest of Perth. Volcanic in origin, Heard Island is 27 miles (43 km) long, 13 miles (21 km) wide, and rises to 9,005 feet (2,745 metres) at Mawson Peak on Big Ben ...

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Along with the French Kerguelen group of islands 440 km to the northwest, Heard and McDonald Islands form the only exposed parts of the submarine Kerguelen plume (Australian Government 2016). Their recent volcanism may correspond to the Tertiary hot spot track of the Kerguelen plume, which belongs to the large igneous province of the Southern ...

Heard Island and McDonald Islands (abbreviated as HIMI) are uninhabited, barren islands located in the Southern Ocean, about two-thirds of the way from Madagascar to Antarctica, 7718 km due south of Rajapur, Maharashtra, India and approximately 4099 km west of Perth.

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