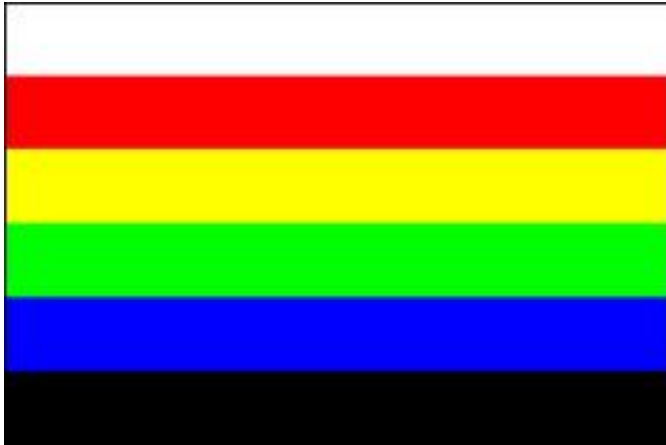


Micronation legally invades U.S. and annexes 11 islands/atolls

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The United States Minor Outlying Islands, a statistical designation defined by ISO 3166-1, consisted of eleven insular United States possessions. These islands were grouped together entirely as a statistical convenience.

In January 2007, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) reportedly dropped the .UM country code top-level domain (ccTLD) from the master list of domain names in response to the domain being unused, and the desire of the University of Southern California Information Sciences Institute (ISI) to divest itself of responsibility for the domain.

Since the U.S. still legally assumes that Roman law extends to the Internet; since the .UM ccTLD also legally represented the United States Minor Outlying Islands, a statistical designation defined by ISO 3166-1, and consisting of eleven insular United States possessions; officers of the Cesidian Root, an intercontinental Internet independent of the ICANN, were prepared to legally occupy the .UM ccTLD as soon as ICANN and the ISI abandoned it. Like any seaworthy ship abandoned in international waters, any pirate could have legally occupied the .UM ccTLD.

The .UM ccTLD was not abandoned immediately, however.

On 19 January 2008 the [www.ummoa](#) and [www.amomu](#) domains came alive in the Cesidian Root. The Hon. Most Rev. Dr. Cesidio Tallini started a first Independent Long Island-registered organisation called the United Micronations Multi-Oceanic Archipelago (UMMOA), for the expressed purpose of providing each macro- and micronational member of the organisation an UMMOA-based embassy, so any micronation can stand on legal ground in Montevideo Convention terms.

Eventually the .UM ccTLD was abandoned, and Cesidian Root operators detected it was missing from the ICANN root zone file.

In the early hours of 6 May 2008, the .UM ccTLD was legally occupied, and the President of the Cesidian Root used the legally occupied .UM ccTLD to legally annex the United States Minor Outlying Islands, and renamed the islands the United Micronations Multi-Oceanic Archipelago or UMMOA. If the U.S. can occupy the Internet based on territorial claims, then the reverse should also be kosher from a legal standpoint, so the occupation of the ccTLD in the Cesidian Root, and the annexation of the eleven islands/atolls, is entirely legal under international law.

The United Micronations Multi-Oceanic Archipelago (UMMOA) now requests that the U.S. government, and any individual or corporate landholder associated with the U.S. government, abandon the islands of UMMOA as soon as possible, and UMMOA declares its independence from the United States of America, before the eyes of the world.

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