

APPENDIX A

Interview Transcript, Michael Bates, Prince of Sealand, May 2015

Question: What compels you and your family to persist with keeping up the island fortress of Sealand and the claim of sovereignty? I imagine that it is a costly activity in time and money...so what's your motivation?

Michael: Originally my father started it for commercial reasons after moving all his equipment from Radio Essex which had been on another fortress found to be inside UK jurisdiction (after a court case where he was fined for broadcasting illegally). Sealand is costly but it does pay its overheads now after many years with the aid of our supporters and the online shop. Sealand is an institution with nearly ninety thousand Facebook followers and many Twitter followers.

Q: Could I press you a little more on your and your family's motivations to maintain the island fortress...I understand the original reason that your father had for taking the fortress was related to radio broadcasting; indeed, many micronations are established due to economic-based conflict with government regulations. What I would like to know though is why you and your family continue to maintain Sealand in the present.

Michael: If you ever get to read my book *Holding the Fort* you will see the battles we have fought to remain free from the UK and others who wished us harm over the years. My children are very proud of mine and my father's legacy...I was there for every battle and skirmish. It has been part of my life for fifty years.

Q: Do you continue to maintain Sealand because you feel that it's your country more so than the UK? Do you have feelings of nationalism for

Sealand? For that matter, do you have any nationalist or patriotic feelings toward the UK?

Michael: It is my country and I have huge feelings of nationalism for it. However I am also very patriotic to the UK. While the UK might be concerned there could be a conflict of interest, I can assure you there isn't.

Q: Should maintaining hold of some territory on the ground be necessary to have one's own state?

Michael: It helps but maybe is not 100% necessary. The Sealand fort was built illegally in international waters during the war. It was abandoned in the fifties still in international waters. The UK broke the law by not destroying it. It became 'Terra Nullius'.

Q: So does this mean that you believe terra nullius should be interpreted as including man-made objects?

Michael: Yes, of course.

Q: Do you think your claim would be stronger if Sealand were a piece of land, rather than a man-made structure? What do you think could be done to enhance your claims of sovereignty, that is, to gain recognition from existing states? For instance, would moving Sealand outside of the UK's 12 nautical mile territorial waters help?

Michael: When the UK extended its limits [in 1987], we extended our limits the day before. We extended twelve miles around and out to sea with a median line where it crossed UK waters. Much like the Channel Islands and France. Actual 'Terra Firma' would be great and we are working on the idea of reclamation. We already have de facto recognition from the UK and Germany.

APPENDIX B

List of Island Disputes, 1816–2016

<i>Disputed islands</i>	<i>Years of dispute</i>	<i>Disputants</i>
Abu Musa & Tunb Islands	1903–ongoing	Iran; UK (1903–1971); UAE (1971–ongoing)
Aegean Sea Islands	1964–ongoing	Turkey; Greece
Aland (Aaland) Islands	1854–1856	Sweden; Russia
Aland (Aaland) Islands	1918–1921	Sweden; Finland
Alpha-Beta-Gamma Islands	1948–1953	Bulgaria; Greece
Amazonas	1841–1928	Venezuela; Brazil
Andaman Sea Islands	1989–ongoing	Myanmar; Thailand
Aves (Bird) Island	1854–1866	Venezuela; Netherlands
Bahrain	1869–1970	Iran; UK
Beagle Channel	1904–1985	Argentina; Chile
British SE Asia (Malaysia/ Singapore/Borneo) ^a	1940–1942	Japan; UK
Bulama Island	1816–1870	UK; Portugal
Caroline-Pelew-Marianas	1885, 1898–1899	Germany; Spain
Caroline- Pelew- Marianas- Marshall ^a	1914–1919	Japan; Germany
Castellorizzo ^a	1912–1915	Italy; Turkey
Cayo Sur - Media Luna	1998–ongoing	Nicaragua; Honduras
Ceuta-Melilla-Chafarinas Isles	1956–ongoing	Morocco; Spain
Chincha Islands ^a	1864–1866	Spain; Peru
Clipperton Island	1897–1934	Mexico; France

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Conejo Island	2000–ongoing	El Salvador; Honduras
Corisco Bay Islands	1972–ongoing	Gabon; Equatorial Guinea
Corsica ^a	1938–42	Italy; France
Cuba ^a	1848–98	US; Spain
Cyprus	1878	UK; Turkey
Cyprus	1912–1923; 1953–1959	UK; Greece (1912–1920; 1953–1959); Turkey (1919–1923; 1955–1959)
Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands	1972–ongoing	China; Japan; Taiwan (1972–ongoing)
Dodecanese Islands ^a	1912–1928; 1944–1947	Italy; Greece; Turkey (1912–1923; 1944–1945)
Dokdo (Takeshima) Islands	1952–ongoing	Japan; South Korea
Duwaimah-Huraym-Ashiq Isles	1998–2000	Yemen; Saudi Arabia
East Timor	1974–1999	Indonesia; Portugal
Eastern Sporades	1881–1923	Greece; Turkey
Ecrehos & Minquiers	1886–1953	France; UK
Ellesmere Island	1922–1926	Canada; US
Falkland (Malvinas) Islands ^a	1841–ongoing	Argentina; UK
Farsi & al Arabiyah Islands	1949–1968	Iran; Saudi Arabia
Fernando Po & Annobon Isles	1839–1841	UK; Spain
Galapagos Islands	1854–1855; 1892–1906	US; Ecuador
German New Guinea	1914–1919	UK; Germany
German Solomon Islands	1895–1899	UK; Germany
Graham Island (Ferdinanda)	1831	UK; Kingdom of Two Sicilies
Guam ^a	1898	US; Spain
Gulf of Fonseca Islands	1899–1992	El Salvador; Honduras
Hanish Islands	1973–1998	N. Yemen; Ethiopia (1973–1993); Yemen (1990–1998); Eritrea (1993–1998)
Hans Island	1971–ongoing	Canada; Denmark
Hawar Islands & Zubarah	1971–2003	Qatar; Bahrain
Hong Kong	1972–1997	China; UK
Iles Eparses	1960–ongoing	Madagascar; France
Iles de Los	1870–1904	France; UK
Imbros & Tenedos	1914–1923	Greece; Turkey
Ionian Islands	1862–1864	Greece; UK
Isla de Pinos	1909–1925	US; Cuba
Kachchativu	1949–74	Sri Lanka; India
Kalayaan (Eastern Spratly Islands)	1971–ongoing	Philippines; China; Taiwan; Vietnam (1975–ongoing)

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Kamaran Island	1915	UK; Turkey
Kamaran Island	1956–1999	N. Yemen; UK (1956–1967); S. Yemen (1967–1999)
Ko Kut Island	1963–ongoing	Thailand; Cambodia
Kuria Muria Islands	1967–1982	S. Yemen; UK (1967–1971); Oman (1971–1982)
Kuril Islands & South Sakhalin ^a	1940–1945, 1952–ongoing	Russia; Japan
Lappa-Dom Joao-Wongkam I.	1901–1910	China; Portugal
Los Monjes	1951–ongoing	Colombia; Venezuela
Los Roques	1850–1856	Venezuela; Netherlands
Lubainah al-Saghirah & al-Kabirah Isles	1949–1958	UK; Saudi Arabia
Macau	1860–1887, 1972–1999	China; Portugal
Machias Seal Island	1971–ongoing	US; Canada
Mae Sot Islet	1997–2001	Myanmar; Thailand
Mangles (Corn) Islands	1900–1928	Colombia; Nicaragua
Mangles (Corn) Islands	1965–1971	Nicaragua; US
Matacong Island	1879–1882	France; UK
Matthew & Hunter Islands	1982–ongoing	Vanuatu; France
Mayotte	1975–ongoing	Comoros; France
Minerva Reefs	1999–ongoing	Fiji; Tonga
Morteritos & Sabinitos	1884	Mexico; US
Navassa Island	1859–1914; 1935–ongoing	Haiti; US
New Moore (South Talpatty) I.	1979–2010	Bangladesh; India
Palmas Island	1906–1928	US; Netherlands
Papua New Guinea ^a	1940–1945	Japan; Australia
Paracel Islands ^a	1932–ongoing	China; France (1932–1954); Japan (1938–1945); S. Vietnam & Vietnam (1954–ongoing)
Passamaquoddy Bay (Isles of)	1816–1817	US; UK
Patos Island	1859–1942	Venezuela; UK
Pei-Lung-Wei ^a	1875–1887	France; China
Perim Island	1857–1858	Turkey; UK
Pescadores Islands	1949–ongoing	China; Taiwan
Philippines ^a	1898	US; Spain
Philippines ^a	1940–1942	Japan; US
Prek Binh Gi-Bassac-Loc	1975–1985	Cambodia; Vietnam
Ninh-Quan Phu Quoc		

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Pulau Batu Puteh (Pedra Branca)	1978–2008	Malaysia; Singapore
Qaruh & Umm al-Maradim Isles	1949–2000	Kuwait; Saudi Arabia (1961–2000); UK (1949–1961)
Quita Sueno-Roncador-Serrana	1890–1972; 1979–ongoing	Colombia; Nicaragua (1900–1928; 1979); Honduras (1899–1928); US (1890–1972)
Ranguana & Zapotillo	1981–ongoing	Guatemala; Belize; Honduras; UK (1981)
Ryukyu Islands ^a	1874–1881, 1942–1945	China; Japan
Sakhalin Island ^a	1860–1875, 1905	Russia; Japan
Samoa Islands	1887–1899	US; Germany; UK
Samos	1828–1832	Greece; Turkey
San Andres y Providencia	1900–1930; 1979–2007	Nicaragua; Colombia
San Juan Islands	1846–1872	US; UK
Saseno & Vlore	1914–1920	Italy; Albania
Serpent's/Snake/Zmeinyy I.	1948; 1991–2009	Romania, Ukraine (1991–2009); Russia (1948; 1991)
Serranilla Bank & Bajo Nuevo	1982–1986	Honduras; Colombia
Singapore-Benkulen-Ft. Marlborough-Belitung	1819–1824	UK; Netherlands
Sipadan & Ligitan	1991–2002	Indonesia; Malaysia
So Bessarabia & Serpent's I.	1856–1857	Turkey; Russia
Southern Spratly Islands	1979–ongoing	Malaysia; China; Taiwan; Vietnam; Philippines
Spitsbergen (Svalbard)	1945–1947	Russia; Norway
Spratly Islands ^a	1933–1948	China; France; Japan (1939–1945)
Spratly Islands	1954–ongoing	Vietnam; China; Taiwan
Sverdrup Islands	1922–1930	Canada; Norway
Swan Islands	1921–1972	Honduras; US
Taiwan & Pescadores ^a	1895; 1943–1945	China; Japan
Torres Straits Islands	1975–1978	Papua New Guinea; Australia
Trindade Island	1826–1996	Brazil; UK
Tromelin Island	1960–ongoing	France; Madagascar (1960–1976); Mauritius (1976–ongoing)
US Pacific Islands ^a	1941–1942	Japan; US

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Virgin Islands	1865–1917	US; Denmark
Western Djibouti & Doumeirah I.	1934–1942	Italy; France
White Dragon Tail Island	1955–1957	China; Vietnam
Wrangel Island	1922–1924	Canada; US; Russia

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^aIndicates a war occurred

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