

The 'derelict' lands on Earth, no country wants

There are still a few places on Earth that are not owned by any nation, or by anyone. A number of people have attempted to claim these lands, but none have been recognized internationally.

Bir Tawil: Nomad Land



Bir Tawil is a deserted land of 2,060 square kilometers, located near the border between Egypt and Sudan. The temperature here can reach 45°C. There are no humans living here, only nomadic tribes passing by. And so far, no country has claimed sovereignty over this land.

Marie Byrd Land: A derelict land in Antarctica



Under international law, Antarctica is not owned by a single country. But as many as seven countries claim parts of the continent as their own: Argentina, France, Australia, Chile, New Zealand, Norway and the United Kingdom.

Although the area is disputed and claimed by many countries around the world, a corner of Antarctica is still unclaimed by any country. It is called Marie Byrd Land, named after the wife of US naval officer Richard E. Byrd, who explored the area in the early 20th century.

Marie Byrd Land is 1,605,792 square kilometers and is currently the largest unclaimed territory in the world because it is so isolated and not easily crossed, even by Antarctic standards.

Gornja Siga: Landless Swamp



There are at least four lands between the Balkan border of Croatia and Serbia on the west bank of the Danube that are not claimed by any country.

Gornja Siga with an area spanning 7km square, is the largest of these. It acts as a floodplain of the Danube River.

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