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# Diego Garcia

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**Context:** US President Trump criticised the potential return of **Diego Garcia** by the **UK to Mauritius**, as the island hosts a **strategically important US military base**.

## About Diego Garcia

### 1Location:

oCoral atoll in the **central Indian Ocean**

oPart of the **Chagos Archipelago**

### 2History:

oChagos Archipelago was administered as the **British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT)** from **1965**

oIn **May 2025**, the **UK and Mauritius** signed an agreement:

§Mauritius recognized as **sovereign** over the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia

§**UK retains a 99-year lease** on Diego Garcia

### 3Military Significance:

oHosts a **joint UK–US military base**

oKey strategic location for **Indian Ocean security, maritime surveillance, and force projection**

## Strategic Importance

1Central position in the **Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**

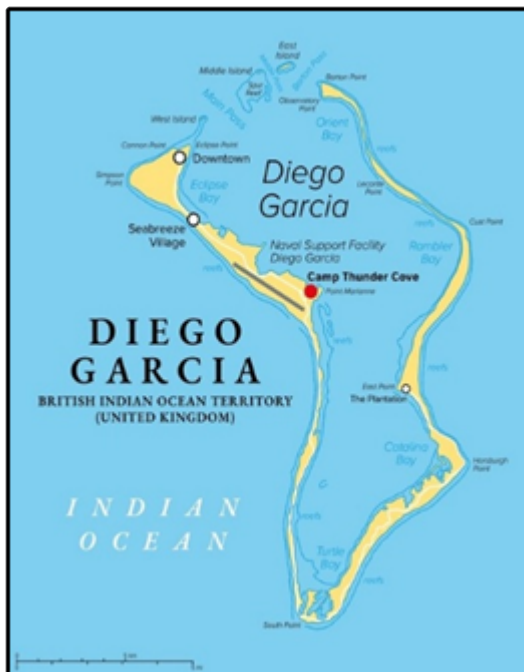
2Supports **US and UK naval and air operations**

3Critical for monitoring **sea lanes and regional security**

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