

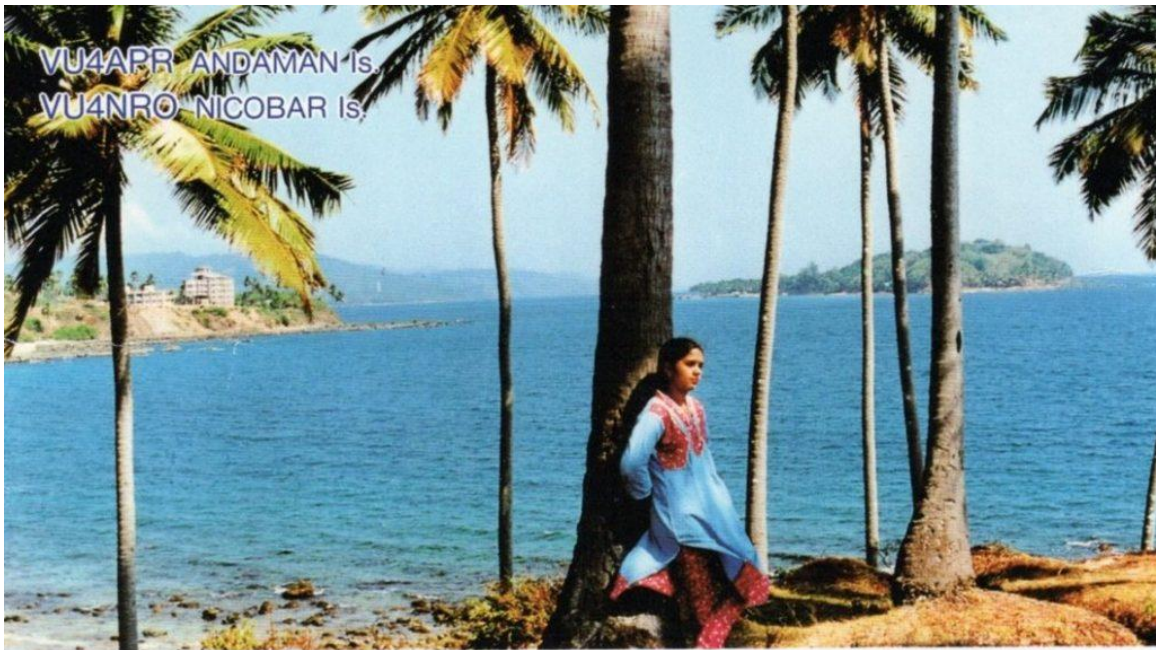
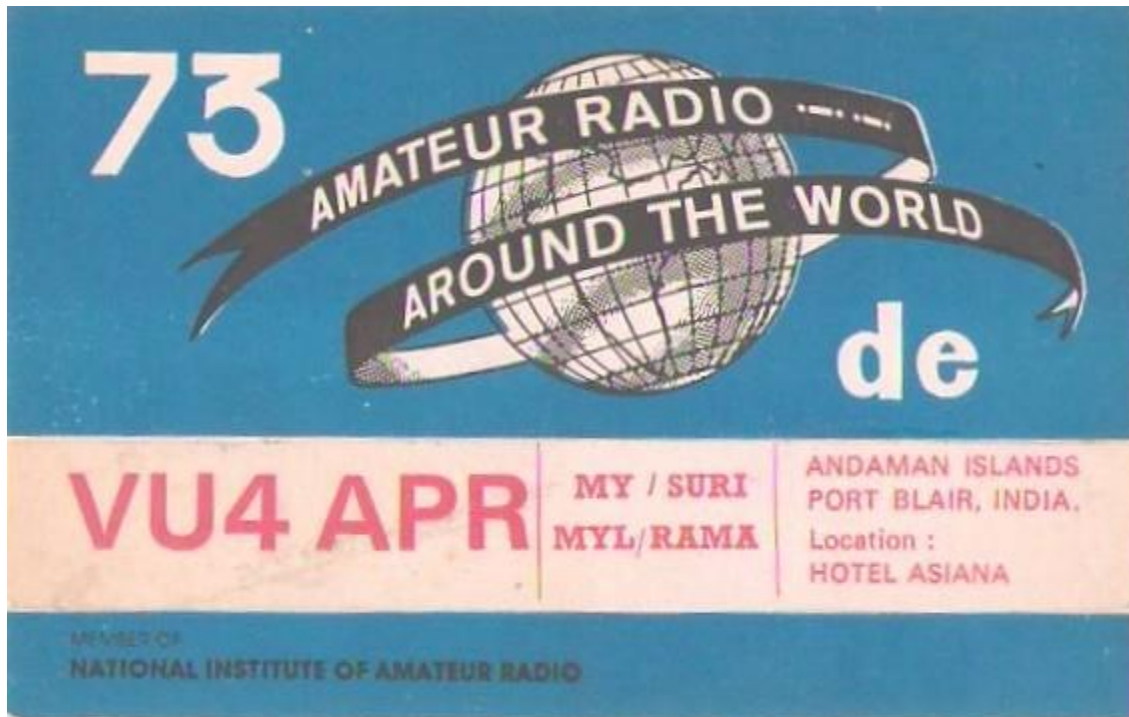
**Memories of DXpeditions to Andaman & Nicobar islands (VU4)
by National Institute of Amateur Radio**

Sl.No	Year	Callsign	QTH	Remarks	
1	1987	VU4APR	Port Blair	DXpedition	15 Member Team
2	„	VU4NRO	Nicobar Is	DXpedition	
3	2004	VU4NRO, VU4RBI	Port Blair	DXpedition after 17 years of no activity from Andamans	After Earthquake & Tsunami, the Dxpedition was converted into Emergency Communications from various Islands
4	2006	VU4AN	Port Blair	Hamfest (VU4) India	By 17 Indian & 30 Foreign Hams
5	2008	VU4MY	Port Blair	NIAR Silver Jubilee DX Pediton	By Indian Hams
6	„	VU4RG	Port Blair	„	By German Hams
7	2015	VU4A	Port Blair	HAMTECH 2015, International Conference on Amateur Radio Communications	By German Hams
8	„	VU4I	Port Blair	„	By Indian Hams

**Many thanks to WPC Wing, Ministry of Communications, Govt. of India
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1987 VU4APR Port Blair:



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VU2RBI

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VU4 APR

RBI
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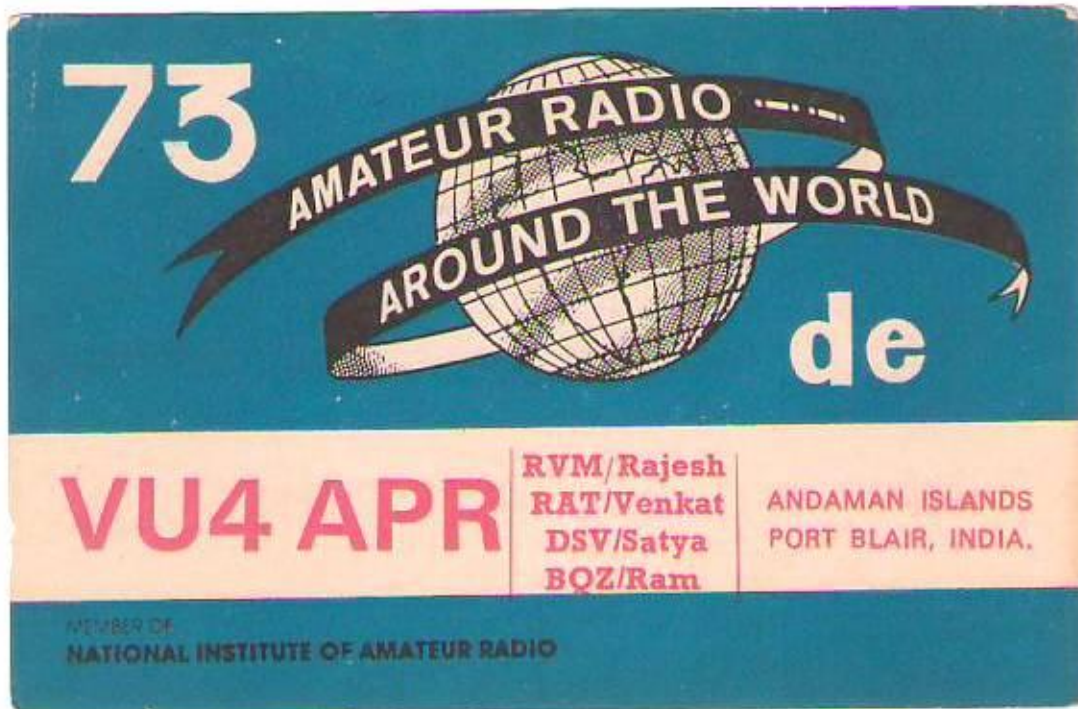


VU4 APR

KNN/Rajan
SUS/Sahèb
VSN/Subu
JOS/Jos

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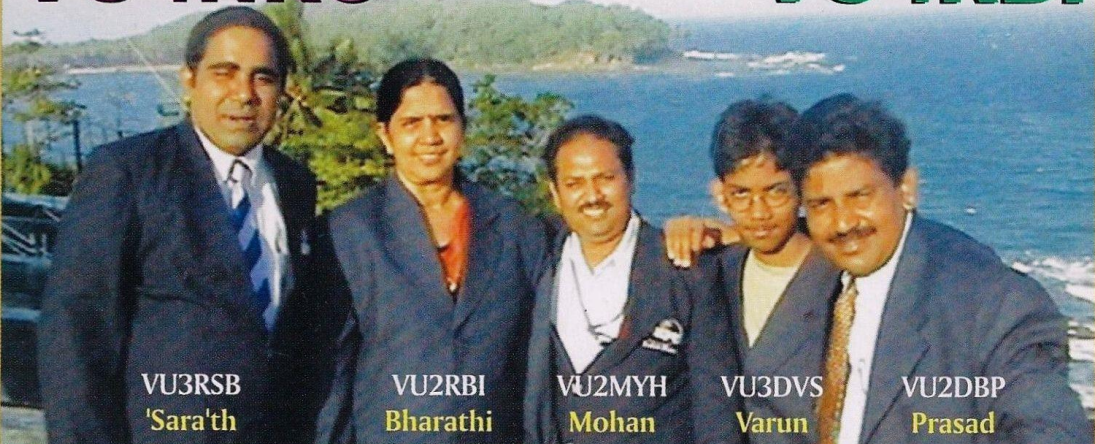


2004 VU4NRO & VU4RBI Port Blair :

WLOTA : LH-0562 ITU : 49  CQ : 26 IOTA : AS-001

 **Andaman & Nicobar Islands DXpedition-2004**


VU4NRO **VU4RBI**



VU3RSB 'Sara'th VU2RBI Bharathi VU2MYH Mohan VU3DVS Varun VU2DBP Prasad

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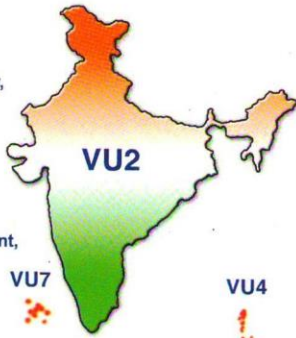
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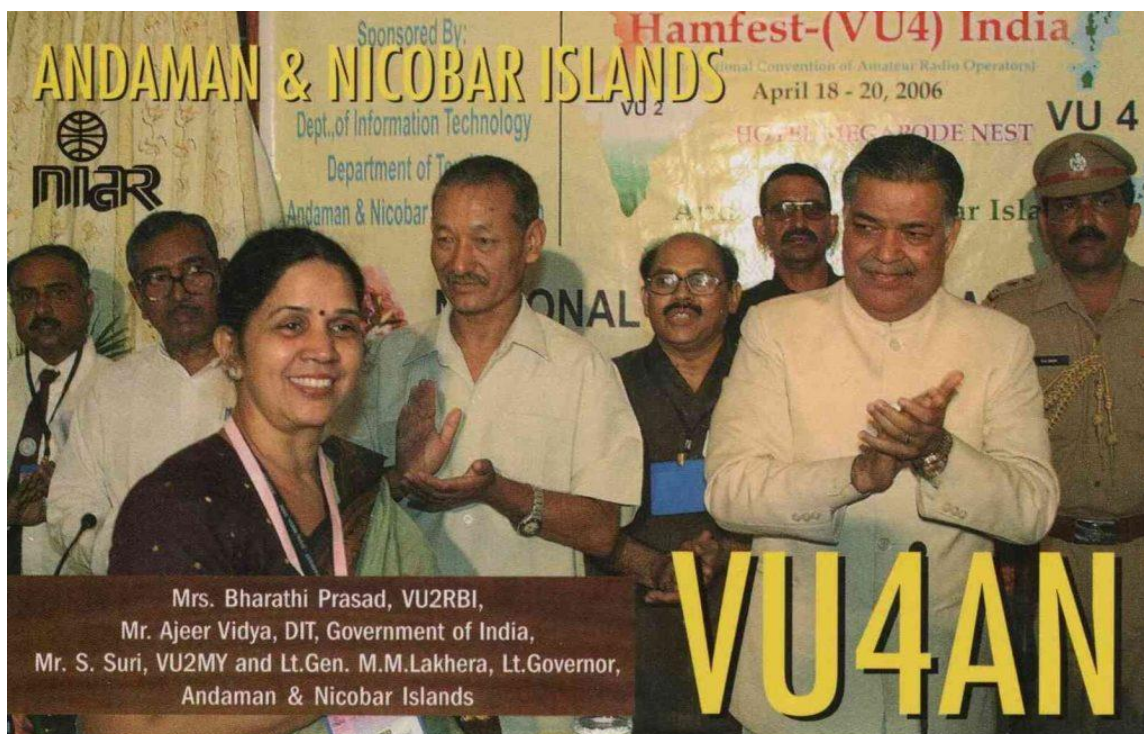
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2006 VU4AN Port Blair (By 30 Foreign Hams):



Hamfest – (VU4) Andaman Islands 'Andaman Skies Were Open For Amateur Radio' April 18–20, 2006

Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a chain of 572 islands, with a population of over 300,000, stretching over 780 kilometers in the Andaman Sea, were once the rarest of all DXCC countries but no more. The National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR) proved Amateur Radio's value in the society and organized an historical gathering of senior authorities and hams to compare notes and make VU4 hit the airwaves.

Our delegation was invited to lecture and help the authorities set a new course and fully utilize the expertise of Amateur Radio. We found ourselves proudly carrying out another missionary DXpedition.

We also experienced The Daily DX in action while W3UR was searching for internet cafes in the dark corners of Port Blair during the wee hours to keep the world aware of happenings on the news hotspot in true CNN style.

Radio-wise, we emphasized the 30M band, activated for the first time in India, as well as took advantage of every potential opening to the East Coast of the U.S. where people were still in need of VU4.

Our location was a private hilltop house where our small SteppIR 2-L beam did marvels but where the Jaiswal family showed exceptionally warm hospitality and allowed us to be part of their family. We are also grateful to VU2RBI, VU2MY, VU2MYH and VU2JOS for their groundbreaking efforts in preparation for others to follow.

We were sponsored by: Government of India, Dept. of Information Technology, Dept. of Tourism and Andaman & Nicobar Administration

We were supported by: Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Department of Telecommunications

To Radio: KH6CD

I'm happy to confirm the following 2-way Qso(s):

Date	UTC	MHz	Mode	RST	QSO with
2006-04-23	02:30	21	SSB	59	VU3OHA
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QSL management S/W by DF3CB

Once rare VU4 is turning into household DX!

OPERATORS:

Jorma Saloranta, OH2KI/VU3KIE
Bernie McClenny, W3UR/VU3OHA
Martti Laine, OH2BH/VU3OHB

QTH: Port Blair, Andaman Islands

EQUIPMENT:

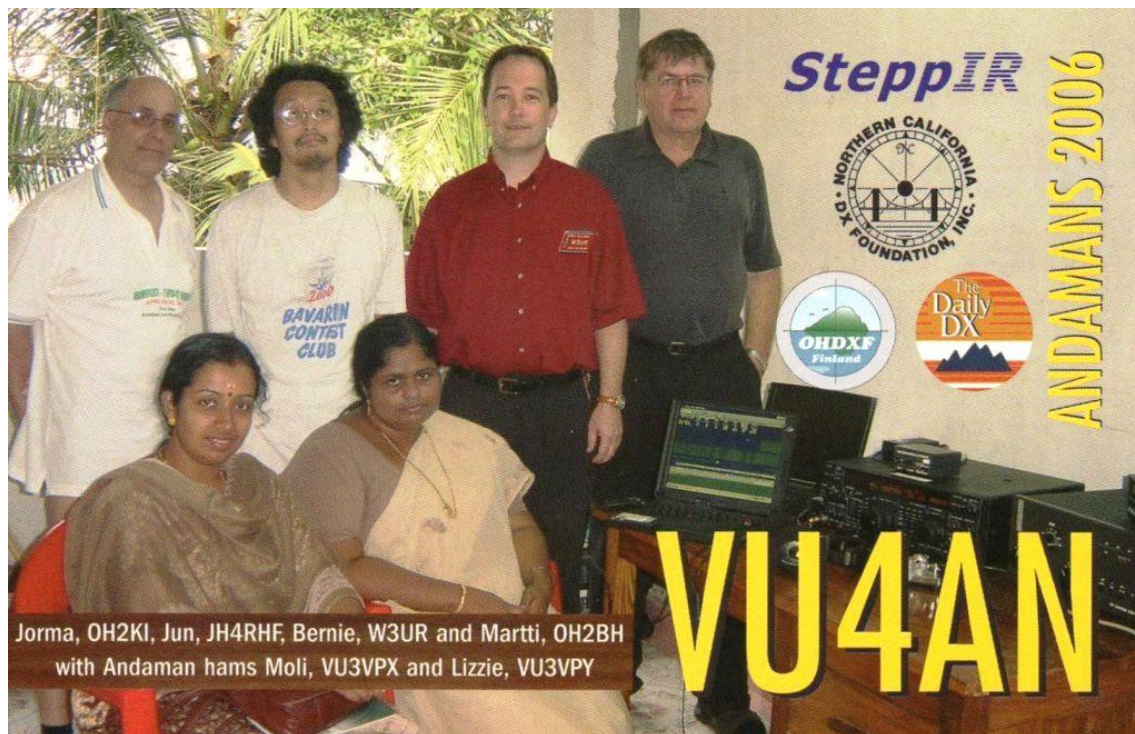
Yaesu FT-1000MP & Acom 1010
 SteppIR 2-L beam & dipoles

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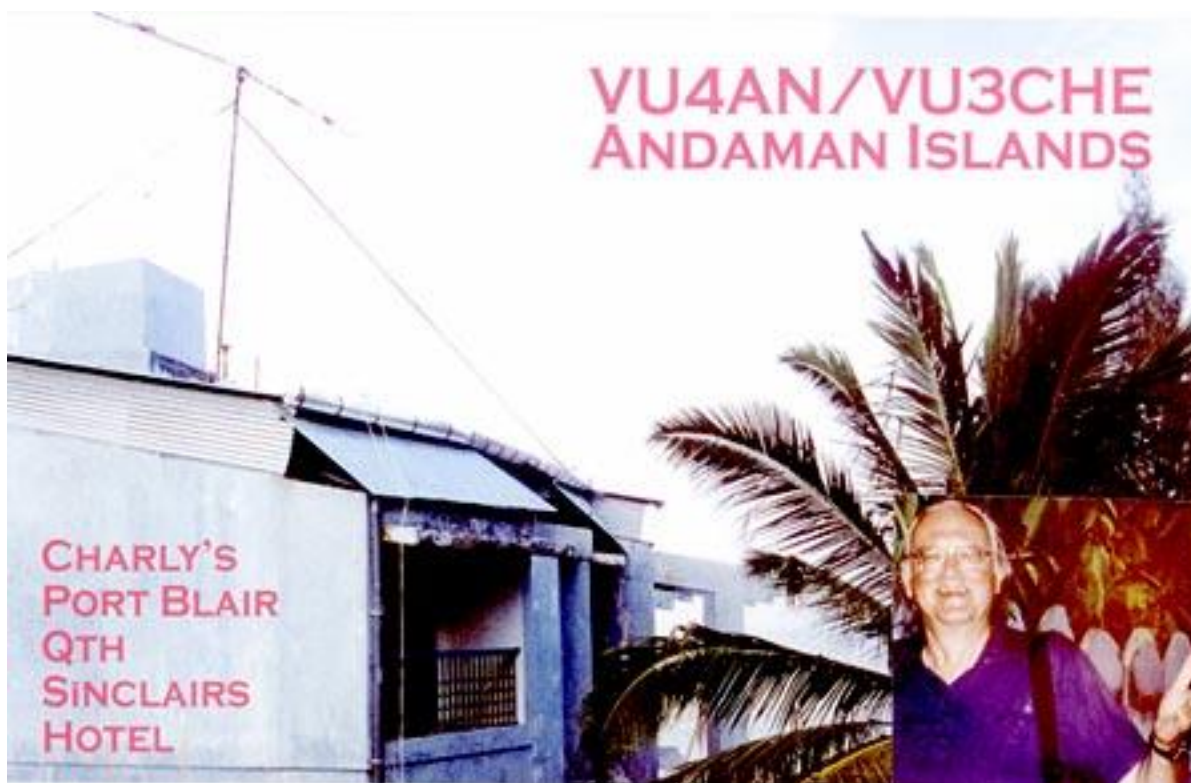
National Institute of Amateur Radio,
 Northern California DX Foundation,
 The Daily DX and SteppIR (K7IR)



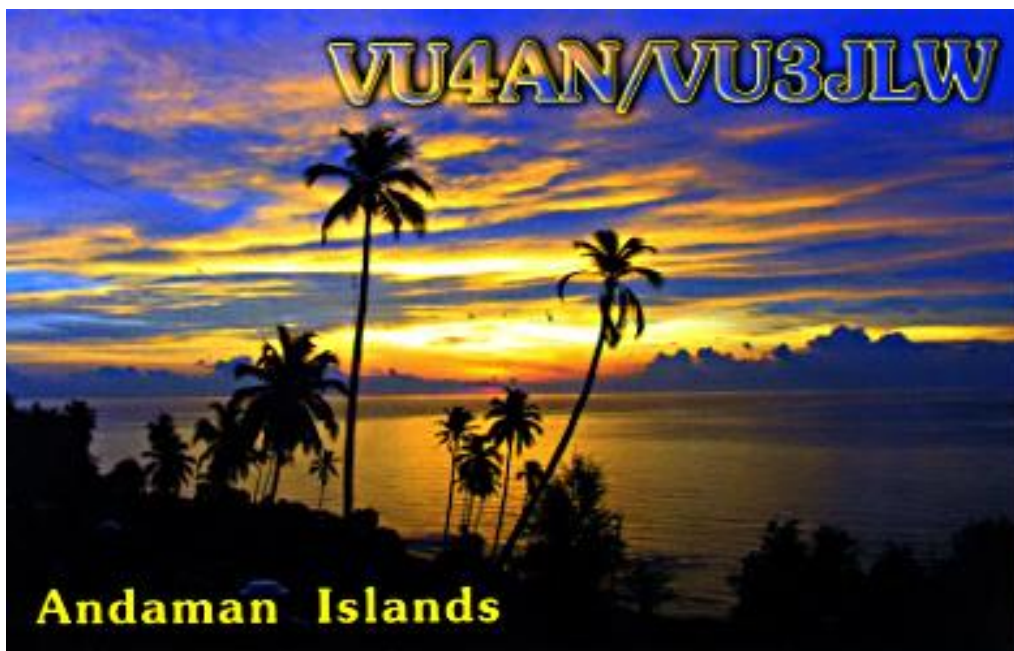
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OH2KI, JH4RHF, W3UR, OH2BH

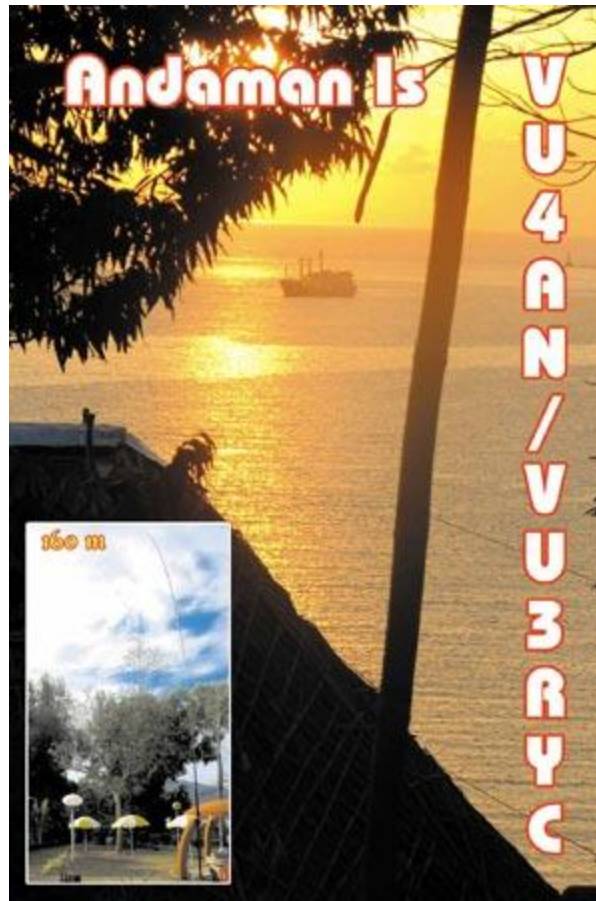


K4VUD / HS0ZCW



AA4NN





VU4AN/VU3RYC



IOTA AS-001
CQ-Zone 26
ITU-Zone 49

Operated by

Dr. Heinz-Josef Pick "Joe" **DK5WL**
from Megapode Hotel, Pt. Blair,
Andaman & Nicobar Islands
April 17th-23rd, 2006



Life Member

CFM QSO WITH RADIO

D	M	Y	UTC	MHz	2 - WAY	RS(T)

QSL front: Sunrise on April 21st at our QTH after long night topband operation. The 160m antenna shown is sponsored by Con DF4SA www.spiderbeam.net, a 18m fiberglass pole carrying an inverted L. Seven quarter wave radials were used.

Many thanks to the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR) for making this operation possible!

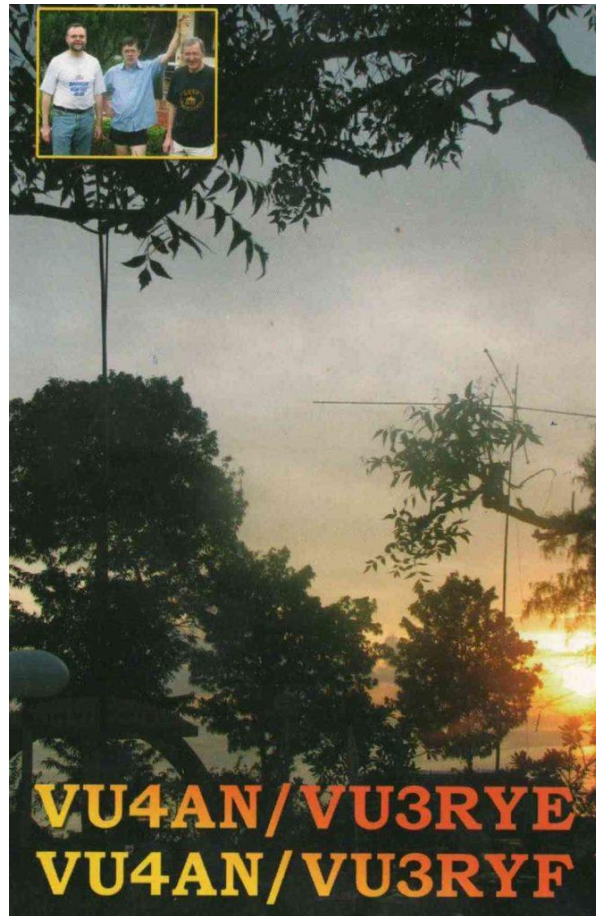
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VY 73

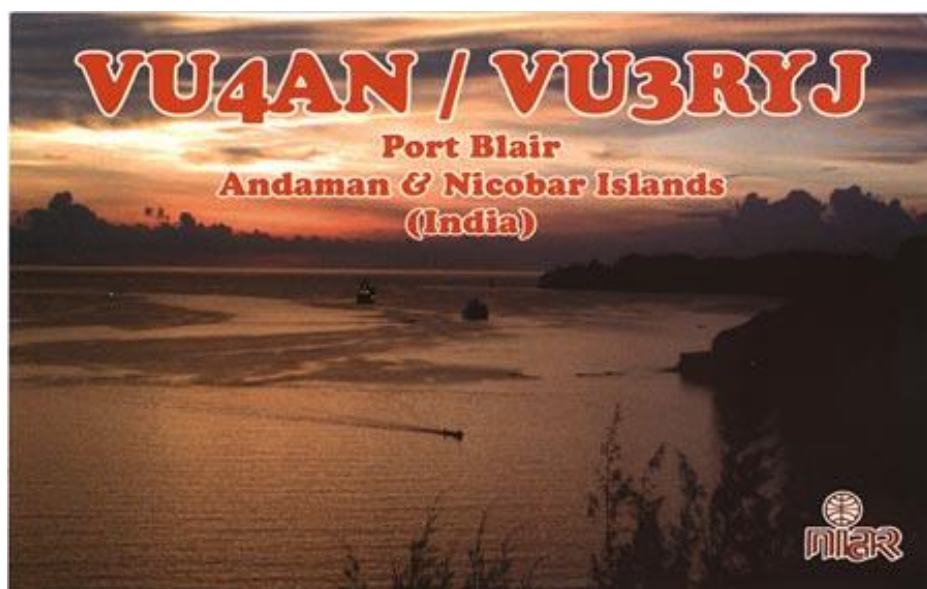
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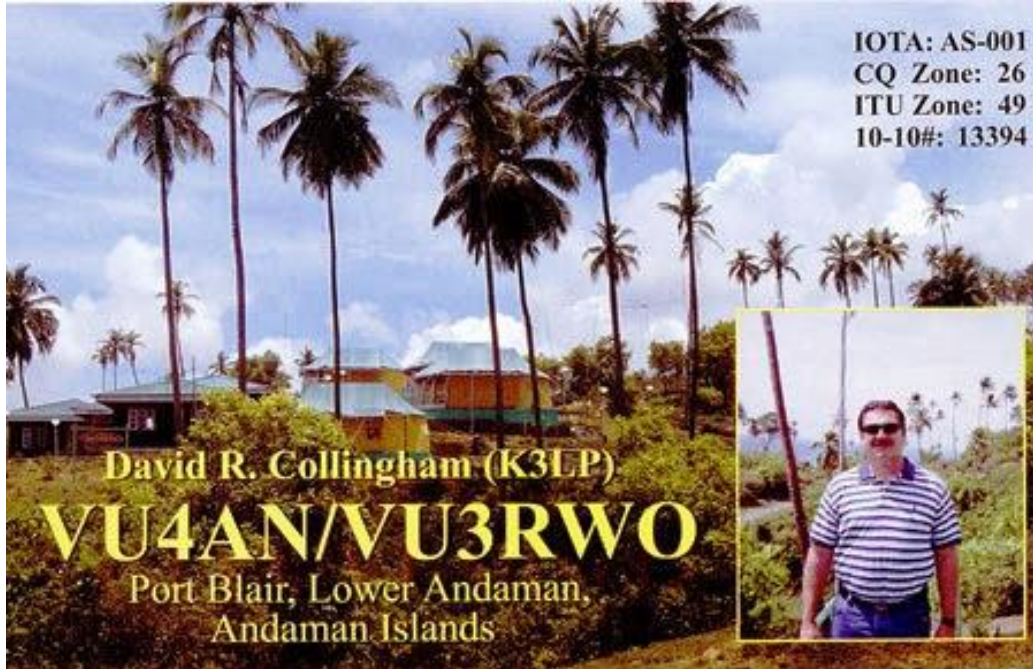
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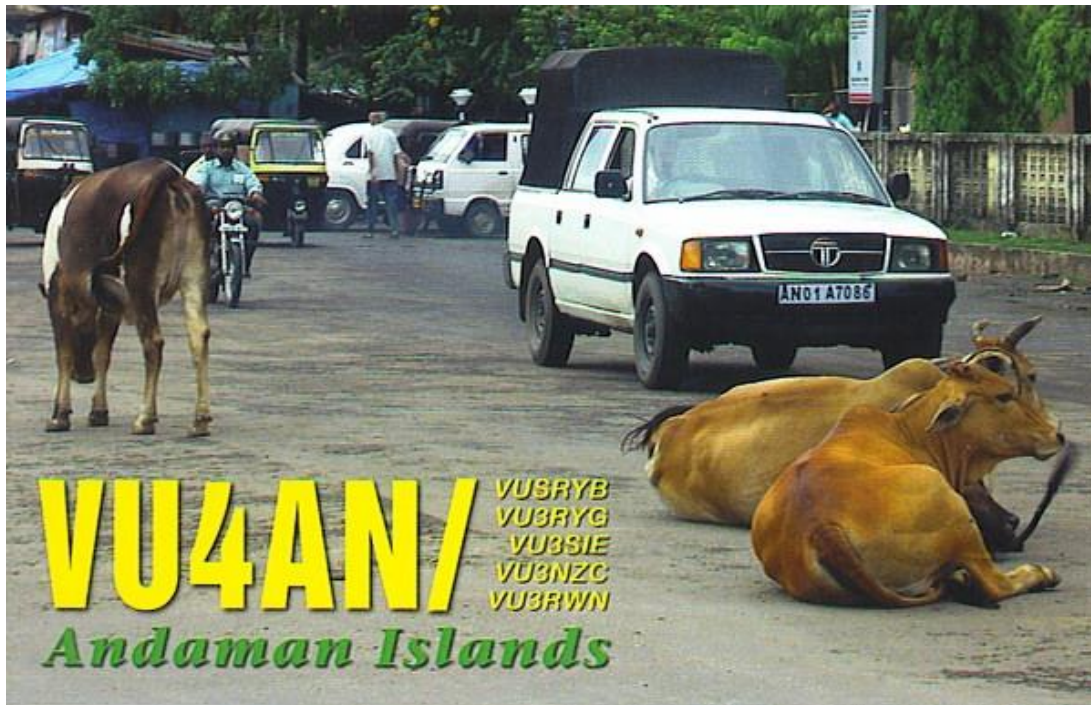
DL9GFB, DL9MS



W0GJ



K3LP



DL7DF, SP3CYY, DK1BT, SP3DOI, SP3GEM



VU4AN/VU3SID
VU4AN/VU3SIG



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Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

LOC: NK61FJ · WLOTA: 0562 · IOTA: AS-06

TO RADIO

VU4AN/VU3SIG

BABS (DL7AFS)

VU4AN/VU3SID

LOT (DJ7ZG)



CONFIRMING OUT

VU4AN/VU3SID confirming RX0AE

DATE			Date	UTC	Band	2X	RST	SIGNAL REPORT		
D	M	Y						R	S	T
			25 Apr 06	08:11	15M		RTTY 599			
Txn QSO and QSL 73 de Lot										



In December 2004 a Tsunami disaster invaded the Andaman Island Group. Indian HAMs helped and erected an Emergency Radio Network between the islands. In memory of the disaster the NIAR organized the HAMFEST 2006. For the first time the invited foreign Amateurs were allowed to operate from the Andamans under VU4AN. This opportunity allowed us to demonstrate worldwide HAMRADIO to the representatives of the government there. QSL pic: Crowded traffic of Port Blair

TNX QSO es QSL via DL7AFS

DL7AFS, DJ7ZG

Andaman Islands

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Port Blair, South Andaman

- VU4AN/VU3FRK - Frank DL4KQ
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- VU4AN/VU3PLM - Claudia K2LEO
- VU4AN/VU3RSB - Sarath VU3RSB
- VU4AN/VU3RWD - Dave K3LP
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- VU4AN/VU3RYN - Doug N6TQS
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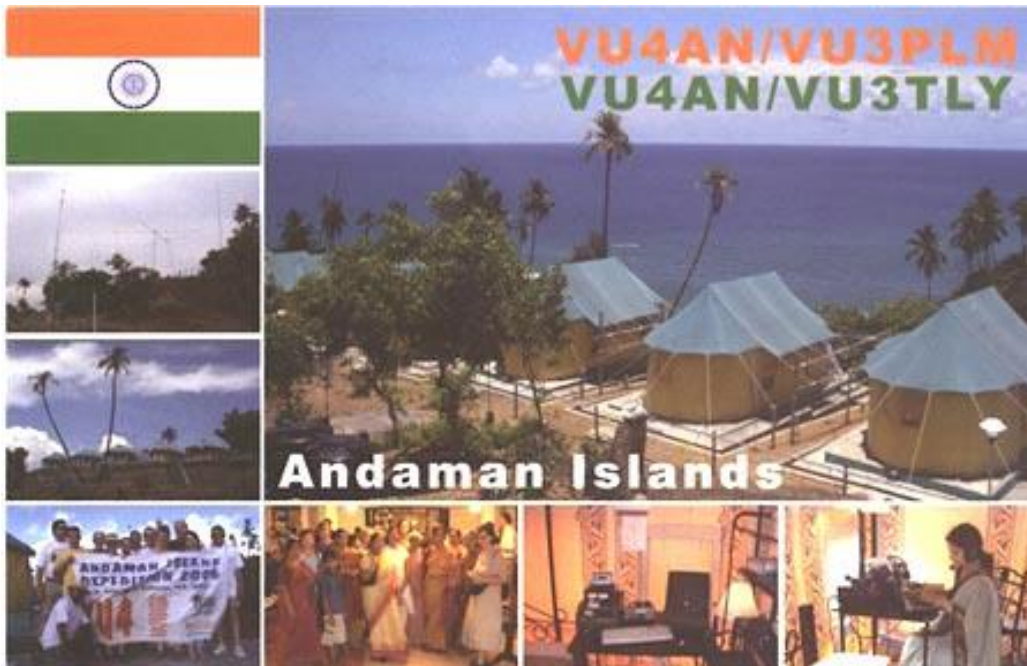
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Date	UTC	Band	2way	RST
24-04-2006	0700	12m	SSB	59

Tnx for your call during the operation !

The operations took place on the occasion of the HAMFEST - (VU4) India event, organized by the National Institute of Amateur Radio, generously sponsored and supported by various Indian Departments and Ministries and the A&N Administration. We greatly appreciated this major event and to visit the beautiful Emerald Islands. Our most cordial thank to the Government of India and NIAR, especially to Shri Ajeer Vidya (GOL-IS & FA, MOC, DIT), Smt. D. Bharathi Prasad (VU2RBI) and Shri S. Sun (VU2MY, Chairman NIAR

DL4KQ, AA4NN, K2LEO, K3LP, DL5OAB, N6TQS, F4EGD, F5CWU, IK1PMR



IK1PMR, K2LEO

Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands INDIA

VU4AN/VU3RYI

Hamfest (VU4) 18 - 20 April 2006

ZONE: CQ26 ITU49 IOTA:AS-001 (Andaman Island)

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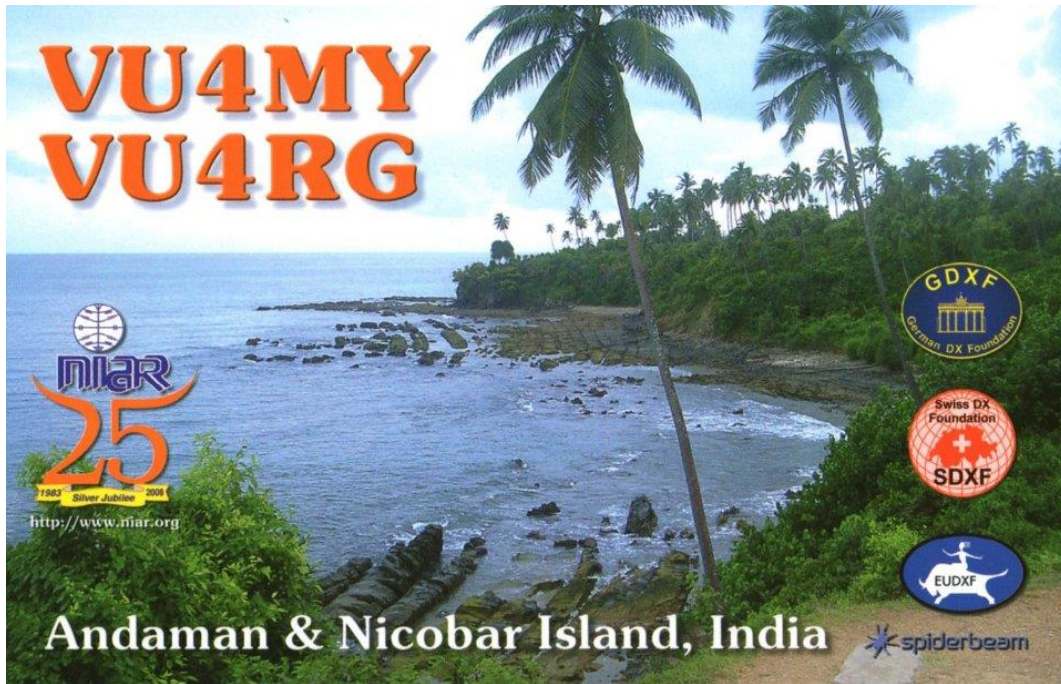
TO RADIO	DATE	UTC	MHz	SWAY	RTS
	April 2006			SSB CW	

OP: "Mio" Ryoko Miyachi (JR3MVF) PSE QSL TNX QSL

Verified by

JR3MVF

2008: VU7MY VU7RG Port Blair:



2015 : VU4A Port Blair: German Hams & VU4I Port Blair: Indian Hams

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