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IFRC Review of Emergency Decrees: BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY (BAT)

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Overview

BAT forms the largest OT which runs from 60 degrees south to the South Pole. 99% is covered in permanent ice sheet. There is no permanent population, but the British Antarctic Survey operates 3 scientific research stations.

There are no reports of COVID-19 among the researchers in BAT.

The Commissioner of BAT can enact legislation,¹ but no standing measures for dealing with disasters, and COVID-19 in particular, are in place. If required, any measures would therefore need to be taken under the Emergency Powers Order 2017.

¹ <https://britishantarcticterritory.org.uk/about/legislation/>