



Greek Islands On The Air award programme – GIOTA

The RULES

Which islands count?

For the **GIOTA award programme**, all the islands, islets, skerries and rocks of the Greek Seas which are marked by name on maps of a 1: 500,000 scale issued by the Hellenic (Greek) Hydrographic Service are eligible. There are other islands which are not marked by name on these scale maps. **GIOTA** will soon be expanding to these islands as well.

In order to facilitate the **Greek Islands On The Air award programme, GIOTA**, the islands of the Greek Seas which are eligible for the **GIOTA** awards have been divided into five (5) geographical areas in accordance with the division which has been made by the Hellenic Hydrographic Service of the Hellenic (Greek) Navy. The islands of these 5 geographical areas are listed in the formal charts of **GIOTA** on which the **Greek Islands On The Air award programme** is based. The five (5) geographical areas are:

NORTHERN AEGEAN SEA

SV8

NAS 001 – 128

This includes a list of 128 islands, islets, skerries and rocks.

SOUTHERN AEGEAN SEA

SV8

SAS 001 – 108

This includes a list of 108 islands, islets, skerries and rocks.

SOUTHERN AEGEAN SEA

DODEKANISSOS

SV5

DKS 001 – 063

This includes a list of 63 islands, islets, skerries and rocks.

SOUTHERN AEGEAN SEA

KRITIKO SEA

SV9

KRS 001 – 022

This includes a list of 22 islands, islets, skerries and rocks.

IONIAN SEA

SV8

INS 001 – 046

This includes a list of 46 islands, islets, skerries and rocks.

The **GIOTA** Awards – Certificates

The awards are issued by:

The «**Aegean DX Group**». (www.aegeandxgroup.gr)

Supported by

The «**Aegean Radio amateur Association – A.R.A.**» SZ8S (www.sz8s.gr)

The periodical internet edition of Greek Radio-amateurs
«5-9 Report» www.5-9report.gr

The periodical internet edition SV-QRP
<http://aegeandxgroup.gr/sv-qrp/Home.php>

The awards are given by the «**AEGEAN DX GROUP**», following the submission of the necessary supporting documents:

To licensed Radio-amateurs

who have succeeded in making two-way communication, in accordance with the regulations of the Radio-amateurs Service, with other licensed radio-amateurs who broadcast from the eligible islands of the **GIOTA AWARD programme** which are listed in the formal charts of the five geographical areas of the programme.

They are also given, following the submission of the necessary supporting documents:

To DXpeditioners,

licensed radio-amateurs who broadcast, in accordance with the regulations of the Radio-amateurs Service, from the eligible islands of the **GIOTA AWARD programme** which are listed in the formal charts of the five geographical areas of the programme.

They are also given, following the submission of the necessary supporting documents:

To SWLers

who perform auscultations, in accordance with the international regulations of SWLing, of two-way communication between licensed radio-amateurs and DXpeditioners who broadcast in accordance with the regulations of the Radio-amateurs Service, from the eligible islands of the **GIOTA AWARD programme** which are listed in the formal charts of the five geographical areas of the programme.

The four (at this moment) Awards – Certificates given out by the **Greek Islands On The Air «GIOTA» award programme** are the following:

GIOTA 10 HELLENIC ISLANDS

(basic GIOTA award)

GIOTA POSEIDON AWARD 30 HELLENIC ISLANDS

GIOTA DXPEDITIONERS 3 GREEK ISLANDS

(basic GIOTA DXpeditioners award)

GIOTA DXPEDITIONERS ODYSSEY AWARD **6 GREEK ISLANDS**

The requirements for the acquisition of the awards are:

For the [GIOTA – 10 HELLENIC ISLANDS](#) award:

This is the Basic Award from which someone who is interested in [GIOTA](#) must begin. At least 10 confirmed contacts with 10 different islands listed on the [GIOTA](#) charts are required. There must also be at least one contact with an island from each of the five individual geographical areas into which the Greek islands are divided according to the [GIOTA](#) charts.

That is, there must be contact with at least one island from the following areas:

NORTHERN AEGEAN SEA	NAS
SOUTHERN AEGEAN SEA	SAS
DODEKANISOS	DKS
KRITIKO SEA	KRS
IONIAN SEA	INS

One island from each of these five geographical areas and another five islands from any of these areas, totaling 10 islands.

For the «[GIOTA POSEIDON AWARD – 30 HELLENIC ISLANDS](#)»:

At least 30 confirmed contacts with 30 different islands listed on the [GIOTA](#) charts are required (minus the 10 islands from the [GIOTA 10](#))

A necessary requirement for this award is the prior attainment of the «[GIOTA – 10 HELLENIC ISLANDS](#)» award.

For the «[GIOTA BIG BLUE AWARD – 60 HELLENIC ISLANDS](#)»:

At least 60 confirmed contacts with 60 different islands listed on the [GIOTA](#) charts are required

(minus the 30 islands from the [GIOTA POSEIDON](#)).

A necessary requirement for this award is the prior attainment of the «[GIOTA POSEIDON AWARD – 30 HELLENIC ISLANDS](#)»

For the «[GIOTA DXPEDITIONERS - 3 HELLENIC ISLANDS](#)»:

The carrying out of radio-amateur broadcasts, in accordance with the Radio-amateurs Service, from at least three different islands which are listed on the [GIOTA](#) charts from the same or different geographical areas is required.

For the «[GIOTA DXPEDITIONERS ODYSSEY AWARD 6 HELLENIC ISLANDS](#)»

The carrying out of radio-amateur broadcasts, in accordance with the Radio-amateurs Service, from at least six different islands which are listed on the [GIOTA](#) charts from the same or different geographical areas is required.

A necessary requirement for this award is the prior attainment of the «[GIOTA DXPEDITIONERS - 3 HELLENIC ISLANDS](#)»

CONTACTS:

All contacts must be made from the same DXCC area.

Only contacts which have been made after 1958 will be accepted by the [GIOTA award programme](#).

Contacts must be made by licensed radio-amateurs and be within the radio-amateurs band stated in their license.

The [GIOTA award programme](#) Committee retains the right to request a copy of the radio-amateurs' license.

Those contacts which have been made within any radio-amateur band in any of the following modes: SSB, CW, DIGI will be accepted.

Awards are not given for one band or one mode.

Contacts which have been made via "Land mobile" stations will be accepted provided they have been made from the same DXCC area.

Contacts which have been made via "maritime mobile" stations will be accepted provided they have been made from the same DXCC area.

Contacts may be proven only by the submission of QSL cards, photocopies of these, or digital copies of these (scanning).

The QSL cards:

In order for a QSL card to be valid for the **GIOTA Award Programme**, the name of the island as it is listed in the **GIOTA** charts must be printed either by stamp or appear on the printed label of the card.

The reference number of the island need not be included, though the **GIOTA Award Programme** Committee would prefer its insertion.

How to prepare the documentation for your first **GIOTA award:**

The first award from which you must begin is the
«**GIOTA – 10 HELLENIC ISLANDS**»

Collect all the cards you have from the Greek islands.

Check the **GIOTA** charts which follow below and find one confirmed contact (QSL card) for an island from each of the five geographical areas of **GIOTA**.

Find five more QSL cards from five different islands, which are listed in any of the five geographical areas of **GIOTA**.

Arrange the cards in order according to the numbers which correspond to each island on the **GIOTA** charts.

Make a numbered list of your cards as in the example:

GIOTA Ref	Island	Call sign	
NAS 037	THASOS	SV8xxx	1
NAS 079	SKIATHOS	SV8xxx	2
NAS 088	EUVOIA	SV8xxx	3
SAS 006	SAMOS	SV8xxx	4
SAS 040	SALAMINA	SV8xxx	5
DKS 006	RODOS	SV5xxx	6
DKS 020	ASTAKIDA	SV5xxx	7
KRS 005	KRITI	SV9xxx	8
KRS 021	GAVDOS	SV9xxx	9
INS 004	KITHIRA	SV8xxx	10
INS 015	ZAKYNTHOS	SV8xxx	11

It is wise to include one or two extra contacts in the event that a contact or contacts are disqualified.

At the end of the list clearly state your name, your surname, your call sign, your address, your e-mail address and your telephone number.

You can create the above list using either WORD or EXCEL.

Photocopy or scan your cards (on a JPG) on both sides

Put your list along with the copies of your cards in an envelope and mail it to the following address:

**Aegean DX group
Capetan Stamati 14
GR 83 100
SAMOS
HELLAS - Greece**

Or attach the list you have created using WORD or EXCEL and the cards you have scanned on a JPG, and e-mail them to the GIOTA Manager, Vassilis Tzanellis SV8CYV at:

sv8cyv@gmail.com

Your award will be delivered to you by mail in approximately 4 weeks.

THE COST OF THE AWARDS

The awards are issued free of charge.

Greek radio-amateurs must send 5 Euros to cover postage and handling fees.

For radio-amateurs outside of Greece, the fees for postage and handling are 5 Euros or 5 IRC.

The requirements for the attainment of the DXPEDITIONERS awards are:

GIOTA DXPEDITIONERS 3 HELLENIC ISLANDS

Radio-amateur broadcasts must be made in accordance with the Radio-amateur Service, from at least 3 different islands stated in the **GIOTA** charts in the same or different geographical areas.

Radio-amateur broadcasts made by DXPEDITIONERS from **INHABITED ISLANDS** which are included in the **GIOTA Award programme** charts can be proven by as much as possible from the following :

- A photocopy or digital copy of the tickets for the means by which the visit to the island was made.
- Relevant photographs of the station and the antennas which show that they were installed on the island.
- A photocopy or digital copy (scanning) of both sides of the QSL card which was used to verify the contacts made from the island. The insertion of the name of the island is required in order for the cards to be considered valid (Not the **GIOTA** reference number).
- The submission of a copy of the station log in order to facilitate the **GIOTA Award Programme** Committee in the creation of a better and more precise control of applicants for the **GIOTA** awards is desired but not required.

Radio-amateur broadcasts made by DXPEDITIONERS from **UNINHABITED ISLANDS** which are included in the **GIOTA Award programme** charts but don't have a public transportation connection can be proven by as much as possible from the following :

- A statement from the DXPEDITIONER stating the means of transport which was used to for the team's transport to the island, i.e.: a speedboat or fishing boat.
- Details of the owner of the means of transport, i.e.: name, surname, as well as...
- The name of the vessel and its registration number.
- A photograph of the radio-amateur equipment along with the team on the vessel.
- Relevant photographs of the station and the antennas which show that they were installed on the island.
- A photocopy or digital copy (scanning) of both sides of the QSL card which was used to verify the contacts made from the island.
- The submission of a copy of the station log in order to facilitate the **GIOTA Award Programme** Committee in the creation of a better and more precise control of applicants for the **GIOTA** awards is desired but not required.

Broadcasts from anchored vessels are permissible provided the antennas are installed on the shore of the island.

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GIOTA Honor Roll and Annual Listing

The names of those who have obtained a **GIOTA** Award along with the number of islands which have been confirmed will be listed on the **GIOTA** website.

The names and call signs of all those who have succeeded in making up to 29 confirmed contacts will be included in the Annual List.
Those who have made 30 confirmed contacts and over will be included in the Honor Roll.
The Honor Roll and Annual List will be posted in the January issue of every New Year in the 5-9 Report. (www.5-9report.gr) .

THE OFFICIAL GIOTA CHARTS

As we have mentioned above, all islands, islets, skerreis and rocks of the Greek Seas, which are marked by name on maps of a 1: 500,000 scale issued by the «Hellenic (Greek) Hydrographic Service», are eligible for the **GIOTA Award Programme**.

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The islands of these 5 geographical areas are listed in the formal charts of **GIOTA** on which the **Greek Islands On The Air award programme** is based.

Each chart of a geographical area includes each island with its official name. This name is written in Latin characters.

Each island is identified by a combination of letters and numbers which make up its reference number.

Example: **NAS 011 ΨΑΡΑ PSARA EU 049**

The abbreviation **NAS** means that the island belongs to the geographical area of the North Aegean (Northern Aegean Sea) and the number **11** is the consecutive (serial) number of the island on the **GIOTA** charts

The name of the island is then written in Latin characters followed by the **IOTA** reference number if the island is supported by the **IOTA RSGB** award programme.

The **GIOTA** charts are as follows:

On behalf of the support team of the

**Greek Islands On The Air GIOTA
award programme**

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