MAP CLAIM PITCH

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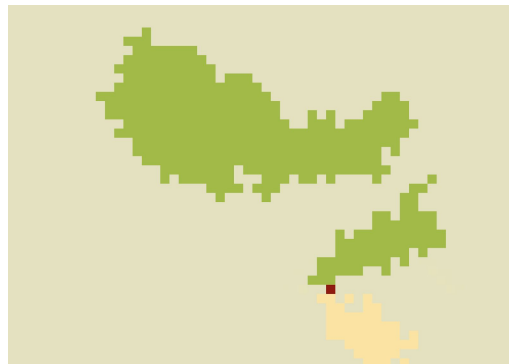*Additional Help Provided by Demescia and Andrenne*

Introduction

My main nation, Syrixia, does not have any real overseas territories. It owns a peninsula and an island separate from its Home Islands, but these are just nearby. They are, in essence, like Northern Ireland is to the UK. While Syrixia does not own anything more than that, however, the UK does. The UK controls 14 overseas territories across the globe. Usually small islands, these are vestiges of its old colonial empire that, for one reason or another, never saw decolonization.

My goal in proposing Durban is to introduce such a concept to my nation, which I believe, considering its history, makes it more realistic. I have had the consent of Demescia throughout this process and have been working with him closely in determining the shape and exact location of the proposed territory. As well, through Durban, I wanted to worldbuild a new culture, something I cannot do with the territory I have; and collaborate with other RPers, namely Andrenne and Demescia, on said culture. Both are fully supportive of my idea.

Durban on the Map

The claimed area for Durban is a very small peninsula attached to Demescia and an island off its coast. The total land area of the entire claim is 32 pixels, or 128 sq. km. The claim's concept, pictured below, was created by Demescia:

From this, I created the following claim (upper) and zoomed in map (lower):

Cartography Rule 3 states: *"Cartography will not create custom landmasses or islands. If you want something like that, you are responsible for creating it."* As mentioned previously, the Cartography Staff did not help in any official capacity, as the concepts were created by myself and Demescia. Therefore, it is my belief that this proposal is not in breach of Rule 3.

Facts About Durban

The population of Durban is 2,304,216 and its capital is the city of Durban itself, in the south-center of the island. It sends members to the Imperial Congress, Syrixia's unicameral legislature, and has a Governor (since 2011, Vivek Fujimori) representing the Emperor. The primary ethnic group present in the territory is the native Durbanese, the descendants of Skandan and Samnadhi (Syrixian Home Islanders) settlers.

What has been worldbuilt thus far is that Durban started out as an ancient Skandan trading post that grew, due to its strategic location, into a sizable independent trade settlement. When the Empire took over most of Demescia and split it into various colonies, Durban was maintained as a separate colony, and was retained after the last land cessions by the Empire to an independent Demescia in 1918. In 2005, it created a [territorial flag](#).

Conclusions

Cartography Rule 3 also states: *"Cartography also maintains the right to deny additions if it is deemed to not fit with the Eras Map."* Throughout this process, I have taken great care to abide by the Cartography Rules and to provide, through this pitch, reasoning for my claim, IC background for it, and some introductory worldbuilding. I have also made sure that it is not too big to the point where it would be stupid to add it, hence its small size. It is only as large as it needs to be.

All that being said, I therefore humbly submit this expansion claim. Please let me know if this pitch missed anything you would like to know, and I would of course be happy to answer it! Of course, I will also recuse myself from opining on this claim in my capacity as a Cartography Staff Member.

Sincerely,

Syrixia