



# DXpedition W8S Swains Island IOTA OC-200



4<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

Subject: Swains DXpedition postponed

This week the W8S team had another conference call about the planning for the upcoming DXpedition to KH8/s Swains Island.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, it will remain impossible to travel to American Samoa in the coming months.

The limited number of flights, only 5 the first quarter of 2022, from Hawaii to American Samoa with the additional restriction to do a Covid-19 test 5 days before departure in Hawaii makes travelling extreme difficult. Also tourists have a lower priority to buy a ticket.

The risk is too great to travel to Swains in the spring of 2022.

Two members of our team are also part of the 3Y0J Bouvet team scheduled for November/December 2022.

The entire team therefore had to decide to postpone the W8S Swains DXpedition until March 2023.

This is the only opportunity to be on Swains for 15 days with the same team as our original plans in 2020.

Our project has certainly not been canceled but postponed to the spring of 2023.

An extra advantage that the propagation is much better on the higher bands.

We will keep you informed of the status via our website, Twitter and Facebook.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Stuy'.

On behalf of the Swains team,

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