

# Summits on the Air

## Corsica (TK)

### Association Reference Manual



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## 1 Change Control

Date	Version	Details
01-Jan-09	1.0	First formal issue of this document
01-Feb-17	1.1	AM was Lionel Klein F5NEP. Map added. Summit tables deleted.

## 2 Association Reference Data

Association	Corsica (TK)
Commencement date	01-March-2009
Regions	TK-xxx
Association parameters <sup>1</sup>	
Summit operation criteria	Operation must be within 25m vertically of the summit
Band 1, score 1 point	<1000m ASL
Band 2, score 2 points	>=1000m ASL, <1500m ASL
Band 3, score 4 points	>=1500m ASL, <1750m ASL
Band 4, score 6 points	>=1750m ASL, <2000m ASL
Band 5, score 8 points	>=2000m ASL, <2500m ASL
Band 6, score 10 points	>=2500m
Seasonal bonus	Yes
Bonus rationale	Winter period with highest probability of sub-zero temperatures and deep snow
Min. height for bonus	3 Points for activations >=1500m ASL
Bonus period dates	1 December to 15 March inclusive
Association sponsored awards	None
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<sup>1</sup> See General Rules for parameter definitions

## **2.1 Programme derivation**

SOTA-Corsica is an extension of similar programmes already active in other countries. In a manner similar to the Marilyn programme of Great Britain, it considers the *relative* height of summits compared to their surroundings and defines a minimum of 150m climb from the surrounding cols in order to qualify.

The Association Manager reserves the right to deviate from this list where it is considered that to do so would be beneficial to the programme.

The summit database is likely to be incomplete because of the large number of potential summits. Activators are asked to submit details of proposed additional summits to the association manager together with any supporting documentation. If the summit meets the SOTA criteria it will be added to the list. Summits cannot be counted for points until a reference number has been allocated by the association manager. The same address should be used for any other proposed amendments.

## **2.2 Rights of way and access issues**

Corsica has a comprehensive network of long-distance paths or Grandes Randonnées (GR) open to the public, well signposted on the ground, and with a wide range of excellent maps available.

Some summits do not have public access. In this case, it is essential that the landowner's permission be obtained before attempting activation.

## **2.3 Maps and navigation**

The definitive maps for hill walking in Corsica are published by the Institut Géographique National (IGN). They are widely available in shops throughout Corsica, or can be ordered on-line from the website at <http://www.ign.fr/> (in English and German, in addition to French).

IGN maps come in all shapes and sizes but the most useful for general mountaineering purposes are the 1:100,000 "TOP100" series and the 1:25,000 "TOP25" series, both of which are also available on CD-ROM. The TOP25 maps are strongly recommended for specific expeditions. The level of detail is significantly greater and includes significant features that are useful for navigation. In most cases each département will comprise two TOP25 maps.

Generally, navigation on many of the Corsica summits is not particularly difficult, at least if you stick to the paths and the weather remains fine. It is, however, easy to get disoriented, especially in the more remote areas and during adverse weather conditions. Only the foolhardy will venture there without a compass and the knowledge to use it. A GPS is not an adequate substitute.

## **2.4 Safety considerations**

Corsica can be extremely warm in summer, but it is worth remembering that all mountains can still be inhospitable places in inclement weather at any time of year. You should **never** venture into Corsica's major mountains without walking boots, warm clothing, map and compass, and local advice.

Mobile phone coverage in mountainous regions is reasonably good on high ground, particularly near ski resorts. It can be non-existent in remote valleys or on slopes facing away from major areas of population, roads, etc. If you have one, though, it is worth taking it with you.

Additionally, during the long hot summers, there is a considerable risk of fire as the natural vegetation dries out. Take care not to start fires, and always be aware of the dangers involved, especially at times of heightened risk.

## **2.5 Disclaimer**

Hiking, hill-walking and rock-climbing are potentially dangerous activities. The SOTA management team and their associates assume no responsibility for accidents. Each participant does so at his or her own risk, and must decide, on the basis of their own ability, whether an objective is achievable. The listing of

a summit in the reference does not mean that it is easy to reach, and it is always worth seeking local advice for all but the simplest of expeditions.

### 3 Summit Reference Data

#### 3.1 Region Reference – CORSE

Association	Corse (TK)
Region - TK	Corse (TK-xxx)
Region manager	Refer to Association Manager

##### 3.1.1 Regional notes

Corsica is a Mediterranean island of contrasts, with sea and mountains in close proximity. There can be found around 1700 summits, ranging from 300 to 2710 metres in altitude.

In the north-east

A major chain of crests, culminating at the 1767m Monte San Petrone, dominates the extreme north of the island, reaching as far as the River Fiumorbo. Further east, is a slightly arched second chain of lesser elevation whose highest summit, Monte Olmelli, reaches 1285m. The principal peaks of this region of schist are towards the north of the island, with Cime du e Folicce (1322m), Monte Stello (1307m), Monte Asto (1535m) and Monte San Petrone.

In the west

The crystalline composition of the western part of Corsica comprises a vast range of granite massifs, some of which seem to plunge directly into the sea. With sharp arêtes, they partition the contrasting valleys of the interior, and rise to produce the highest summits on the island of Corsica.

##### 3.1.2 Table of summits - Available on the SOTA website from the database



Map of Corsica

