

Country Profile: REPUBLIC OF SHELL COVE

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The Republic of Shell Cove (RSC) is located on the Island of LEGGONIA 150 kms west of the GREATER PENTIUM UNITED mainland. It is surrounded by the RELIAS STRAITS and the IOLIUI SEA in the South Eastern Pacific.

Population: 23 million

Nationality: Shellian (singular and plural)

Ethnic groups: more than 95% indigenous LEGGONIANS, 2.3% expat GPU, 2.5 % other

Language: English

Government type: Presidential Republic

Capital: City of SHELL COVE

Currencies: Pearl, PRL (\$) = USD \$1.22; CryptoClam, CC = USD \$0.58

Time difference: UTC+10; one time zone



Shell Cove location in relation to Greater Pentium United

Administrative divisions: includes main island of RCS plus smaller islands nearby and off coast of GPU mainland; RCS is divided into:

- SIX counties: TANN, CHEKKOO, CADRIAAN, MECETTI, PELAGIA and KUDOR
- ONE city: SHELL COVE
- THREE towns: DANTOO, MING-PO and MINER'S TOWN

National holidays: Star Wars Day – 04 July; Independence Day (National Day) - 14 September; Founder's Day (Christiansen) 07 April.

Legal system: Civil law system

Executive Branch:

- President: George Dan-Thi (NP)
- Premier: Erin Kaldo (PFP)
- Cabinet: Inner Council

Ministers:

- Economy: Sarlim Gastess
- Energy: Daragi Hoba
- Communications: Burt Jaxton
- Transport: Merei Spanjaf
- Military and Security: Sio Bibble
- Foreign Affairs and Trade: Rorf Willems
- Education: Tynnra Pamlo

Political Parties:

- Democratic Progressive Party (DEM)
- Nationalist Party (NP)
- New Power Party (NPP)
- Non-Partisan Secessionist Union (NPSU)
- People First Party (PFP)

National anthem: "All Shells Burn as One" is the official anthem of the republic and was composed in 1958. The anthem is generally played as a greeting at diplomatic and military meetings.

National symbols: Cuttle Shell (Blue)

National flag:



National flag

Independence

On 14 September 1968, RSC proclaimed itself as an independent island state following its political struggle for independence from GREATER PENTIUM UNITED (GPU). Goals for independence arose from international law in relation to the 1952 TELOSIAN Treaty. Supporters contended that when GPU renegotiated rights to the island of LEGGONIA in 1952, it did not specify the successor state. Consequently, the sovereignty of LEGGONIA (and the territory of RSC) should be determined by the people of RSC through self-determination and referendums in LEGGONIA.

Key Issue – Self Determination

GPU claims historical and sovereign rights on the island of LEGGONIA. It considers any attempt to influence, develop and invest in LEGGONIA with extreme sensitivity. Any attempt to do so could sharply escalate tensions in the region up to and including hostilities.

In the event that "SHELL COVE achieves unconditional separation from the motherland" GPU has ordered secessionist forces to conduct inter-generational campaigns under any name or by any means to cause SHELL COVE's secession from GPU control to fail or be completely exhausted. Furthermore, according to the GPU's CORELLIAN COMPACT, Article 4 of the Anti-Secession Law, "the State will employ non-peaceful means and other necessary measures to protect PENTIA's sovereignty and territorial integrity".

For nearly 50 years, the people of RSC have continued the struggle for self-determination and for full autonomy free from GPU sponsored secessionist interference. GPU has avoided deploying

military forces to reign in RSC for fear of reprisals from global powers instead preferring to use its immense political influence and economic power.

Key Issue – 2018 COMMERCE GUILD

RSC's sponsorship and participation in the 2018 regional COMMERCE GUILD has escalated tensions between GPU and RSC to historically high levels. RSC is pushing ahead with plans to host the economic forum and has invited global leaders to attend. This move resulted in PENTIA (GPU capital city) warning RSC on 10 August 2018 it would only get burnt if it sought to rely on foreigners, adding to warnings from state media the country could go to war over RCS if it strengthened ties with other regional economic powers such as SHELL HARBOUR (SH).

The 2018 COMMERCE GUILD will be held in RSC's capital city SHELL COVE on Saturday 15 September. The meeting coincides with the celebration of 50 years of RSC independence on 14 September, which has further inflamed GPU and local secessionist supporters.

Capital City: SHELL COVE

The design of the city celebrates its natural beauty with rolling green mountains as a backdrop to glistening blue water. The city's architecture is overlaid by a rich and colourful history that has been influenced in part by Ole Kirk Christiansen (7 April 1891 – 11 March 1958) who was the founder of the Danish construction toy company 'LEGO'. The growth and development of SHELL COVE has been steady since its independence and the turn of the century has seen monumental growth in opportunity and infrastructure.

The city has a high proportion of professionals, with the average unemployment rate lower and average income higher than neighbouring GPU and SHELL HARBOUR. There is an average tertiary education levels and the population is evenly spread among all demographics. SHELL COVE is a popular tourist destination because of its climate, outdoor activities and well-designed infrastructure. Tourism contributes 13% of SHELL COVE's gross domestic product.

Geography

SHELL COVE covers an area of 35 square kilometres with a coastline of 1556 kms. It has a mean elevation of 1150 m, the highest point is Mount TANTISS at 3988m. This feature supports RCS's hydro-electricity industry. The eastern two-thirds is mostly rugged mountains; flat to gently rolling plains in west.

Population distribution exhibits a peripheral coastal settlement pattern, with the largest populations on the north and west coasts.

The local vegetation is predominantly tropical, but deliberate planning has seen the establishment of significant crops to provide diversity to the domestic dietary requirements. These crops include tropical fruits such as pineapples, raspberries and nuts, with olives and grapes grown in the drier mountainous regions. A number of rivers and creeks also flow into the IOLIU Sea. The major ones are the GACHOOGAI River and MARISOTA Creek.

Natural resources include small deposits of coal, natural gas, limestone, marble, asbestos and arable land.

Climate

RSC has a tropical wet and dry climate. The rainy season is most predominant in the south west during the monsoon season (June to August); there is persistent and extensive cloudiness all year.

Urban structure and transport

SHELL COVE is a planned city that honours the heritage of its fishing village roots. Within the central city there is a network of interconnected sectors that are easily accessible by SHELL COVE's advanced public transport system. The republic is serviced by a sophisticated and fully integrated transport system consisting of road, rail, air and maritime.



Integrated and sophisticated transport systems

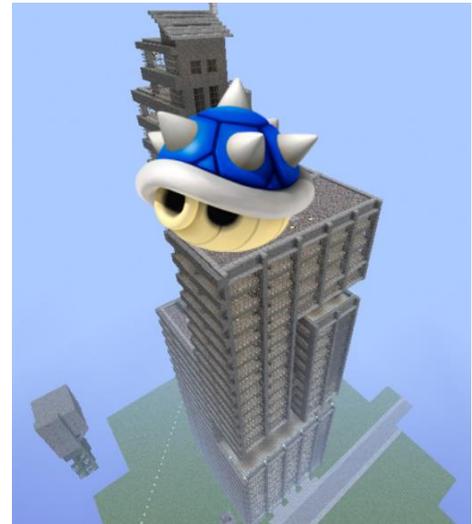
The Shell of Independence

The city centre includes a monument to the independence of RSC that includes a giant replica of a shell, the **Shell of Independence**.

The outlying areas are more traditional with smaller villages intact since before independence. These villages still engage in fishing practices and have become popular tourist spots because of the beautiful scenery and high concentration of artisan products. Farms and other cottage industries, which are serviced by trains, populate the mountainous regions.

The National Museum

The SHELL COVE's National Museum is the world's third-largest museum, education, and research complex. It is a community of learning in science and history. The museum shares the voyage of discovery via its online learning portal. The museum also hold vast amounts of historical artefacts and treasures.



Shell of Independence - Reserve Bank Building



National Museum

Governance – SHELL COVE City

While the country is governed by the Executive Branch, the city of SHELL COVE and surrounding suburbs are governed by 12 members, elected from FIVE districts using proportional representation. The Mayor is elected by members of the government and the Mayor decides which members will serve as Ministers. **Mayor Shelby Jusrite** was voted into power during the 2017 election and her party, (PFP) forming a majority government. Elections are scheduled for 2020.



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Media

Print

RSC has two major English-language daily newspapers, The Morning Shell and Shell Cove Post. Both are published by FairFox Media Network. These are distributed in the city and exported to SHELL HARBOUR. There are a number of fringe tabloids that cater to alternate political viewpoints, ideologies and activism. The most prominent are:

- **The Raised Hammer:** The Raised Hammer is an important tool for the Greater Pentium United (GPU) government, which it uses to communicate to the peaceful people of SHELL COVE. The first issue included an editor's note explaining that the magazine was meant to provide timely, accurate, first-hand information on economic, political and cultural developments in GPU, and its relations with SHELL COVE.
- **Green Mist:** Green Mist is a weekly not-for-profit publication for activist media, carrying the news, analysis & debates of environmental and social justice campaigns and movements.
- **The Red Pill:** This media source is moderately to strongly bias toward liberal causes through story selection and/or political affiliation. It has been described as left-wing by both supporters and detractors. The Red Pill provides polished journalism but has received criticism for being unreliable and anti-establishment.
- **2000.5 AD:** 2000.5 AD is a weekly SHELL COVE science fiction-orientated comic magazine featuring the beloved characters of Judge Dredlocks, Staine and Thargle. The magazine's themes and messaging is strongly patriotic and nationalistic. Critics have accused the magazine of being a propaganda arm of the government whose purpose is to conduct a generational information operations campaign targeting children and young adults.

Radio

There are three main news radio stations in RSC: RSC Radio One, RC1 and NEWS. There are several other talk, information, and sports stations, primarily on the AM band, and a variety of music stations, mostly on FM. RSC Radio One is state-owned. RC1 is locally-owned by the PRAX Ltd. NEWS is owned by the international entity REALNEWS Corp.

Cable television

SHELL COVE was the first city in the region to be served by cable television, in 1963. SHELL COVE and most of the lower mainland are served by FLEX Cable and by LOOPY Cable. LOOPY Cable is subsidiary of the PENTIA-based telecommunications company GPULink. FRAGG TV also offers satellite television and IPTV service throughout most of SHELL COVE and the lower mainland.

Free-to-air television

9 stations are available terrestrially provided by 3 nationwide broadcasters (CROWN, FABS and SLAMESTREAM). CROWN (Channel 1 and 11) is owned by a multinational conglomerate (PIXDUST). FABS (Channels 5 and 8) is owned by a local entrepreneur (ALEX PHONES) and SLAMESTREAM (Channel 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18) is a state-run broadcaster.

Law enforcement

RSC does not have a major crime issue, though it does have the occasional problem with drugs and black-market trafficking. In SHELL COVE, the main problems are white-collar crime by financial fraud and theft groups against the financial and retail sectors.

Outlaw Motorcycle Groups (OMG) are a problem in the surrounding villages and local police have conducted several operations in an effort to crack down on activity. The most recent operation, Strike Force CONCH, was directed against SATAN's SLIMY SHELLS and ran from May - April 2018. Membership of the group is reportedly down and a notable decrease in activity has been observed.



SHELL COVE Police Station

Outlaw Motorcycle Groups:

- SATAN's SLIMY SHELLS (2 chapters, 27 members)
- SAND-BAR RIDERS (1 chapter, 15 members)
- SHELL CRUSHERS (1 chapter, 11 members)

The FIVE-FINNED FISHNET HUNKSTERS (FFFH) are a criminal group responsible for a spate of opportunistic robberies across the city in recent years. In early 2015, when SHELL COVE suffered a city-wide blackout, the FFFH broke into the National Gallery and stole a cherished oil painting of Ole Kirk Christiansen. Revered by art critics for its innovative use of LEGO as a painting implement, the painting was sold on the Dark Web for \$2.3 million. Police have recently set up Taskforce SHARKBITE in an effort to crack down on the FFFH's increased activity.

Financial Fraud and Theft Groups

- JIMMY's TOADFISH (Protection racketeers and laundering stolen goods)
- SHARKY's MOBSTER RACKET (Black-market bootleggers and dealers in false identification)
- FIVE-FINNED FISHNET HUSKSTERS (Theft, robbery and illegal drugs)

Issue Motivate Groups (IMGs)

Groups involved in international political, secessionist or independence struggles are commonly termed ethno-nationalists. Groups such as the Grand Alliance (**GA**) and the Liberation Front of GPU (**LFG**) have been directly involved in acts of violence connected to ethnic and political secessionist conflicts since 1965. For example, between 1967 and 1979, the SHELL COVE militant wing of the LFG was responsible for four separate bombings on the LEGGONIA mainland. Targets included the Noodle Warehouse Offices, the Morning Shell production house and the state-owned travel agency (Go-FLO) in downtown SHELL COVE. See below for a list of IMGs:

- Grand Alliance (**GA**) - Ethno-nationalists, Pro-GPU
- Liberation Front of GPU (**LFG**) - Ethno-nationalists, affiliated with DEM, Pro-GPU
- PowerShell Clan (**PSC**) - Militant wing of PFP, affiliated with NP, Pro-RSC
- Greener Guardians (**GG**) - Anti-government, environmental activists, affiliated with NPP
- Worker's United Front (**WUF**) – Pro-socialist and anti-NP, affiliated with DEM, Pro-GPU
- Shell Cove Water Rights (**SCWR**) – Social issue group, non-affiliated
- Shell Cove Animal Rights (**SCAR**) – Social issue group, associated with GG/NPP
- Red-Shell Humanitarian Group (**RSHG**) – Social issue group, multi-affiliated, non-aligned

Cyber Threat Intelligence - General

The Republic of SHELL COVE ranks fourth in the Global Index for Technologically Advanced Countries (GTAC). It is one of the world's third leading High-Tech exporting countries. As such, Cybercrime and adversarial activity remains a pervasive threat to the republic's national and economic prosperity.

Cybercriminals continued to seek access to repositories of large amounts of personally identifiable information (PII) to facilitate financial crimes and identity theft. Cyber espionage actors seek to gain economic and political advantage. The Cyber Security Centre (CSC) has observed malicious activity against SHELL COVE routers. This activity uses automated scanning to identify vulnerable routers, extracts configuration files, and modifies router settings to enable control of internet communications through the device.

State-sponsored Adversaries

External adversaries have increased cyber operations against the republic in 2018. The republic's stance and responses on international and domestic issues has increased diplomatic tensions (in particular with the GPU nexus) and in parallel appears to have triggered increased malicious cyber activity. Three key issues are associated with spikes in cyber activity; (1) the Jan 2018 unilateral trade agreement between the republic and SHELL HARBOUR, (2) the republic's support for U.N. sponsored economic sanctions against the DPRS that took effect in Mar 2018, and (3) the republic's diplomatic and military support for airstrikes against chemical weapons storage facilities in SANDISTAN. Additionally, in April 2018, the republic announced that malicious cyber activity against its energy infrastructure in Aug 2017 had been attributed to FROc sponsored actors. The top 10 nation-states that present a potential cyber threat to the republic are:

- GREATER PENTIUM UNITED (GPU)*:
- FORMER REPUBLIC of CODSVILLE (FRoC):
- DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF SHELLSBURG (DPRS)*:
- SANDISTAN (SDS):
- UNITED PEBBLES OF TAPIOCA (UPT):
- PACKINSAND (PAC):
- SOUTH VIETCLAM (SVC)*:
- UNITED CORAL COMMONWEALTH (UCC):
- BIKINI ATOL REPUBLIC (BAR):
- REEFER's REPUBLIC (RR):

* Denotes GPU nexus members



South East Pacific Region

Domestic cyber threats

There are no known persistent domestic issue motivated cyber threat groups. Some IMGs may can initiate limited but ineffective cyber campaigns (i.e. The POWERSHELL CLAN and the SANDWORM SLAYERS). IMGs are known to have tacit to strong support from official political groups. However, at the time of reporting there have been no known observations of cyber intrusions that have been attributed to a domestic cyber groups.

All domestic financially motivated cyber-crime is determined to be opportunistic and uncoordinated individual enterprises.

Domestic issue motivate groups (IMGs) present a mostly nuisance threat and possible reputational damage. There are several domestic groups that can launch limited cyber campaigns; however, these groups are generally uncoordinated, not well resourced and poorly skilled. Web site defacement, misinformation campaigns and denial of service activity will remain the key threats for the foreseeable future. Intelligence reporting indicates that the following domestic IMGs have threatened to conduct malicious activity, including cyber, in response to perceived grievances against the government:

- Grand Alliance
- Liberation Front of GPU
- PowerShell Clan
- Greener Guardians

Advance Persistent Threats (APTs)

State-sponsored adversaries have been known to conduct operations against RSC entities including telecommunications, finance and government agencies. The government's Cyber Security Centre (CSC) reports that there were 378 unsuccessful intrusions during the period June to August 2018. CSC states it is almost certain that GPU-sponsored groups (APT114-118) were behind the attempted intrusions of the Republic's telecommunications network in June. The Reserve Bank reports that unsuccessful phishing campaigns in April were almost certainly the work of FRoC actors (APT124-126). The Retail sector reports that cyber criminals (FIN13) and NVC actors (APT131) may have been responsible for multiple DoS and phishing campaigns in July to August.

- **APT114 (OCEAN SWELL)**
- **APT115 (OCEAN CURRENT)**
- **APT116 (OCEAN MOTION)**
- **APT117 (OCEAN BREEZE)**
- **APT118 (OCEAN POTION)**
- APT124 (Temp.COMBOVER)
- APT125 (Temp.MULLET)
- APT126 (Temp.RAT-TAIL)
- **APT131 (BROWN NOODLES)**
- **APT132 (FRIED NOODLES)**
- **APT134 (2MINUTE NOODLES)**

Financially Motivated Cyber Threat Groups (FIN)

Cybercrime will continue to be an attractive option for criminals due to its ability to generate large profits with a low risk of identification and interdiction. Each successful compromise encourages further cybercrime activities.

Cyber criminals have escalated campaigns against retail and financial sectors using business email compromise (BEC) through targeted phishing emails, ransomware and Point-of-Sale compromises. Small businesses in particular were targeted by themed phishing emails from known contractors whose systems had been compromised by malicious adversaries. Some financially motivated

groups (FIN4 and FIN15) have adopted tactics from rapid break and enter campaigns towards gaining persistence and moving laterally. FIN15 is believed to have been active in SHELL COVE during 2018. According to the latest intelligence reporting the following FIN actors are currently active in the South East Pacific region surrounding the republic.

- FIN4 aka Temp.FISHBAIT (GPU)
- FIN5 aka Temp.CALAMARI (GPU)
- FIN6 aka Temp.CLAMCHOWDER (GPU)
- FIN13 aka Temp.BAYSIDEBLEACHERS (DPRS)
- FIN15 aka Temp.SCRIPTSQUIDDIES (FRoC)
- FIN19 aka Temp.HUISUIMIN (NVC)

International IMGs

- SHELL-ONYMOUS:
- SHELL-ICARUS:
- SANDWORM SLAYERS:

Local Issues:

Poverty

With much of LEGGONIA'S wealth concentrated in Shell Cove and the surrounding regions, the rural towns of DANTOO, MING-PO and MINER'S TOWN have higher levels of unemployment, lower than average incomes and lower living standards than the rest of the RSC.

In recent times, there has been tension in these towns with allegations of police brutality and strong anti-government sentiment, in particular in DANTOO.

Government services

Homelessness is an issue across the RSC particularly in MINER'S TOWN. Citizens in rural areas have been pushed out of traditional mining and agricultural jobs as the economy of the RSC evolves.

This has put pressure on government services with many citizens feeling the government has abandoned them. Sentiment reached a peak in the recent protests in downtown DANTOO on 25 June 2018.

Fresh Water

Water quality is a big issue for citizens of the RSC. Across LEGGONIA the quality of drinking water has been steadily deteriorating and is inconsistent across the different counties. As a result people are forced to buy bottled water which is increasing in price and becoming unaffordable for people living in rural areas.

This is a contentious issue within the local government and the public sees this as grossly negligent and unacceptable for somewhere with RSC's relative wealth and living standards.

Trans-national crime:

- Drug-trafficking
- Illegal Merchandise Importation (Tobacco, Alcohol, Pharma)
- Firearms