

Lampedusa Island

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Lampedusa Island Latest News

At least 20 people have died after a migrant boat capsized off the southern Italian island of Lampedusa recently.

About Lampedusa Island

- It is the **largest** (21 sq.km.) **of the Isole Pelagie (Pelagie Islands)**, an island group that includes the Linosa and Lampione islets.
- **Administratively** Lampedusa is **part of the autonomous region of Sicily in Italy**.
- It is **geographically part of the African continent**.
- It is located in the **Mediterranean Sea** between Malta and Tunisia, 105 miles (170 km) southwest of Licata, Sicily.
- It is a **volcanic island**.
- It is also known as the **Pearl of the Mediterranean because of the lava**: it is the **emerged part of a volcano** whose last eruption events date back about 9000 years ago, when the last major seismic events were dated at the end of 1800.

- Lampedusa's greatest length is about 11 km; its greatest width is about 3 km. It rises to 133 meters above sea level.
- It is a **rocky island** with **limited natural freshwater sources**.
- The **climate** is typically **Mediterranean**, with **hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters**.

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