
20 YEARS OF OUTDOOR RADIO IN THE GERMAN ALPS

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MOUNTAIN AMATEUR RADIO ACTIVITIES



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- 195x: **Bayerischer BergTag**, Summer **BBT**
- 1964: Winter **BBT**
- VHF/UHF & SHF contesting: DARC, Alpe Adria, field days
- **2004: Foundation of the SOTA-DL association**
- 2008: German Mountain Activity, **GMA**, Alpenvorland (AV) region – part of GMA
- 2007: **COTA**-Gruppe DL (2009: WCA)
- 2008: **W(W)FF** with DLFF-0002 National Park Berchtesgaden Alps (2010: first activation)
- 2022: **POTA** with DE-0001 National Park Berchtesgaden Alps (2022: first activation)

SOTA



www.sota.org.uk

Initial team: DJ5KZ (SK), DL3MAV,
DL3MP, DL4MGJ, DO3HJ (DK3HJ)

- **2004, March 1st**: Launch of **SOTA-DL** by DL3MAV

- First activation on March 1st, 2004

- DL/AL-172 by **DL3MAV**, the **first AM** of SOTA-DL
- DL/AL-114 by DL3MP

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SOTA-QTC

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■ 2003 erfolgreiches SOTA-Jahr in DL

Das von John Linford, G3WGV, in Anlehnung an das IOTA-Programm im Jahr 2002 entwickelte SOTA-Programm (Summits On The Air) fand seit dem Programmstart in Deutschland im Juni 2003 viele begeisterte Anhänger. Verbindet das Programm doch den Amateurfunk mit anderen Freizeitbeschäftigungen wie Wandern oder auch Fotografieren. Dadurch ist – im Gegensatz zu Fielddays oder Contesten – problemlos die Einbeziehung der ganzen Familie möglich. In Sachsen hat diese Art des Amateurfunks u.a. mit dem Sächsischen Bergwettbewerb eine lange Tradition. So ist es nicht verwunderlich, dass die ersten SOTA-Aktivisten aus Deutschland ihre Wurzeln in Sachsen haben. Anders als beim sächsischen Wettbewerb erfolgt jedoch die Punktbewertung einer



und in den Mittelgebirgen sowie die Alpenregion mit ihren Tausendern bei der Bewertung unter einen Hut zu bringen.

■ SOTA in OE

Die SOTA OE ist seit 1.1.2004 als weltweit zehnte Assoziation „fully operational“. Von den neun vorgesehenen Regionen ist derzeit nur die Region Oberösterreich aktiv und die Region Kärnten in Vorbereitung. Manager für die restlichen Regionen (Bundesländer) werden noch gesucht. Auskünfte über SOTA-OE sind bei Alfred Mateja, OE5AKM, E-Mail alfred.mateja@gmx.at, erhältlich. Die Erstaktivierung in Österreich erfolgte am 31.1. durch OE5AKM vom Pöstlingberg bei Linz, OE/OO-133. Funkamateure aus DL, die ihren Urlaub in Österreich verbringen, sollten die Chance zur Aktivierung der Gipfel vor Ort nutzen.

■ Seit 1.3.04: SOTA-DL Deutsche Alpen

Unter der Federführung von DL3MAV wurden die deutschen Alpen in das SOTA-Programm integriert. Die Assoziation erstreckt sich in

SOTA



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Last team: DF3MC, DF9TS, DD1LD,
DK3HJ, DL2DVE, DL4CW, DJ5KZ (SK)

- 2008: DD1LD – AM of SOTA-DL, new RM team
- 2008: sota-dl.bplaced.net and national award program
- 2009: P100 in SOTA-DL, ~ 410 references
 - agreement with SOTA MT in 2008
- 2025: P150 in SOTA-DL, 262 references
 - All P100 summits eligible for national SOTA awards
 - All P100 summits in the GMA databank
 - P150 lists and association parameters managed by SOTA MT
- 2024: **DA20XOTA** - **D**eutsche **A**lpen 20 (Years) **X**-any **O**n
The **A**ir activity
 - German Alps are more than SOTA!
 - Outdoor amateur radio activities of all kinds in the German Alps (XOTA, contesting, GoGreen, etc.)
 - 10 alpine regions (9x SOTA/GMA + 1x GMA)
 - 20 Jahre Deutsche Alpen Explorer Award

GMA



www.cqgma.org

*DF2ET, DF3MC, DG7AC, DG8HJ,
DK5TX, DL1DVE, DL4MFM, DL7URB,
DM3FAM, DO2UDX, OK3EQ, ON4VT

- GMA means **G**lobal **M**ountain **A**ctivity
- started as German Mountain Award in 2008 by DJ2AY & team at DARC Chapter X47
- Alpenvorland, AV-region became part of GMA
- full reset and new IT-infrastructure in 2012 by Mario, DL4MFM
- constantly developing and growing
- now a sort of Global **M**ulti Award rather than pure Mountain Activity
- driven by Mario, DL4MFM and small steering team*
- supported by DARC (DH8GHH) and volunteers

GMA ACTIVITIES

- GMA (Global Mountain Activity)
- SOTA (Summits On The Air)
- WWFF (World-Wide Flora Fauna)
- WCA/COTA (Castles On The Air)
- LOTA (Lighthouses On The Air)
- MOTA (Mills On The Air)
- IOTA (Islands On The Air)



Make nature your shack!



Aus der GMA Datenbank

activator QSOs	3267602
with stations in	308 countries
activated summits in	64 countries
chaser QSOs	1496780
with stations in	295 countries
total activations	112266
activated summits	17093
activations in Jun 2024	542
in May 2024	996
in Apr 2024	741

Top 3 most activated summits

1.	DA/AV-346	Eschberg	860
2.	DA/SX-215	Lunapark	339
3.	DA/SX-031	Lerchenberg	308

Top 3 most chased summits

1.	DA/SX-031	Lerchenberg	4385
2.	DA/SX-215	Lunapark	4100
3.	DA/SX-284	Kahleberg	3963

We also activated

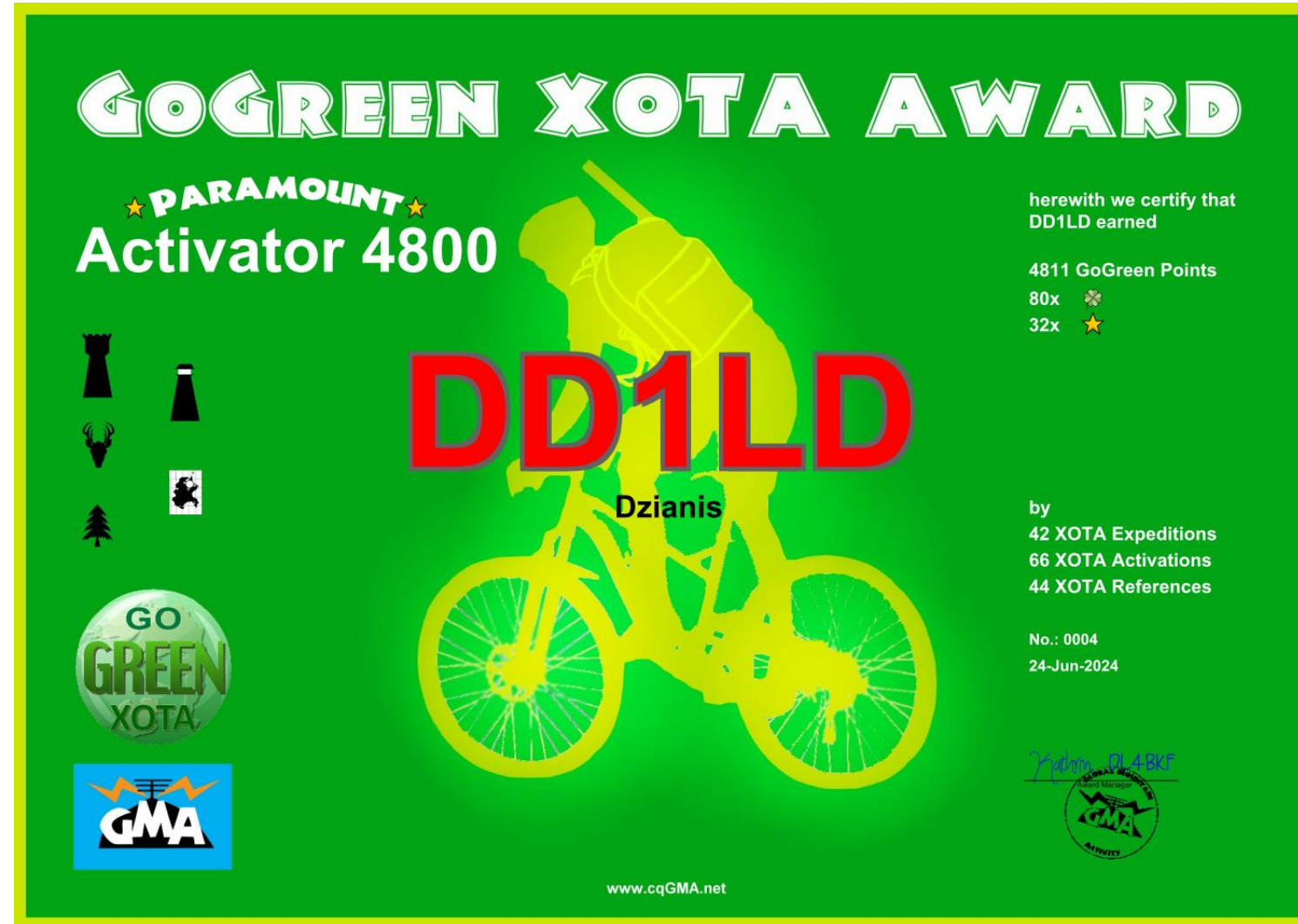
WWFF Areas	5539
Islands (IOTA)	206
Castles (COTA)	3908
Lighthouses	584

and we chased

WWFF Areas	31215
Islands (IOTA)	1278
Castles (COTA)	20009
Lighthouses	4535

GOGREEN XOTA AWARD

- launched in 2020
- annual score for ranking
- cumulative score for awards
- various incentive schemes:
 - GoGreen Points
 - GoGreen Clovers
 - GoGreen Miles
 - Paramount Activity
 - Expeds, Refs, Activations
- cross-references are multipliers
- more info at
www.cqgma.org/GoGreen/



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Portable Radio in the German Alps

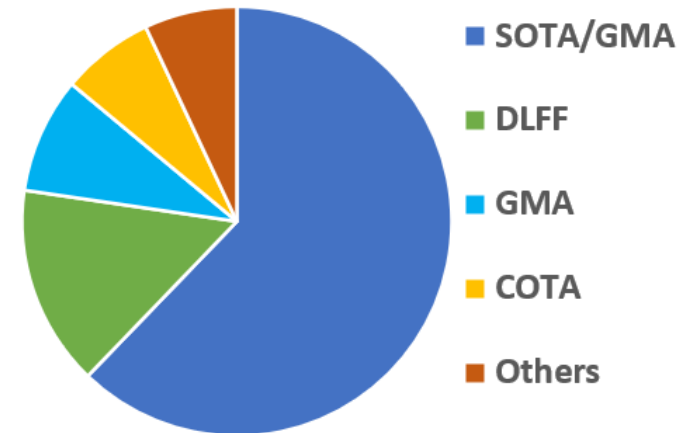


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DD1LD, DF3MC, DJ2MX, DK7MG,
DL2DVE, DL3EC, DL3TU, DL4ROB,
DL5AZZ, DL8MEK, DM1DF, DO2MPS

- Active from January 1st to December 31st, 2024
- Some statistics (by June 2024):
 - > 7 000 QSOs logged
 - ~200 references activated
 - > 17 000 look-ups at QRZ.com
 - ~60 awards issued
- Most activated references:
 - SOTA – 62%
 - WWFF – 16%
- Most QSOs per activation:
 - WWFF
 - DLFF-0380 by 331 QSOs in ~3 hours

DA20XOTA activations



DA20XOTA AWARD

- Celebrate 20 years anniversary with us!
- Activate/work different regions in the German Alps
- Submit an award application form
- Get your award for free!
- More details at sota-dl.bplaced.net



Summits On The Air
Association German Alps

DA2ØXOTA
Portable Radio in the German Alps



20 Jahre Deutsche Alpen Explorer Award
Dzianis Lukashevich, DD1LD
for chasing 10 regions (DA2ØXOTA) in the German Alps

Dzianis, DD1LD Martin, DF3MC

Dzianis Lukashevich, Association Manager Martin Rothe, Awards Manager

Date: 25.2.2024
Certificate number: DA C/P-003

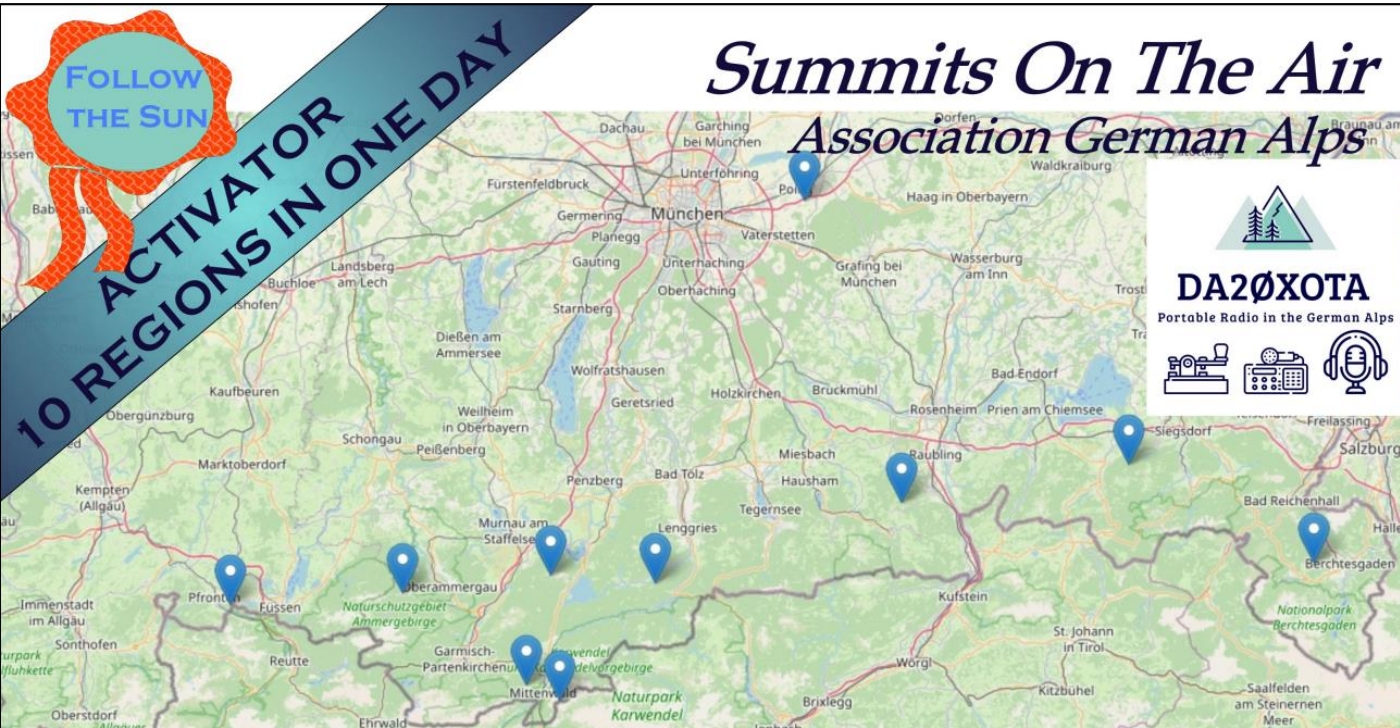
DA20XOTA Award	Activator / Chaser	
	Alpine regions* to be activated/chased in total	Alpine regions* to be activated/chased by/as DA20XOTA
Bronze	4 from 10	1 from 10
Silver	7 from 10	2 from 10
Gold	All 10	3 from 10
Platinum	All 10	All 10
* at least one X-any reference (SOTA, GMA, WWFF, COTA, etc.) from following 10 regions in the German Alps: AL, AM, EW, WS, KW, BE, MF, CG, BG, AV		



DA2ØXOTA
Portable Radio in the German Alps



FOLLOW THE SUN WITH DA20XOTA



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- On Friday, June 14th, 2024
- all **10 REGIONS** in the German alps
- in **10 HOURS** of operating time
- with **ONE call DA20XOTA**
- successfully activated by 9 operators:
 - 08UTC: DL8MEK @ DL/BG-037
 - 09UTC: DL2DVE @ DL/CG-116
 - 10UTC: DD1LD @ DL/MF-072
 - 11UTC: DL5AZZ @ DL/BE-073
 - 12UTC: DM1DF @ DL/EW-021
 - 13UTC: DF3MC @ DL/KW-008
 - 14UTC: DJ2MX @ DL/WS-058
 - 15UTC: DK7MG @ DL/AM-009
 - 16UTC: DL3TU @ DL/AL-167
 - 17UTC: DL2DVE @ DA/AV-198
- and with over **600 QSOs** in total.

DA20XOTA

- QSL via ClubLog OQRS
- Alpine operators are welcome
- Big TNX to all chasers and the team!

DA20XOTA

Club Station "SOTA Deutsche Alpen"
Sonder-DOK: 20DA
CQ 14 - ITU 28

The callsign DA20XOTA means Deutsche Alpen
20 (Jahre/Years) X-any On The Air and is
related exclusively to outdoor portable
amateur radio activities of all kinds in the
German Alps from January 1st to December
31st, 2024.

More information and details at:
<https://sota-dl-alpen.de>

QTH:

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Photo: Burgruine Hohenfreyberg COTA DL-02509, GMA DA/AL-087



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Photo : Gruenkopf (1587m), SOTA DL/WS-052



- More information and FAQs at
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ENJOY XOTA
IN THE ALPS!

THANK YOU

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