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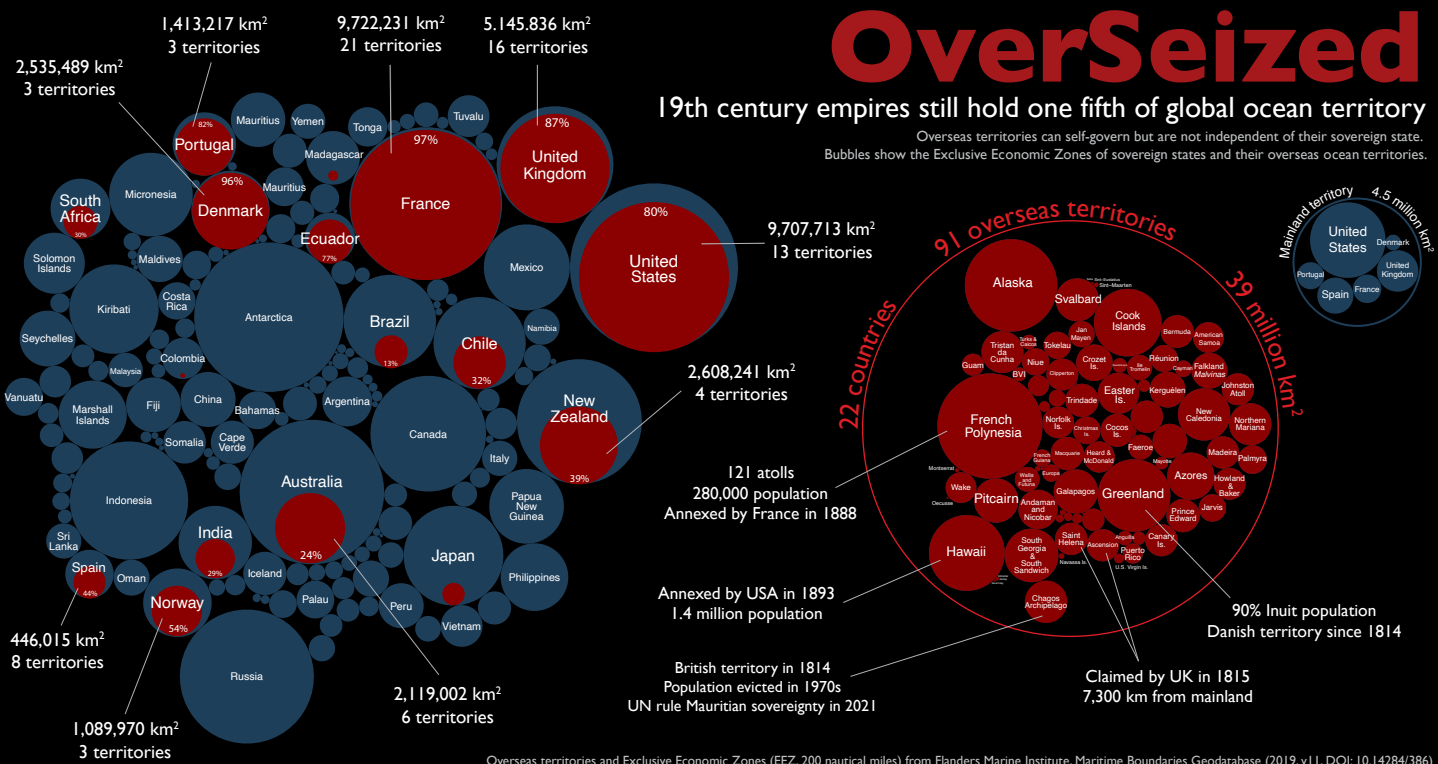
19th century empires still hold one fifth of global ocean territory

Overseas territories can self-govern but are not independent of their sovereign state.
Bubbles show the Exclusive Economic Zones of sovereign states and their overseas ocean territories.



121 atolls
280,000 population
Annexed by France in 1888

Annexed by USA in 1893
1.4 million population

British territory in 1814
Population evicted in 1970s
UN rule Mauritian sovereignty in 2021

90% Inuit population
Danish territory since 1814

Claimed by UK in 1815
7,300 km from mainland

Overseas territories and Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ, 200 nautical miles) from Flanders Marine Institute, Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase (2019, v11, DOI: 10.14284/386)