

OUT OF SIGHT OUT OF MIND

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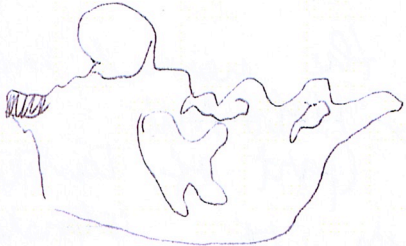
Out of Sight, Out of mind researches locations that, for one reason or another, are difficult or impossible to reach. This inaccessibility is caused either by their topographic or geographic characteristics, their distance from inhabited areas, or political or spiritual reasons. Or simply because humans don't have the right means to get there.

What is remarkable about these places is that, if you find a way of getting there, you most likely won't find anyone else. They are the ultimate escapist destination. They represent the child-like idea that there is a place that is free from any problems, where one could run away to: out of sight, out of mind. On the other hand, even in these 'problem-free' areas, one can find evidence of the problems one might be running away from: the water in Point Nemo, a point in the Pacific Ocean that is the most isolated place on earth, has 26 microplastic particles per cubic meter.

It is from this dichotomy that the work in this show unfolds, referencing these locations that are external and far away from the gallery space and coming back to the gallery space itself, exploring its accessibility and habitability and creating new possibilities and narratives with what lies within it. We know these places exist, we have access to their exact coordinates, but most likely will never go there during our lifetimes or know anyone that will. For that reason, they carry in them a quasi-fictional quality that opens up space for debate around the reason for these extreme, impracticable and morally dubious journeys.

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Rua Coronel Benfo Roma 12A ALVALADE
 $38^{\circ}44'53.7''N$, $9^{\circ}8'19.5''W$



$38^{\circ}44'53.7''S$

$170^{\circ}51'50.5''$

(just off New Zealand's North Island)

ANNAPURNA - 8091 m - $28.5961^{\circ}N$ $83.8203^{\circ}E$

NEPAL

(most difficult mountain to climb considering risk factors and fatality rate)



→ 7570 m - $28.0483^{\circ}N$

$90.4542^{\circ}E$

highest unclimbed mountain, (it is) banned to climb

GANGKHAR PUENSUM

(in) BHUTAN (it is)

any mountain higher than 6000 m out of respect for spiritual believes.

POLE OF INACCESSIBILITY

→ with respect to a geographical outcriterion of inaccessibility marks a location that is the most distant point from the coastline, implying a maximum degree of continentality or oceanity

↓
 Southern pole OF INACCESSIBILITY

• KEMP LAND, ANTARCTIC CONTINENT

there is a hut for four people, a radio shack and

↓ 878 km from the south pole
 ← an electrical hut



POINT NEMO



→ oceanic pole of inaccessibility

$48^{\circ}52.6'S$ $123^{\circ}23.6'W$

(the place in the ocean that is farthest from land.)

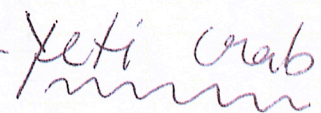


South Pacific ocean - 2688 Km from the nearest lands
Ducie Island in the north, Moto Nui
and Maher Island (part of Easter
in the south. in the islands)
Northeast

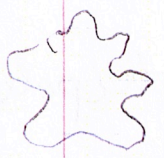
• The south pacific gyre blocks nutrients from reaching this area of the ocean, making it relatively lifeless. The gyre, as with Earth's other four gyres, contains an area with elevated concentrations of pelagic plastics, chemical sludge and other debris known as the South Pacific garbage patch. Scientists have also identified 26 microplastics per cubic metre in seawater samples from Point Nemo.

high degree of...

• one of the few animals that lives in point Nemo. Lives by the hydrothermal vents on the seafloor. they use their furry claws to farm their own food, becoming almost auto-sufficient.



the closest humans to point Nemo might be in certain occasions the astronauts at the international Space Station



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