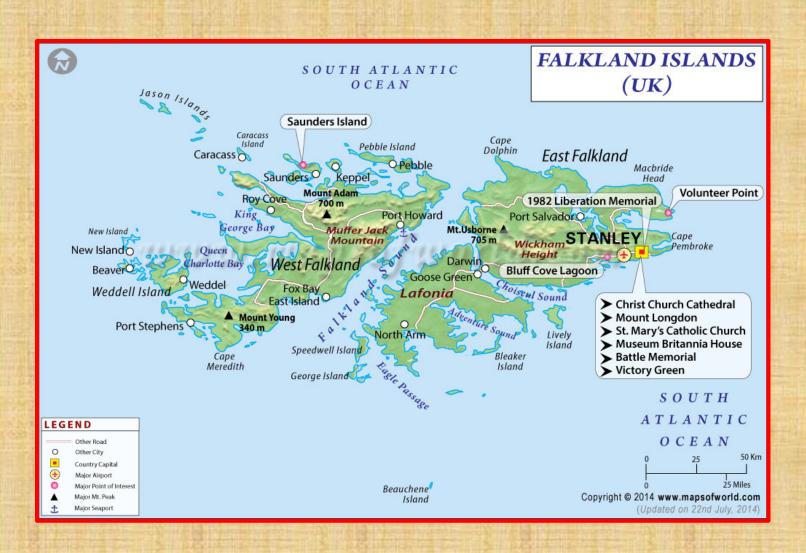


**SWOT for South Atlantic Community** 







**HMS Clyde** 





**HMS Protector – MOD photo** 

**UK view on the Falklands** 

- historical right to sovereignty
- will of the Islanders: referendum of 2013
- not a significant financial burden for UK
- interest in co-operation with Argentina

**Argentine view on the Falklands** 

- claim as successor to Spain and early independent republic
- cause celebre among Argentine population, especially since 1982 war
- interest in co-operation with UK

Other South/North American views on the Falklands

- Latin American solidarity with Argentina
- US Monroe Doctrine
- Balanced with relations with UK









**Falklands Today** 



#### Whither the Falklands?

- Strong economic position: fishing, tourism, agriculture
- A Centre for Science? South Atlantic Research Institute
- Population growing, but increasingly based in "Town"
- Oil a bonus; preparations made, learning from others
- UK readiness to continue providing defence

**Argentina-UK Joint Statement 13 September 2016** 

- All under the so-called "sovereignty umbrella"
- Removing obstacles to economic growth
- More air connections
- DNA identification of unknown Argentine soldiers

**Brazil-UK Co-operation** 

- Historical relationship since Canning and Cochrane
- Joint exercises, training, equipment
- Defence Co-operation Treaty 2010, signed aboard HMS Ocean in Rio de Janeiro
- Development Co-operation in Africa

**Security/Environmental Protection** 

- Fishing/Conservation. 2013 Declaration of Marine Protected Area around SGeorgia/SSandwich Islands
- Antarctic region/science
- Treaty of Tlatelco, 1999. ZOPACAS, 1986
- Bilateral co-operation, eg UK-Argentina



**Marine Protection Areas Around UK Overseas Territories** 

- St Helena: 444,916 sq kms
- Ascension Island: 445,930 sq kms by 2019
- Tristan da Cunha, Gough Island: 750,510 sq kms by 2020
- South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands:more than
   1million sq kms, 2013

# South Atlantic Security Co-operation: Falklands: A Stone in the Shoe? Alternative Scenarios

A. Current détente fizzles out. Suspicion, poisonous domestic politics and economic ambition lead to isolation of Islands from the region, with renewed war as a worst case.

B. Joint Statement of September 2016 leads to concrete steps reconnecting Falklands with South America and eventually to full co-operation.

#### **BACKCASTING – The Positive Scenario**

2082 International Agreement on sovereignty. ?Independence guaranteed by two or more parties

2050 Falklands integrated into regional orgs

2030 Comprehensive Bilateral Co-operation

Can a Stone in the Shoe become a Jewel in the Crown?

