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## Important Facts for Prelims (1 August 2018)

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### Ile Aux Cochons

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- It is an uninhabited island in the subantarctic Crozet Archipelago, administered by France and is roughly halfway between the tip of Africa and Antarctica.
- The island is known to be the planet's largest colony of King Penguins.
- Recent satellite images show the population of King Penguins has declined drastically.
- Researchers believe that climate change may have played a role. In 1997, a particularly strong El Nino weather event warmed the Southern Indian Ocean, temporarily pushing the fish and squid on which King Penguins depend south, beyond their foraging range.