

# Government

**Names:**

*conventional long form:* Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands

*conventional short form:* Ashmore and Cartier Islands

**Digraph:** AT

**Type:** territory of Australia administered by the Australian Ministry for the Environment, Sport, and Territories

**Capital:** none; administered from Canberra, Australia

**Administrative divisions:** none (territory of Australia)

**Independence:** none (territory of Australia)

**Legal system:** relevant laws of the Northern Territory of Australia

**Diplomatic representation in US:** none (territory of Australia)

**US diplomatic representation:** none (territory of Australia)

## Defense Forces

**Note:** defense is the responsibility of Australia; periodic visits by the Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force