



Yemen



Socotra is a small archipelago in the **Arabian Sea** whose territory belong to **Yemen**. Since it lies some 240 km east of the Horn of Africa and 380 km south of the Arabian Peninsula, this archipelago is host to a variety of flora and fauna unique to the place, and has thus been described as "**the most alien-looking place on Earth.**" Given its wide **biodiversity**, in the 1990s a team of United Nations biologists conducted a survey of the archipelago's flora and fauna, and counted nearly **700 endemic species found nowhere else on earth**. One of the most striking among Socotra's plants is the **dragon's blood tree**, a strange-looking, umbrella-shaped tree. Its red sap was thought by the ancients to be dragon's blood, and it used to be sought after as a valuable dye.

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