MWright967 wrote on Fri, 11 January 2008 19:10Dover wrote on Fri, 11 January 2008 20:38Africa isn't a country either.

What's the longest you've stayed in any of those places?

Well, the Galapagos I was there for a year. I was studying the marine Iguana's and Galapagos Tortoises. Mexico...I was there for a period of about 3 weeks. Africa, I was there for a period of over 5 months. On that same trip, I visited Egypt, Sudan, Nigeria, and a few others. While in England, I stayed for 7 months. Off the coast of Scottland theres actually an interesting type of Fish which is quite rare, we were hoping to discover one and bring it back to the America's for analyzation..Unfortunately, we only caught one, and it died on the trip back over. Canada, that was a vacation. Been there twice. Both for 1-2 weeks. Nova Scotia is fairly nice, actually. Singapore...I went there back in College. I was studying a few different things there. The rest of the places were just either vacations or trips to pick up some materials. Nothing more than 2 weeks.

Hmmm. That's a pretty health amount of time spent in some of those places, but it sounds to me like you spent more time hunting rare fish than you were doing other things. Supposed there's nothing that can be helped about that, seeing how you're a marine biologist.

In any case, those are all just months at a time, with the exception of the Galapagos, which as you pointed out isn't a country. You've got to really live someplace, long enough to call it home, before you can make any kind of comparison.

Sn1per74* wrote on Fri, 11 January 2008 21:51The reason we lost the Vietnam War was because the soldiers were restricted from doing what they could have done. We also pulled out. If we would have stayed in unrestricted, we could've won.

No. The real reason we lost is (Insert equally unsupported and unprovable theory here). If we (Something that didn't and/or couldn't happen), we could've won. Maybe.

Is it really that hard to accept? America lost Vietnam. AMERICA LOST VIETNAM. Don't say "We didn't lose, we pulled out". That's like saying you didn't lose a match in Renegade because you yanked the power cord on your modem before your base got completely destroyed. 50,000+ US troops died, and the result is the same as if nobody got shipped over to begin with. That's what I call failure. The only place US had a chance in winning is in this "What-if" land that everyone loves to visit when the topic gets brought up.

You lost a war. It happens. Accept it, and move on.