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The Galapagos Islands: 1835 and 2016

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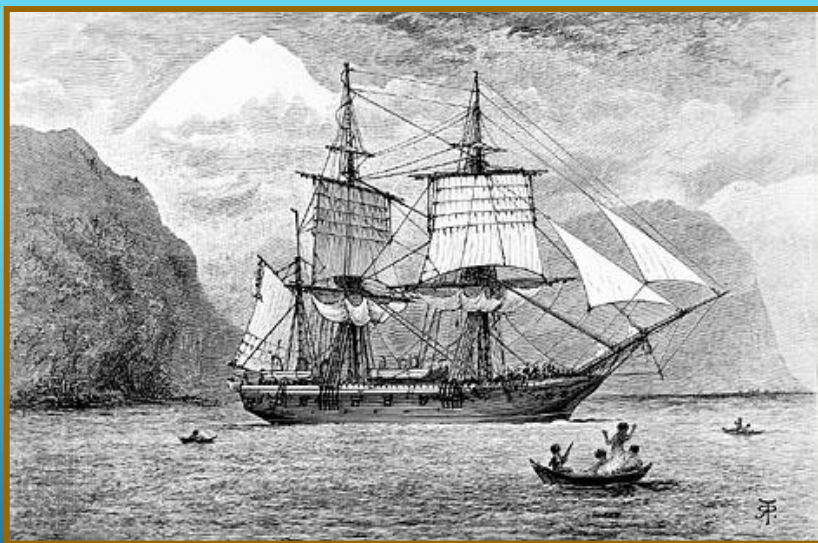
A few excerpts from Patrick's Talk on the evening of the RSWA Annual General Meeting

Thursday 17th August 2017

Kings Park Administration Building, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia.

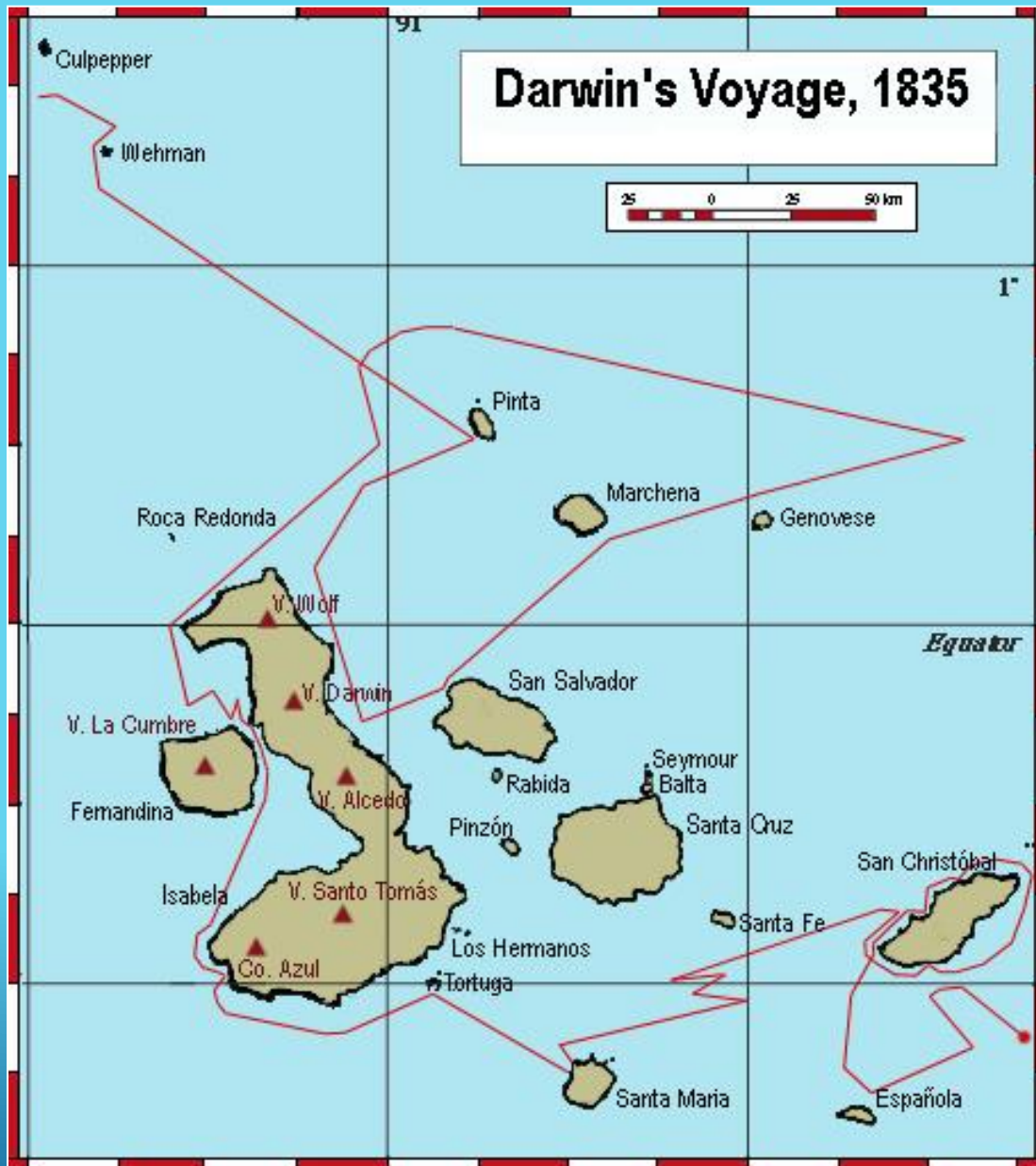


Charles Darwin visited the Galapagos Islands in September and October 1835, during the voyage of HMS *Beagle* around the world.



Patrick and Moyra Armstrong visited the same islands as Darwin (and in some cases that actual sites he visited) in May 2016 aboard a comfortable cruise ship, the *Silversea Galapagos*.





- ▶ The Galapagos are a group of a dozen volcanic islands, on the Equator in the eastern Pacific. They vary in size and altitude and their position puts them under the influence of several ocean currents. They thus have a variety of climate (semi-arid to moist tropical) and habitat (mangrove, 'lava-desert', scrubland, coral reef, cliff-face).



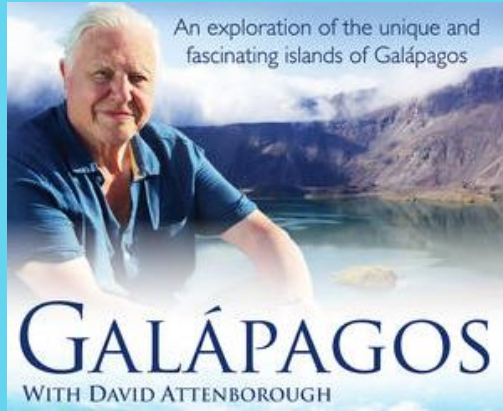
- ▶ Darwin used the comparative approach, within the Galapagos islands and between island groups. This was the secret of his success.

Patrick's talk on the Galapagos Islands gives an informative perspective on the influential 1835 visit of Charles Darwin.



Patrick visiting the Galapagos in 2016

For further viewing:-

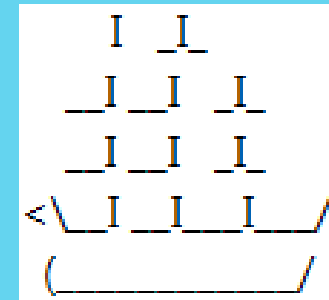


- Episode 1 "Origin"
- Episode 2 "Adaptation"
- Episode 3 "Evolution"



For further reading:-

- ▶ Charles Darwin in Australia - Patrick H Armstrong
Journal of The Royal Society of Western Australia
Volume 92, pages 385-388, 2009
- ▶ *Charles Darwin's Indian Ocean Experience* - Patrick H Armstrong
Journal of The Royal Society of Western Australia
Volume 98, pages 1-8, 2015



HMS Beagle, 1831-1836

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