

Site Report 19: The Excavation of Sunaru2's Farm Written 12 June 2018

Sunaru2's farm (formally named Binoscope's Pad) occupies a lifeless, exotic "bubble" planet, meaning no animal life, but lots of inexplicable bubbles of variable sizes floating across the landscape (Fig. 23). The farm itself is half-buried, and includes a landing pad, which was used by visiting ships as they embedded themselves in the topsoil upon arrival.

The farm is abandoned, and its buried nature reminded me of abandoned American farms during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. Scanning the landscape prior to excavation, five rows of crops appeared next to the base unit (Fig. 24). This surprised me because I had never seen organized horticulture out in the open before; it had always been indoor hydroponics. Sunaru2 had planted dozens of echinocactus plants, which continued to thrive post-abandonment, ready to be plowed and harvested.

I was also able to excavate the base itself, clearing the landing pad and two doorways, as well as freeing the interior of rock. Removing the rock freed not only a functional Trade Terminal, but also the base unit's Korvax blueprint vendor who had been trapped in rock for months.

Fig. 25 is a composite image of the site before and after excavation, which granted access to the base and to the subsistence crop. Note also the presence of the light-monument in the "after" photo, which appeared after logging back in to the game.

Anatomy of Sojainnedy Kibits

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System: [HUB-K-FE] HavelronFaith

Base Name: Binoscope's pad

Player: Sunaru2

Type: "Lifeless" planet (exotic, "bubble" world)

Weather: Invisible Mist

Sentinels: Average

Flora: Moderate. According to the Discoveries Log, 9 common plant species have been discovered.

Fauna: "No planetary fauna" according to the Discoveries Log.

Economy: Material Fusion // Balanced

Dominant Lifeform: Korvax

Conflict Level: At War

Planet Base Coordinates: ZEUX:0469:0081:0D6D:00FE

Portal Coordinates: pie pie triangle tree pie face balloon ship tree tent ship hexagon (places the player on Thhoggert Xame, another exotic planet in this system).

Resources (according to the log): Cactus Flesh, Cymateygen, Nickel, Heridium.

Exterior Temp: Ranges between 106.7 F, 1.5 Rad, 10.3 Tox (day) and -4.2 F, 1.9 Rad, 18.7 Tox (night)

Storms: None.

Length of Day: 1 real-time minute = 45 minutes. 32 real-time minutes = 1 day.

Sunrise: 0400

Sunset: 2000

Circumference: ca. 10:30 minutes (630 seconds) at 4756u/s = 2,996,280u or ca. 2,996ku

Diameter: ca. 954ku

Landscape

Mountainous with steep, sheer cliffs and plains within crater-like depressions marked with the occasional rock arch. Caverns throughout. Flat spaces are dotted with spherical, half-buried orbs of iron. An exotic planet, the landscape is covered in floating bubbles of various sizes.

Waypoints

13 Waypoints discovered between March 22, 2017 and July 17, 2017.

5 on March 22, 2017 by AndyKrycek

2 on April 6, 2017 by sunaru2

5 on April 11, 2017 by sunaru2

1 on July 17, 2017 by Lianara (Log says that this planet was discovered by Lianara)

Base Description

When I first visited the base site on the morning of 10 June 2018, it displayed as a generic base unit, but a monument dated 11 August 2017 stood beside it. Also on a cliff overlooking the site, Syn1134 had placed a Legacy Heritage communication station.

Returning later in the morning, the comm ball (and cluster of comm stations on the far side of the planet) had disappeared, as had the monument. But the base was present, half-buried in a crater. Visiting starships would arrive on a submerged landing pad, burying themselves half-underground. Scanning the landscape identified five long rows of rare agricultural product, which would need to be excavated for identification.

The modest base is oriented on a north-south axis with a landing pad at the north end leading into the base unit. Immediately to the west of the landing pad is a signal booster. The base unit has three entrances, one from the landing pad to the north, a holographic doorway at the west, and an airlock door at the east. Entering from the north, the standard base unit contains a Korvax blueprint vendor encased in stone: the entire interior was full of rock, most of which could be excavated from the doorways using the terrain manipulator tool. Across from the vendor is an active Trade Terminal ("Exchange 9/28S"). The base ID reads "Binoscopes pad." Just to the east of the base are five long, buried rows of echinocactus plants for cultivation, which I was able to excavate in rows using the terrain manipulator tool.

Comm Stations

One communication station has been placed on a cliff top overlooking the farm by Syn1334 indicating it is a documented Legacy Heritage site.

A 19-hour walk due west leads to a cluster of 20 comm balls arranged roughly in a circle, all buried deep under the current surface of the planet. Most are buried underneath bedrock and can neither be seen nor read. Only a few messages can still be accessed, and only one comm station can be viewed. Messages indicate the historic presence of a farm-base. It is unclear if the current farm was once here, but was relocated, or if this refers to a base prior to the arrival of sunaru2.