

KASHYYYK

Astronavigation Data: Kashyyyk system, Mytaranor sector, Mid Rim

Orbital Metrics: 381 days per year/26 hours per day

Government: Council

Population: 56,000,000 (Wookiees 100%)

Languages: Shyriiwook

Terrain: Forests

Major Cities: Awrathakka, Kachirho, Rwookrrorro

Areas of Interest: *Ashmead's Lock*, Black Forest, Garden Preserve, Imperial Work Settlement #121, Kashyyyk oil refinery, Lozen Tolruck's island fortress, Shadowlands, Kkowir Forest, Myyydril Caverns, Wawaatt Archipelago, Wartaki Islands, Western Forest

Major Exports: Electronic components, natural resources

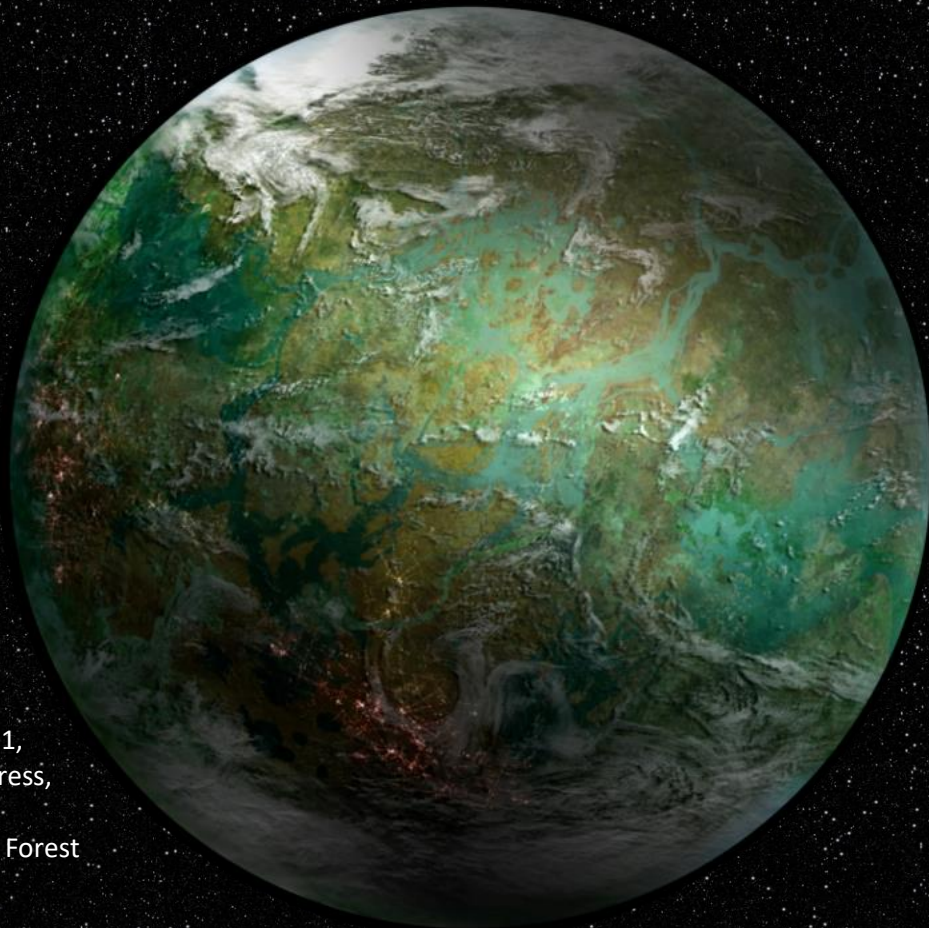
Major Imports: Processed metals, medicines

Trade Routes: Randon-Run, Great Kashyyyk Branch, Durkteel Loop, Nightroad

Background: Kashyyyk (occasionally spelled Kashyk) was a wroshyr tree-covered planet located in the southwestern quadrant of the galaxy and the homeworld of the Wookiee species. It was a member of the Galactic Republic and after the Clone Wars endured enslavement under the Galactic Empire. The planet was classified by the Empire as G5-623.

Kashyyyk was a temperate jungle planet orbiting around a single star located in the Mytaranor sector of the Mid Rim, and had a complement of three moons. Covered in wroshyr trees, it served as homeworld to the Wookiee species. Native fauna such as Can-cells would influence the design of starships by the Wookiee inhabitants, while great cities such as Kachirho would be built into the planet's trees.

Much of the planet could be compared to a giant swamp—filled with wildlife and covered with wet soil and large amounts of water. The prevalent ecology could be politely described as a "layered deathtrap", as the dangers presented by local wildlife increased as one descended toward the forest floor. According to



Wookiee culture, this vertical environment consisted of seven levels. The bulk of Wookiee civilization was located on the uppermost seventh level, and even the bravest Wookiees rarely ventured below the fourth level. Unlike most, Chewbacca was known to travel below this marking point for most Wookiees. The ground level was known as the Shadowlands and, sometimes, the "notherworld".

EMPIRE'S IMPACT

The crash site of the prison ship *Ashmead's Lock* was known as the Black Forest. Wookiees believed that the Black Forest was cursed and haunted by bad spirits. By 5 ABY, sections of Kashyyyk's forests had been deforested and several rivers had been drained. The Empire also established undersea mining platforms. Mount Arayakyak was once a rainforest orchard known as the Cultivating Talon, which provided Wookiees with fruits such as shi-shok. By the Age of the Empire, it had been defoliated by a poisonous black mold.



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