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Tang Island: 3 Miles

Of Jungle and Beach

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Tang Island, the bit of Cambodia that United States marines stormed in the process of recovering a captured American merchant ship and her crew, is about three miles long and heavily covered with jungle.

Shaped roughly like a C, it is about a mile wide at its widest. It has many sandy beaches, and it was on those beaches that helicopters landed the marines.

Cambodians call it Koh Tang, koh meaning island. It lies about 30 miles off the Cambodian mainland and is said to be used mostly by fishermen. Reportedly, it has no permanent homes.