

Serene Commonwealth of Ancora



Primary Species

Species Name:	Human
Species Class:	Humanoid
Portrait:	1
Traits:	Humanoid, Omnivore, Sol Distant Origin, Intelligent, Adaptive, Resilient, Wasteful, Unruly

Empire

Authority:	Dictatorial
Origin:	Lost Colony (from the UN)
Ethics:	Authoritarian, Materialist, Pacifist
Civics:	Police State, Functional Architecture

Flag

Pattern:	Legion 6 (hex pattern)
Primary Color:	Row 4, column 3 (dark turquoise)
Secondary Color:	Row 5, column 5 (black)
Background:	32 (upper triangle)

Home System

System Name:	Sidus
Homeworld Planet Class:	Arctic (Frozen) world
Preferred Solar System Design:	Binary star system with planet orbiting the star (possibly as BB/AF/AT combo)

Basic Concept

In the continued age of expansion of the United Nations, site 278B-N4, commonly known as the Sidus-Aparallum star system, was settled with over a dozen preliminary colonization sites. A few meager years later, however, everything vanished from the surface of the planet. The colony had been sent a little over a hundred years into the past, prior to the solar shift, terraforming, and acclimation projects, to a frozen and barren wasteland. Now left with no support, agriculture and vehicles frozen, satellites gone, and without heat, hope was slim for the once ambitious young colony. Though a handful of scientists, natural leaders, and opportunistic politicians attempted to unite their colonial sites, a strong guiding hand was necessary to set the course for the planet. Such saviour, who will later be titled the 'Serene Protector,' brought hope and necessary order to guarantee the survival of all of those on the planet. Under their leadership, the colonial sites were united and what is simply now known as "The Office" governs the citizens and guides them through basic survival, and later redevelopment to their once prosperous age.

AT A GLANCE

Name:

The Serene Commonwealth of Ancora

Formed from:

The United Nations
Colonization site Rozemarijn
Colonization site New Veronis
Colonization site Jhajj
Colonization site Al-Sylla
Colonization site Saint Fils
Colonization site Fattayev

Capital Planet:

Ancora, Sidus system

Capital Headquarters:

Naledi Federal Commonwealth District

Government Type:

Irenic Dictatorship

Head of State:

Serene Protector (Liam Price, 2200)

Primary Organs:

The Serene Protector of the Commonwealth
The Office
The Common Peace Force

Foundational Documents:

Treaty of Colonial Cooperation
Charter of the Commonwealth
Declaration of Serenity

I. BEGINNINGS

In the midst of the United Nations' continued expansion into interstellar space far from the original lands of Earth, the Sidus-Aparallum star system and its two bright, white suns proved to be a site of considerable interest. The two stars at the center were smaller and less bright than the Sun, but the combination of the two yielded a similar habitation pattern, normal radiation levels, and housed a few planetary bodies throughout it, notably 278B-N4, the chaotically named frozen planet along the outer periphery of the goldilocks zone.

Following its complete survey, the planet showed promising prospects for supporting life. Some forms of highly-cold resistant bacteria and mosses hung around the equatorial axis of the planet, and traces of more complicated life buried in shallow ice hinted at a highly varying seasonal cycle with warm summers, which could last for multiple decades as the planet completed its century-long orbit around the system. Dotted with three moons and a complex living cycle, the planet was deemed worthy of further studies and, following nearly eight years of experiments, tests, theories, and more, a proposal was made: the warm summer period of the planet could be artificially onset and sustained with minimal interference and terraforming, which would yield an earth-like environment capable of supporting human life.

Running into the borders of nearby empires, the expansion of the UN had been somewhat stalled, so looking inwards for more space became an increasingly popular idea, so the proposal was adopted, although with a slow start. The polar ice caps were split and broken, sheets of ice heated and salted for heat trapping, and the atmosphere pumped of greenhouse gases. Quickly, the planet heated, and the UN, as per tradition, drafted plans for 26 colonization sites across the planet, by that point nicknamed 'hot-house.' The plans drafted, their approval was expedited in order to sustain the levels of expansion the UN was juggling at the time, and the sites were created, with the appropriate sustaining infrastructure. Most of the sites simply consisted in formalizing many of the installments where the habitability projects had been conducted, since large populations were already living there permanently.

Within the first few years, many of the sites had already reestablished formal contact with each other and combined efforts in order to grow and strive together. One of the sites, however, perished shortly after it was established, with many supporting theories of government infighting or even sabotage from other sites which were nearby.

Overall, during the colonization period of the planet, with its name formally agreed upon by the inhabitants as 'Ancora,' the Latin root for anchorage, progress was steadily made on the enhanced development of the planet, input from the greater UN, militarization, and the likes. Such, however, would not last much longer.

II. DISASTER

A few short years later, however, roughly a decade after the initial wave of colonization began, the surface of the planet was wiped clean. Life, buildings, colonies, people, and everything else disappeared instantly sometime around noon. As far as the UN was concerned, they had just

witnessed a mass extinction and complete reversion of the state of the planet. Fearing the worst, everything about the colonies, the planet, and what will later be dubbed the case of the 'Unanchored Planet' was locked away as one of the safest secrets of the organization, the system blacklisted from all navigational and official documents, with only an allusive science team remaining to uncover the mystery that will remain for centuries.

As far as the people of Ancora were concerned though, everything was fine. Well, not fine-fine, and definitely not a-okay, but they still existed. Sent back roughly a hundred or so years into the past on the surface of the very same planet they colonized, them and everything else were now in various stages of trapped in ice, buried under snow, split in half by since-gone glaciers, coasts replaced by vast canyons of ice, tropical islands now soaring mountains.



The large seas of Ancora, critical for trade between the original colonies, were instantly iced over during the Unanchoring, and many of the vessels once sailing its crystal seas remain stuck in the thick ice to this day.

Left to ponder how they had been transported back in time, theories of space-time anomalies, shrouded planets, the experiments of mad scientists, alien interference, and spiritual involvement ran rampant, but were all overshadowed by the effects of the event. Millions died within the first few days from the extreme cold of the pre-terraformed planet, entire cities were encased in ice, the vast fields and fished oceans of the planet were gone, power production failed, all networks and communications interrupted as the orbital satellites and installments were left behind, and, naturally, the apocalyptic effects resounded throughout the population of the planet which quickly rose up out of self-preservation, toppling local governments and overtaking cities.

Many opportunistic politicians, military commanders turned warlords, prominent scientists, and natural leaders attempted to regain control of the planet, or at least what remained of the colonial site where they were, but little could be achieved in the face of the overwhelming pressures to secure food, water, heat, and security that everyone bent too.

Multiple sites failed instantly, encased in meters of ice, stranded atop mountains, or deep in

caverns. Many more failed almost immediately afterwards, new-born colonies relying on the UN for survival, the larger ones that could no longer sustain their populations. A few managed to find geothermal hotspots, or reestablish their hydroponic farms, or find more... creative ways of sustaining themselves. Some that were already close to each other combined their efforts in the faint hope of not having to compete with each other for survival. Ultimately, more than half of the original sites were gone within the first year following the 'Unanchoring.' No one was sure how much more they could last.

III. HOPE

Roughly a decade after the Unanchoring, rumors of a mysterious hero, that had managed to unite the colonial site of New Veronis under one banner, squashing the many competing warlords of the colony in one fell swoop, a mix of intrigue, diplomacy, and warfare at hand, began to make their way across the other sites. With basic communications, radio relays, and travelling word of mouth, the sites of Ancora had refound a basic level of cross-communication, though mostly bound to gossip and odd chatter. The appearance of the 'Savior of New Veronis' quickly put this rekindled system to the test, and within a few months, everyone had heard of them.



New Veronis' original design, built to sustain the giant terraforming towers and infrastructure of Ancora, made it an excellent place to sustain large populations and food production as the massive heat-producing elements of the station were retrofitted back into operation.

Though the 'savior' was an unofficial title found some way along the telephone line, the true title of 'Protector of New Veronis' followed shortly thereafter as a pillaging warband from the Hwang colonial site made their way to New Veronis to add another name to their list of raided sites, eager

to find more food and resources after weeks of traveling. What they found, however, was an impenetrable defense, guarded in depth and in word from the travelers. Though unclear exactly how, the warband ultimately surrendered, perishing more from the environment outside than their attacks on the inside, and seeking refuge in New Veronis, an offer the Protector graciously accepted, a nicety unheard of up to that point in the endless battle for survival post-Unanchoring.

Many across the planet then wondered, since New Veronis could sustain the population of many, and could take in those who need it, could it take them in? Could there be an end to this endless battle for survival? These questions, however inspiring, remained fruitless. New Veronis was across the world, months, if not years, of travel away, and perhaps nothing more than the rumour it exists as.

Over the next decade, however, their question was answered, but not in the way they had planned. The Protector of New Veronis would embark with a travelling band of volunteers and worshippers-like following to go to all of the remaining colonial sites and installments, bringing with them supplies, food, heat, and more to sustain the sites and reestablish global operations. The Protector's generosity, however, came with a condition: the Treaty of Colonial Cooperation. A loss agreement of non-aggression, global cooperation, non-militarization, and the likes, to protect all of those remaining and ensure the safety of the future.



The architecture throughout Ancora, pioneered by New Veronis, remains to this day baptized by the need for survival and complete utility, for no resources to go to waste outside of exactly what is needed.

In order to enforce this treaty, the Protector maintained an office of devout volunteers to act as a form of police and enforcement authority for rations, equipment, protection, division of resources, and other appropriations. Operating as a wide band of cowboy-esque marshalls with a small team of deputies and informants, it ruled with an iron fist to enforce the treaty, all at the word of the Protector. Though the punishments and rulings were firm, the troop was still welcomed and greatly helped to maintain the tricky balance of resources and people that the colonies found themselves in.

After nearly twenty years since the Unanchoring, all of the colonies were reunited, cooperating for a shared survival.

IV. FORWARDS

As the death of the original Protector of New Veronis, and now, arguably, all of Ancora, approached, they named their successor as the previous Grand Marshall of the Office, who took their place as Protector. The ultimate fate of the original Protector, however, remains a mystery to this day. Some say they simply wandered into the icy landscape, lost forever, others say they attained some form of spiritual immortality and are still protecting the planet today.



Though some sites have been able to develop into sprawling urban centers, such as Saint Fils, the giant concrete highrises and wide cities are only possible due to its close proximity to geothermal heat vents and volcanic pockets, a luxury many sites were not able to afford.

With the New Protector in charge, the balance previously established remained the same. Led by name alone, whoever held the title mattered little as the Office continued to regulate with the same authority, and the position became one of nearly ceremonial status, keeping its cult-like following.

With more years of peace and cooperation coming together with the new Protector, the colonies came together to solidify this newfound commonality in their survival, and formalize a world government for such a task. Thus, the Charter of the Commonwealth was born, and so was the Commonwealth of Ancora, led by the Protector of the Commonwealth, whose will was exerted by the Office, and the Grand Marshall of which would be the second in command of the Commonwealth. Ultimately not creating any vast differences between the original Treaty and the new Commonwealth, it did formalize the Office and the position of the Protector to extend over the entirety of the planet and its people.

The first few years of the Commonwealth proved to be challenging, with many fearing the newfound power of the Office and the Protector, and the ability for them to mount a full-scale offense whenever needed in order to pacify a widely misbehaving site. As a compromise, a few roughly five years following the establishment of the Commonwealth, the Declaration of Serenity was signed, turning over the powers of defense and the military to a separate entity, the Common Peace Force. With this, the Commonwealth prided itself in its peaceful attributes and attributes of cooperative engagements. It was then renamed the Serene Commonwealth of Ancora and its leadership the Serene Protector, to represent the newfound changes.



The Naledi Federal Commonwealth District, named after the original Protector of New Veronis, Marius Naledi, is built as a deep underground urban area to make use of the geothermal energy trapped inside of Ancora.

Over the next few dozens of years, the Commonwealth grew and prospered, technology finally returning to levels near what was capable at the inception of the colonies, the FTL drive reconstructed, cities growing and multiplying, food and heat sustained in the most functional and utilitarian of ways.

Nearly 100 years after the Unanchoring, Ancora had once again regained what it had lost so long ago, and was ready to take back to the stars and find just where they actually were.