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# Delta Hold

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**Current Holder:** Lord Danis

**Badge and Colors:** Dark blue and gray are the hold colors. The badge is a simple design of four quarters in the opposing colors.

**Minor Holds Beholden to Delta Hold:** Delta Seahold, located on the east side of the narrow Delta Bay. Riverbend Hold, located at the bend of the river south of Delta Hold. Lionhead hold (holder Porto), located not far from Delta Seahold, Wireknot Cothold, located a short distance upstream from Riverbend Hold. Others include: Peninsula Seahold, Wide Bay Seahold, Jungle hold, Riveredge hold, Three Border hold, Rye Grass hold, Dead Center hold, Sand Bend hold, Silverfall hold, Bamboo Grass hold, and Sungazer hold.

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## CLIMATE & ECONOMICS

Delta lies at exactly 20° latitude which is the same latitude as Nerat and Ista; very slightly cooler than Southern Boll. Near the shore there are some marshes and lots of clay. The climate is quite hot and humid on the coast, and only slightly dryer inland.

Specializes in cotton and sugarcane, but also grows fruit trees and has some mines. In the winter, it gets somewhat cold rains, but rarely drops below freezing.

Economically, Delta Hold is fairly wealthy. It is completely self-sufficient in food production and also grows two major export crops: cotton and sweetcane (sugar). Both are particularly susceptible to Thread damage, and are thus considered luxury good and command high prices.

Sweetcane, especially, is a crop that will always have an extensive market.

Additionally, Delta hold has two large iron mines in its territory, both located in the hills in the southwest part of the hold. These were the most easily accessible sources of iron when the Southern Continent was first resettled, and this motivated the Southern Smithcraft to site its main hall there. The Smithcraft hall is located on the Silverfall river near the minor hold of Riverbend.

Another source of wealth are the black diamonds to be found near the shore (possibly the result of a now-dormant sea volcano some distance offshore). While these cannot be found with any degree of regularity and do not represent any sort of regular income, they do add unpredictable bonuses to Delta Hold's coffers.

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## HOLD INFORMATION

Back during the 9th Pass, Delta Hold was a smaller hold beholden to Southern Hold. However, Southern Hold and Weyr were destroyed by a tsunami, and when Southern's extensive territory was divided up into more manageable sections, Delta became the main hold in its territory. The main hold itself is built of individual stone buildings very close to a bay deeply indented from the sea. The former Lord Holder was assiduous about keeping greenery away from the living spaces, to his holders' dismay, who would much prefer the cooling effect of a bit of greenery during the summer months. Lord Danis is willing to permit more growth near living spaces, but even with the tropical climate, good shade will take some time to mature. The climate at the main hold is quite tropical, with high humidity morning and evening. During the summer days, breezes from the sea usually keep the temperature quite comfortable. It does get considerably cooler during winter, but never cold enough to snow.

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## SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

Delta Bay features beautiful white sand beaches dotted with skybroom trees. Although the bay itself is quite deep, the cove immediately to the east is quite shallow and great for bathing.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

Delta Hold has a Midwinter Gather and a Harvest Gather every year. The major gathers are large and well-attended being traditional gathers celebrated at Delta for the last 200 Turns.



### IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Lord Holder Danis, Lady Holder Natella (not Danis' wife, but widow of the former Lord Lisand), Natan (son of former Lord Lisand); Nisman (illegitimate son of Lord Danis); Morwen, Nisman's wife; Head Steward Tomas.

**Lord Danis:** M, 50, 6'1", 200+ pounds, heavily muscular, particularly through the chest, thick black hair with grey streaks, slightly curly, dark brown eyes, very distinguished looking and handsome. Became Lord Holder of Delta when his half-brother was murdered. He is a capable administrator, but not prone to favor the Weyr (Adoptable NPC)