Planets D6 / Rhen Var



Name: Rhen Var
Region: Outer Rim Territories
Sector: Thanium sector
System: Tobali system
Suns: 1: Tor
Orbital position: 1
Moons: 0
Grid coordinates: R-6
Rotation period: 18 standard hours
Orbital period: 563 standard days
Class: Terrestrial
Diameter: 9,380 km
Atmosphere: Oxygen mix
Climate: Frigid
Primary terrain
    Modern: Glaciers, Snow-covered mountains
    Historic: Beaches
Points of interest, Jedi Monument, Ancient Jedi ruins, Republic base, Imperial listening outpost, Harbor, Citadel, Ross Mysliwiec's tomb, Darth Mekhis' fortress, Forgotten Rakatan Temple
Native species: Rhen Varite (extinct)
Immigrated species
    Historic: Humans
Population: Galactic Republic and later Imperial listening post crew

Description: Rhen Var was a planet situated near the Tion Cluster in the Outer Rim Territories and one of the former Thanium Worlds. It was the first planet in the Tobali system. Throughout the history of the Galactic Republic, Rhen Var was covered in ice, rendering it almost uninhabitable. Remains of an ancient civilization and old Jedi artifacts were found beneath the ice on the planet, remnants of a former population.

History
Rhen Var was once a fertile paradise filled with vegetation and wild life. Thousands of years before the Clone Wars, an atmospheric cataclysm turned it into an icy hibernal surface. Since then, it had been a frigid world of frozen tundra and snowswept mountains.

The planet, located in the Outer Rim's Thanium system, orbited the star Tor, had a day of 18 standard hours and the year was 563 standard days. The planet was at galactic coordinates R-6.

Rhen var 3986BBY
Surface of Rhen Var in 3986 BBY.

After the Great Sith War in 3986 BBY, former Jedi Ulic Qel-Droma sought refuge on Rhen Var, and there trained Vima Sunrider. He ultimately found peace in the snowy wastes, and was redeemed and then was later murdered by Hoggon. During his stay he found a cave where the rare Solari

crystal grew, of which was located near where he taught Sunrider.

Later, Jedi Grand Master Satele Shan and a large Republic army battled Darth Mekhis and a force of Sith during the last months of the Great Galactic War.

Prior to the Clone Wars, the Republic set up a small supply base and listening post on Rhen Var. At the start of the Clone Wars in 22 BBY, the Confederacy of Independent Systems seized Rhen Var with an army so large that the Republic base had to evacuate the planet. Obi-Wan Kenobi informed the Jedi High Council about the seizure of the planet. The Separatists' motives in taking the world were unclear until Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker discovered Count Dooku uncovering the Force Harvester on Raxus Prime. The answers to its power would be located in the tomb of Ulic Qel-Droma on Rhen Var. After the liberation of Alaris Prime, the Republic retook Rhen Var in the Second Battle of Rhen Var. During the battle, Anakin learned from Qel-Droma's Force ghost how to defeat the Force Harvester which would power the Dark Reaper located on the ancient Sith world of Thule.

Later, around the time of the Battle of Yavin, Rebel Alliance troops attacked and secured an Imperial listening post. The Galactic Empire soon struck back and eliminated the Rebels. They soon abandoned the listening post and the last presence of civilized life was removed from Rhen Var.

The Yuuzhan Vong captured the world during their invasion of the Outer Rim.

Places of Interest

Jedi Monument (Rhen Var)
The Jedi Monument was an old Jedi Temple on the planet Rhen Var and the burial site of Ulic Qel-Droma.

During the Clone Wars, Separatist forces attacked and eliminated a Republic outpost situated on the planet to allow access to the monument in search for information pertaining to the Dark Reaper, a superweapon of ancient Sith creation.

During a later engagement, Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi led the Clone Army to recapture the citadel. Anakin penetrated the temple after the outer defenses were destroyed, and had to prove himself by defeating a trio of Spectral Guardians. After the ordeal, he communicated with Qel-Droma's Force ghost and learned how to survive the effects of the Reaper.

Imperial listening outpost
The Galactic Empire had a listening outpost at the Rhen Var Citadel. It was taken over by the Rebel Alliance but was destroyed in the Imperial counter-attack.

Rhen Var Harbor
The Rhen Var Harbor was an ancient location on the planet Rhen Var in use before the planet was plunged into an ice-age. The harbor served one of many sites where the Second Battle of Rhen Var took place during the Clone Wars.

The goal of the Galactic Republic was to take over the Separatist sensor station that was located in the harbor. The Republic was able to infiltrate the harbor through a series of ice tunnels, as well as the use of AT-TEs.

The Rhen Var Harbor was a massive fortress that also included an old lighthouse and a small citadel. The Rhen Var Citadel ruins were to the west of the fortress.

Rhen Var Citadel
The Rhen Var Citadel was an ancient structure on the planet Rhen Var. It included a large courtyard at the base of a four-story tower, an ancient crypt, and a domed observatory. A keep was in the center of the Citadel, and the watch was south of the keep. There were statues in front of the watch and in the keep, which were made in honor of Ross Mysliwiec, an ancient Jedi Master. The Citadel would be the site of several battles.

During the Second Battle of Rhen Var, forces of both the Galactic Republic and Confederacy of Independent Systems entered the citadel to fight when the CIS attempted to use the site as a staging ground for coordinating the landing of reinforcements far away at the site of the Jedi Monument, where Anakin Skywalker was fighting to gain access to the temple in order to find the tomb of Ulic Qel-Droma. The droids occupying the Citadel were quickly put down by a detachment of clone troopers, the battle leaving the citadel in ruins.

During the Galactic Civil War the Citadel was used by the Galactic Empire, which had set up a monitoring station to observe Rebel Alliance fleet movements. When the Rebels discovered the Imperial station, they launched an attack to capture it. They took the Citadel but were quickly defeated when Imperial forces launched a counterattack a few days later to defend their territory.

Darth Mekhis' fortress
During the Great Galactic War, the Sith Lord Darth Mekhis invaded the planet Rhen Var and set up a a fortress in one of the world's snowy mountainscapes. The fortress served as her command center until it was breached by Jedi Knight Satele Shan, who proceeded to engage and defeat the Sith Lord.

Forgotten Rakatan Temple
A Forgotten Rakatan Temple was located on the planet Rhen Var, in the Outer Rim Territories.

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