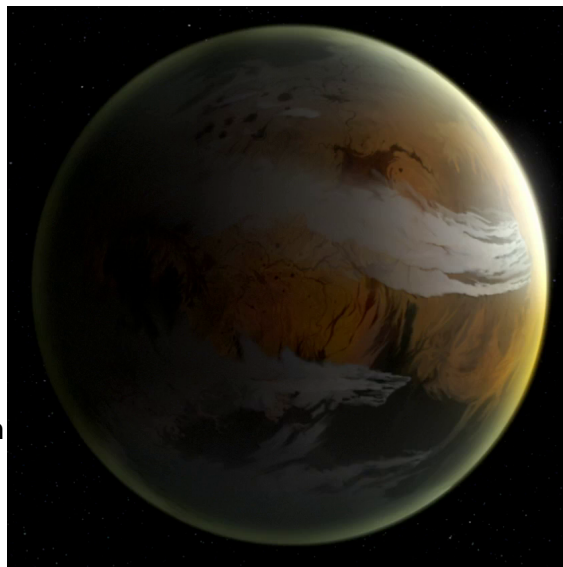


Name: Kessel  
Region: Outer Rim Territories  
Sector: Kessel sector  
System: Kessel system  
Grid coordinates: T-10  
Trade routes: Kessel Run, Pabol Sleheyron  
Atmosphere: Type I (breathable)  
Climate: Hot  
Primary terrain: Barren spice mines in the north, lush sanctuaries in the south  
Points of interest: Spice mines of Kessel, Spice mine K76  
Immigrated species: Dwuni, Gigoran, Humans, Pyke, Twi'lek, Wookiee  
Government: Royal family of Kessel  
Major imports: Slaves  
Major exports: Coaxium, Spice



Description: Kessel was a planet within the Akkadese Maelstrom that hosted spice mines. For years, the Pyke Syndicate dealt with spice mined from Kessel, utilizing smugglers and freighter captains to deliver it to the crime families of Coruscant. The Galactic Empire operated a mining operation, employing numerous slaves, including Wookiees, to harvest spice. Meanwhile, the royal family of Kessel lived in lush sanctuaries in the planet's southern hemisphere, turning a blind eye to the brutal working conditions in the mines of the northern hemisphere.

When the Empire boarded the starship Tantive IV, which carried Princess Leia Organa on a secret mission for the Rebel Alliance, the protocol droid named C-3PO expressed fear that he and his counterpart R2-D2 would be sent to the spice mines of Kessel.

Later, when talking up the capabilities of the Millennium Falcon to Obi-Wan Kenobi, Han Solo described it as being "the ship that made the Kessel Run in less than twelve parsecs."

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