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The pace-net plus challenge

Many societies around the world face challenges in the areas of health and wellbeing, food-security, agriculture and marine resources management, and the impact of climate change. In the South Pacific, some of these challenges are compounded by geographic and socio-economic issues unique to the region. Scientific research, technological development, and innovative approaches all play important roles in assisting Pacific nations to address these challenges.
The opportunities for European and Pacific researchers to collaborate are many and diverse. EU policy and scientific strategies aim at reinforcing these collaboration opportunities, notably through Horizon 2020, the European framework programmed dedicated to Research and Innovation.

Strengthening bi-regional dialogue in Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) is a key step in achieving increased EU-Pacific collaboration towards these societal challenges.
In the view of mutual benefit for Europe and the Pacific region, PACE-Net Plus aims to:

- Support EU-Pacific policy dialogue in Science, Technology and Innovation issues
- Reinforce EU-Pacific ST&I cooperation, focusing on 3 major societal challenges
- Encourage the coordination of European actions and policies targeting the Pacific by promoting the implementation of joint actions
- Enhance cooperation on innovation issues, by helping to bridge the gap between public and private sectors
- Strengthen Pacific-EU research cooperation partnerships, by promoting Horizon 2020 and other programmes within the Pacific research community, and communicating Pacific opportunities to European researchers.

One of the tasks in the project was to update the information already collected in the previous project about key stakeholders, including experts, research organizations, industry, academia, policy makers, professional organisations, civil society and think tanks.
This task and others, such as identifying potential areas for enhanced cooperation in the various challenges addressed by PACE-Net Plus and implementing a “Technological surveillance” (for monitoring, reporting, prioritizing and disseminating information of current or upcoming forums, conferences, seminars, workshops related to this societal challenge) were to allow a “Broadened circle of reflection”. All information, resources and contacts collected are and will be used to identify priority cooperation areas and common challenges, and identify possible joint activities and innovation niches to strengthen and make better use of ST&I competences in the socioeconomic development of Oceania countries.
We hope that you will find these “country files” useful, along with the survey and the bibliometrics analysis conducted in the framework of PACE-NET Plus.

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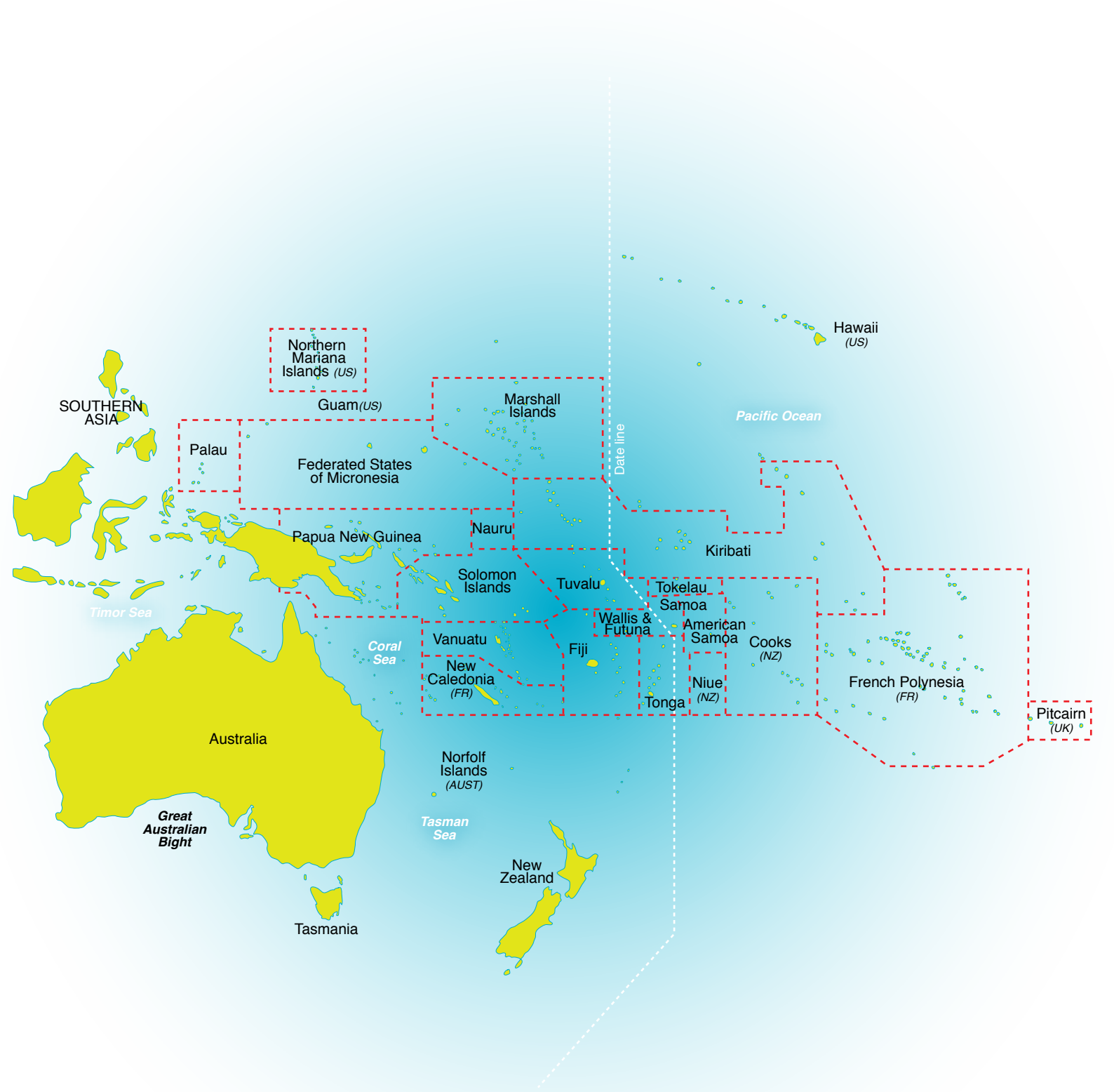

THE PACIFIC REGION

DESCRIPTION

The Pacific region stretches over a vast area and is one of the most biologically and culturally diverse regions of the world. The Pacific ocean covers a full one third of the Earth's surface which means that environmental developments there will have a significant impact on a global scale, such as the future of the world's fisheries and climate change. The Pacific region population is around 38 million, with the majority in Australia and New Zealand, the remaining population is scattered around the numerous islands making up the region. There are three major groups of people in the Pacific islands, the Melanesians, the Polynesians and the Micronesians. Pacific countries vary considerably in terms of geography, for example, Australia's land area is about 7.6 million km² while Tokelau's is only about 12 km². This disparity exists in other areas as well (political statuses, demographic or economic characteristics). The majority of Pacific islands countries are faced with major challenges. Many Pacific Island countries are exposed to a large range of natural disasters such as tropical cyclones, tsunami, erosion etc. Given that these populations depend mostly on their environment and its resources, such disasters tend to affect their food needs but also their economy (the region's most frequent economic activities are fisheries, tourism and agriculture with subsistence agriculture occurring on most of Pacific islands).
This environment dependence is also the main reason why, sustainable management of natural resources was set as one of the region's priorities.
Remoteness is also an issue for pacific island countries. Intra and extra regional communications are difficult and this isolation from large high-income markets is a barrier to economic development for the majority of them.
As regard to the Health area, the pacific region is exposed to several vector-borne diseases such as dengue fever, but the pacific population suffers of numerous non communicable diseases as well (diabetes, cardiovascular diseases etc.).
Good governance, gender equality, education etc. are also some of the major issues that most of the pacific islands must address.

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BRIEF FACTS

Land area	**8, 499,927 km²**
Population	**38.336 million (including 23 million in Australia and 4.24 million in New Zealand)**
Number of countries	**25 (22 Pacific Island Countries and Territories, Australia, East Timor and New Zealand)**
Infant mortality rate	**Mean=17.69/1,000 live births; Average min.=4.64; Average max.=39.52/1,000 live births**
Age of the population	**Mean= 31.23% under 15 years old; Min.= 19.3%; Max.= 42.4% under 15 years old**
Life expectancy	**Mean: Male= 69.07 years; Female= 73.76 years; Min.: Male= 59.7; Female= 67.5 years; Max.: Male= 79.5; Female= 84 years**
GDP per capita	**Min.= € 741.8; Max.= € 42,513**
Monthly minimum wage	**Min.= € 0.38; Max.= € 10.68 per hour (there is no minimum wage law in Tonga)**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships/links with Europe

The overall European Union relationship with the 15 Pacific ACPs (African Caribbean Pacific) Countries – Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu and the 4 Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) – French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Pitcairn and Wallis and Futuna, are respectively defined by the 2000-2020 Cotonou Partnership Agreement and the 2013 Overseas Association Decision. The 2012 Renewed EU-Pacific development partnership defines more specifically the relations between the two regions. It aims to promote coherence between development, climate action and other EU policies, such as trade, environment, fisheries, research, on the one hand, and human rights and democracy support on the other; to adapt delivery methods of EU Official Development Assistance (ODA) and scaled up climate change financing in the Pacific, to stimulate the Pacific OCTs' successful regional integration; to define with Pacific countries a positive agenda of issues of common interest at the UN and other international fora, to join forces with like-minded partners to address key human rights issues and to help consolidate democratic processes across the region. It reflects the growing environmental, political and economic importance of the Pacific region.

Since 1975, the European Union and the Pacific ACP countries have a long-standing relationship based on the legacy of a shared history, common values, economic and trade cooperation. On the European Union side, the revised Cotonou Agreement and the European Consensus on Development provide a new basis and impetus for EU-Pacific relations. On the Pacific side, the Pacific ACP countries are today experiencing a number of important challenges in terms of vulnerability, poverty and weak governance.

The adoption of the Pacific Plan (which is currently under review) by all 16 member countries of the Pacific Islands Forum, including 14 Pacific ACP countries, Australia and New Zealand brought renewed impetus towards cooperation in the Pacific region. This marks an important and ambitious step forward in cooperation in the Pacific region which focuses, in particular, on economic growth, sustainable development, good governance and security for Pacific countries through regionalism and offers an opportunity to step up EU-Pacific relations.

EU-Pacific trade is relatively small. Sugar and fisheries dominate Pacific exports to the European Union. EU development assistance to the region is substantial, and total aid granted under successive Lomé Conventions and the Cotonou Agreement exceeds €1.8 billion. The EU is currently the first donor to the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (for projects funding), i.e. the largest Pacific regional technical organisation.

In September 2004, the EU and 14 Pacific ACP countries opened negotiations on an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). These aim at arriving at an ambitious and development-oriented arrangement, which should promote regional integration and economic development, policy reform, sustainable management of resources, such as fisheries, thereby also contributing to the reduction of poverty.

Presently, in spite of EU relations with the Pacific still suffering from a low political profile and visibility on both sides, the EU-Pacific is gradually growing and has yielded positive results on issues of common interests such as climate change. Apart from the formal political dialogue provided by the Post Forum Dialogue with Pacific Islands countries and the bilateral consultation mechanisms between the EU and Australia and New Zealand respectively. Although positive exchanges have taken place over the years between the EU and the Pacific region, the Post-Forum Dialogue does not fully reflect the importance of EU-Pacific relations and is insufficient in terms of sustaining the bilateral relationship between the regions.

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Relationships/links with non-European countries

The United States, Japan, and the People's Republic of China are also very important actors in the Pacific. They all have important security, political and trade interests in the wider Pacific region. Also, the growing engagement of China is a new factor influencing future developments in the Pacific, already injecting a new dynamic in the region and influencing the political stance of a number of Pacific ACP countries.

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CROP AGENCIES

The Forum Leaders established the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific (CROP) in 1988 with the mandate to improve cooperation, coordination, and collaboration among the various intergovernmental regional organisations to work toward achieving the common goal of sustainable development in the Pacific region. The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat1 acts as CROP's permanent chair and provides secretariat support.

CROP functions as a coordination mechanism between the heads of the regional organisations in the Pacific, and a high-level advisory body, to provide policy advice and may assist in facilitating policy formulation at national, regional and international level. It also provides a forum to enable CROP heads to collectively review progress with their respective organisations' contributions on the Pacific Plan. CROP takes advantage of opportunities to pool and share expertise and resources to optimise benefits to member countries and territories.

Where CROP sees the need, it establishes specific working groups with clear terms of reference to address important emerging or on-going priority issues of a cross-cutting nature.

> Sources:

http://www.forumsec.org/pages.cfm/about-us/crop/

http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pacific/regional_orgs/crop.html

PIFS (Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat)1

The Pacific Islands Forum is a political grouping of 16 independent and self-governing states (New Caledonia and French Polynesia were granted Associate Membership in 2006). The primary roles of the Forum Secretariat are to provide:

- Policy advice and guidance in implementing the decisions of the Leaders
- Coordination and assistance in implementing the decisions of the Leaders
- Support to the Leaders' meetings, ministerial meetings, and associated committees and working groups

The Forum Secretariat is also mandated to coordinate the implementation of the Pacific Plan. The Pacific Plan is the central regional framework that guides the development of region-wide cooperative responses to address Pacific regional development challenges. The Pacific plan has four main pillars; economic growth, democracy, security and sustainable development. Each pillar has numerous priority themes including; economic policy, fisheries, energy, marine mineral resources, trade, food security, land resources, natural resource management, health, education, youth, climate change, culture, etc.

Themes:

- Economic governance
- Political governance and security
- Strategic partnerships and coordination

Keywords:

Economic governance, political governance & security, strategic partnerships & coordination, The Pacific Plan, economic growth & development promotion, policy advice & technical assistance, sustainable development, expertise, trade policy, trade office, human rights, regional security, FRSC, PTCA, Post forum dialogue, regional cooperation, international relationships, development fund management, social policy, climate change, sustainable resources management, CROP, CROP coordination, Aid for Trade (AfT), Pacific Islands Trade & Invest, private sector development, EDF

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SPC (Secretariat of the Pacific Community)

SPC is an intergovernmental development organisation of 600 staff members that supports Pacific Island countries and territories, through its broad scientific and technical expertise, in achieving their development goals. It has 26 members comprising 22 Pacific Island countries and territories as well as Australia, France, New Zealand and the United States of America.
SPC delivers support in many fields: fisheries, aquaculture, agriculture, forestry, public health, applied geosciences, water and sanitation, risk disaster management, transport, energy, culture, youth, human rights, statistics.

Themes:
Three main topics:
- Sustainable economic development
- Sustainable management and development of natural resources
- Sustainable human and social development

Keywords:
Public Health, agriculture, forestry, water resources, natural disaster management, oceans, offshore & inshore fisheries, aquaculture, education, energy, maritime transport, human rights, gender equality, culture, statistics

Divisions:
Applied Geoscience and Technology Division (AGTD)
- Disaster reduction
- Water and sanitation
- Ocean and islands

Economic Development Division
- Transport
- Energy

Education, Training and Human Development Division
- Human rights
- Culture
- Gender equality
- Media
- Education

Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems (FAME) Division
- Coastal fisheries
- Oceanic fisheries

Land Resources Division
- Animal health production
- Biosecurity and trade
- Plant genetic resources
- Land management and Resources policy support
- Forest and trees
- Forest and agriculture diversification
- Crop production
- Plant health

Public Health Division

- Health protection: surveillance & operational research/laboratory strengthening, tuberculosis control, HIV&STI
- Healthy pacific lifestyle

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SPREP (Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme)

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme has been charged by the governments and administrations of the Pacific region with the protection and sustainable development of the region's environment. These last years SPREP focused on biodiversity conservation, waste management, climate change, environmental education and awareness, in order to achieve its goals.

Themes:

- Biodiversity and Ecosystems management
- Climate change
- Environmental monitoring and Governance
- Waste management and Pollution control

Keywords:

Biodiversity, ecosystems management, invasive species, island & oceanic ecosystems, threatened & migratory species, regional & international instruments, climate change, national adaptation strategies implementation, regional climate change policies & programmes coordination, renewable energy, PIGGAREP, environmental monitoring & governance, regional monitoring system, frameworks enabling, planning & monitoring, financing, capacity development, mainstreaming & sustainable development, waste management, pollution control, training, technical advices, services, national & regional waste management infrastructure development, partnerships, PEIN, PACC Project, collaborative projects

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USP (University of the South Pacific)

The University of the South Pacific is the premier provider of tertiary education in the Pacific region and an international centre of excellence for teaching, research consulting and training on all aspects of Pacific culture, environment and human resource development needs. USP is also a member of the Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN) which aims, to enhance research and development collaboration in science, technology and innovation to better serve the needs and aspirations of Pacific communities; to seek prominent inclusion of ST&I initiatives in the updated Pacific Plan and, to further advance the development of the regional ST&I policy framework.
USP is jointly owned by the governments of 12 member countries. The University has campuses in all member countries, but the main campus, Laucala, is located in Fiji.

Themes:
- Education
- Arts and Law
- Business and Economics
- Science, Technology and Environment
- Research

Keywords:
Education, law, language, arts, social sciences, business, accounting, finance, agriculture, food technologies, biological sciences, chemical sciences, computing, mathematics, marine studies, geography, environment, applied sciences, food security, climate change, health security, politics, environmental security, Educare, PACE-SD, PRIDE project, Oceania Centre for Arts, Culture & Pacific Studies, management & public administration, engineering, physics, earth science, marine resources, vocational & continuing education

Faculties:
- **Faculty of Arts, Law and Education**
- **Faculty of Business and Economics**
- **Faculty of Science, Technology and Environment**

Interdisciplinary Centres:

- **Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development (PaCE-SD)**
- **Centre for Vocational and Continuing Education**

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PIDP (Pacific Islands Development Program)

The Pacific Islands Development Program conducts a broad range of activities to enhance the quality of life in the Pacific islands. PIDP aims to assist Pacific islands leaders in advancing their collective efforts to achieve and sustain equitable social and economic development consistent with the goals of the Pacific islands region's people.

Themes:

PIDP has five major activity areas:

- Secretariat of the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders
- Secretariat for the United States/Pacific Island Nations Joint Commercial Commission
- Research and Dialogue
- Education and Training
- Pacific Islands News

Keywords:

Research activities, PICL, U.S./Pacific islands nations JCC, education, training, Pacific Islands News, collaborative projects

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FFA (Forum Fisheries Agency)

The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency has 17 Pacific Island members.
It was established to help countries sustainably manage their fishery resources that fall within their Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs). FFA is an advisory body providing expertise, technical assistance and other support to its members who make sovereign decisions about their tuna resources and participate in regional decision making on tuna management through agencies such as the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

Themes:
PIDP has five major activity areas:
- Fisheries management – providing policy and legal frameworks for the sustainable management of tuna
- Fisheries development – developing the capacity of members to sustainably harvest, process and market tuna to create livelihoods
- Fisheries operations – supporting monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries as well as treaty administration, information technology and vessel registration and monitoring

Keywords:
Fisheries management, fisheries development, fisheries operations, tuna sustainable management, vessel registration & monitoring, national & regional support, regional strategies, policy recommendations, services, technical support, DEVFISH project, Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM), monitoring control & surveillance activities

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PPA (Pacific Power Association)

The PPA is an inter-governmental agency and member of the Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific (CROP) to promote the direct cooperation of the Pacific island power utilities in technical training, exchange of information, sharing of senior management and engineering expertise and other activities of benefit to the members. PPA aims to improve the quality of power in the region through a cooperative effort among the utilities, private sector and regional aid donors.

Themes:

- Electricity
- Power sector

Keywords:

Pacific islands power industry, private sector cooperative partnerships, international & regional partnerships, expertise, regional training programme, power utilities, managerial technical & financial cooperation programme, regional power sector database, electricity services

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SPTO (The South Pacific Tourism Organisation)

SPTO is the mandated organisation representing tourism in the region.
It has 17 Government members as well as 200 private sector members.
SPTO's main goals are:

- to improve air and sea access to islands
- to enhance brand "South Pacific"
- to develop capacity of Government and private sector for sustainable tourism

Theme:

- Tourism

Keywords:

Marketing planning, Pacific brand management, South Pacific specialist program, internet marketing, private sector membership program, tourism sustainable development, tourism statistics, tourism resource centre, planning & policy support, project design & development, product & services delivery, regional statistical analysis, NTO bi annual benchmarking survey, market sector studies, overseas representation, web site development & promotion, industry & stakeholder workshops, project management/implementation services, consultancy database, regional cooperation strengthening, policy & planning

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OTHER ORGANISATIONS

PIPSO (Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation)

The Pacific Islands Private Sector Organization was established by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in 2005, to ensure effective private sector representation in regional policy making processes and relevant business development activities.

PIPSO goals/roles:
- Facilitate private sector development
- Regional policy making
- Advocate the interests of the private sector at regional and international forums
- Facilitate private public sector dialogue
- Improve the capacity of members to engage in dialogue with Governments
- Strengthen the capacity of members to develop strategic policies
- Improve the capacity of members to engage with development partners

Keywords:
Private sector development, governments partnerships, regional & international agencies partnerships, National Private Sector Organization (NPSO), capacity building, technical support, strategic policies development, funding support, Trade Pasifika, fisheries working group, agriculture working group, trade services working group, manufacturing working group, tourism working group, business linkage

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PIDF (The Pacific Islands Development Forum)

PIDF is a space for catalysing, mobilizing and mainstreaming action in support of sustainable development through a green economy in Pacific Island Countries. It is a unique platform bringing together leaders from the public and private sectors and civil society to address regional development challenges, through mutually beneficial innovative partnerships.

Keywords:

Sustainable development, innovative partnerships, green economy, South-South cooperation, regional & global processes link, mining & energy, fisheries & forestry, tourism, agriculture, manufacturing & trade, transport & infrastructure, health & disaster prevention

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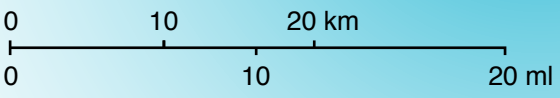

AMERICAN SAMOA

GEOGRAPHY

American Samoa comprises five islands and two atolls, located in the South Pacific Ocean about half way between Hawaii and New Zealand. Until World War II the United States operated a coaling station and naval base in Pago Pago. During the war, the islands were an important U.S. Marines staging area. American Samoa islands are vulnerable to climate change. There are limited natural freshwater resources in American Samoa and these may be adversely affected by a rise in the level of saltwater penetration under the islands caused by sea level rises.

Land area	**199 km²**
EEZ	**390, 000 km²**
Capital	**Pago Pago**
Population	**65,900 (2010 est.)**
Population growth rate	**1.6% (2010-15 est.)**
Age of the population	**34.1% under the age of 15 years old (2012)**
Infant mortality rate	**11.3 / 1,000 live births (2010-15 est.)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 69.3 years; Female: 75.9 years**
Languages	**Samoan and English**
Time zone	**GMT –11**

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http://www.sprep.org/American-Samoa/american-samoa-pein

http://www.infoplease.com/country/american-samoa.html

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Tuna canning, tourism**
Exports	**Canned tuna (more than 90%), fresh fruit and vegetables. Amount: US $ 374 million ; € 275.18 million (Fiscal Year 2005)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**73.91 (FY 2005)**
Key exchange countries	**Samoa, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, United States (2004)**
GDP	**per capita US $ 9,041; € 6,653 (2005 est.)**
Monthly minimum wage	**US $ 4.18 to 5.59; € 3.07 to 5.59 per hour (depending on the industry) source: http://www.dol.gov/whd/minwage/americanSamoa/ASminwagePoster.pdf**

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POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

American Samoa is an unincorporated territory of the United States and follows the US State model of government.
The Head of State is the President of the United States and the Head of Government is the Governor who is elected by popular vote every four years.
The Legislative branch or American Samoa Fono is bicameral, with a Senate of 18 members and a House of Representatives of 21 members. The Senators are matais or chiefs chosen by 12 county councils in accordance with Samoan custom and serve four years.
American Samoa has an elected delegate to the US Congress, who is a member of the US House of Representatives but does not have voting rights.
The judicial branch consists of the High court of American Samoa, district courts and village courts.
Residents of American Samoa are not US citizens.
Since, American Samoa has its own immigration laws, entry into American Samoa by foreigners does not constitute entry into the US.

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Health care system

The Department of Health and the Hospital Division co-exist as two separate systems.
The Department of Health is responsible for public health issues, communicable disease control and health dispensaries at district and community levels.
The national hospital in Pago Pago is under the management of the Hospital Board, designated by the Governor, and is subject to the federal rules and regulations of the United States of America, which means that the hospital does not have to report to the Department of Health. Nevertheless, coordination between the Department of Health and the hospital is generally well conducted at the technical level. Most public health programmes continue to be funded by federal grants.
The Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) Tropical Medical Center is a regional acute care facility, it serves the entire population of Tutuila, Aunu'u and the Manu'a Islands. LBJ offers a full-range of primary care services and some subspecialty services to the population of American Samoa. It is a semi-autonomous agency of the American Samoa Government and is funded primarily through Medicaid/Medicare Block Grants, the U.S. Department of Interior funding, and the (local) American Samoa Government appropriations.

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UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

ASCC (American Samoa Community College)

ASCC was established in 1970 to provide post-secondary education to the residents of American Samoa. ASCC mission "is to foster successful student learning by providing educational programs and high quality services of high quality that will enable students to achieve their educational goals and to contribute to the social, cultural, political, economic, technological, and environmental well-being of American Samoa."

ASCC includes:
- The agriculture community and natural resources department,
- The business department,
- The college and life planning department,
- The criminal justice department,
- The English language institute department,
- The fine arts department,
- The health and human services department,
- The language and literature department,
- The mathematics department,
- The nursing department,
- The physical education department,
- The Samoan studies department,
- The science department,
- The social science department

Keywords:
Education, agriculture & life science, languages & literature, business, mathematics, trades & technology, army reserve officers training corps, Samoan studies, nursing, social science, science, health & human services, fine arts, business

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OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The American Samoa Community Cancer Coalition

The American Samoa Community Cancer Coalition is a non-profit organization that works to help reduce the incidence of cancer morbidity and mortality in American Samoa.

Keywords:
Cancer, Cancer awareness & prevention education

Contact

American Samoa Community Cancer Coalition
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http://www.asccancercoalition.org/

The National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa

The National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa is one of 14 federally designated underwater areas protected by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. The National Marine Sanctuary Program supports research in all of its sites. Research plays a role in management by supplying information needed to make resource protection decisions based on hard scientific data.

Keywords:
Coral reef research & monitoring, marine mammals research & monitoring, education & outreach activities, marine science, marine sanctuary

Contact

National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa
PO Box 4318 - Pago Pago - American Samoa 96799
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Email: fagatelebay@noaa.gov
http://americansamoa.noaa.gov/

MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS

Department of Administrative Services

The Department of Administrative Services supports the American Samoa Government and public with Territorial archives & records management, Government Mail and Printing; Executive office building and ASG Housing management with Security as well as USDA Meat Inspections.

Keywords:
Administrative Services, USDA meat inspections

Contact

Department of Administrative Services
Executive Office Building - Utulei - 3rd floor
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Department of Agriculture

The mission of the Department of Agriculture is to promote, direct, and assist the efforts of American Samoa's farmers to attain a high level of diversified food production to supply the needs of the Territory's residents for fresh, good quality, and low-cost food products, thus reducing the Territory's dependence on imported foods.

Keywords:
Agriculture, food production, food security, food processing

Contact

Department of Agriculture
American Samoa Government
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Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce is comprised of six divisions, each with specific missions and goals that contribute to the overall mandate of the Department. The Department is continually working on ways to improve its service not only for its local people on island but also to national and international communities abroad.

Keywords:
Commerce, economic development, planning& grants, resource management, National Marine Sanctuary, Coastal Management Program, Tafuna Industrial Park

Contact
Department of Commerce
American Samoa Government
A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building
Utulei - American Samoa 96799
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http://doc.as.gov/

Department of Education and training

The mission of the Department of Education is to ensure student success by providing high quality teaching and learning opportunities to all American Samoa children.

Keywords:
Education, school

Contact
American Samoa Department of Education
Department of education, Utulei
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Tel: +684 633 5237; Fax: +684 633 4240
http://www.doe.as/

Department of Homeland Security

The Department mission is to enhance the overall security of American Samoa.

Keywords:
Security, natural disasters, TECMO, security operations plan, emergency operation center, vital statistics

Contact
American Samoa Department of Homeland Security
Pago Pago - American Samoa 96799
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Department of Human Resources

The Department mission is to implement a human resource management system that ensures equality for the American Samoa Government in the selection, development, training, management and recognition of a high quality workforce in compliance with established law and merit system principles. And also, to develop and execute innovative, relevant and “just-in-time” training to enhance work competencies for American Samoa Government employees while creating knowledge management systems and succession development programs to preserve subject matter expertise and institutional knowledge.

Keywords:
Human resources, training

Contact

Department of Human Resources
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Department of Human & Social Services

The Department mission is to provide the best possible services and resources to improve the lives of the people of American Samoa.

Keywords:
Human & social services, nutrition assistance, child care, family services

Contact

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Department of Human & Social Services
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Pago Pago - American Samoa 96799
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http://www.dhss.as/

Department of Legal Affairs

The Department of Legal Affairs aims to protect and advance the safety, interests, and quality of life of the people of American Samoa by ensuring the fair and impartial administration of justice. The Department envisions a legal system based on excellence, integrity and is just and accessible to all residents of the Territory of American Samoa.

Keywords:
Legal affairs, laws

Contact

Department of Legal Affairs (Office of the Attorney General)
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Department of Marine & Wildlife

The mission of the Department of Marine & Wildlife is to Manage, Protect, Preserve and Perpetuate the Marine and Wildlife Resources in the Territory.

Keywords:
Marine &wildlife resources

Contact

Department of Marine & Wildlife Resources
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Department of Parks & Recreation

Keywords:
Natural parks, recreation, parks system

Contact

Department of Parks & Recreation
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Department of Public Health

The mission of the Department is to effectively and efficiently deploy available public health, human and material resources, to promote physical and mental health, and prevent disease, injury, and disability in American Samoa.

Keywords:
Health, Public health

Contact

American Samoa Government
Pago Pago - American Samoa 96799
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Department of Public Information

The mission of the Office of Public Information is to disseminate news of local and international happenings, broadcast programs on television to supplement the curriculum of the Department of Education, and to produce and broadcast programs to promote local awareness of government policies and programs.

Keywords:
Information, KVZK

Contact

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Department of Public Works

The mission of the Department of Public Works is to provide the people of American Samoa with top quality public infrastructure along with maintenance and engineering services that are efficient, effective, supportive and reliable.

Keywords:
Public works, public infrastructure, engineering services

Contact

American Samoa Government
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Department of Samoan Affairs

The Department of Local Government, Office of Samoan Affairs is dedicated to promoting peace and harmony within the Territory, and to ensure that the village council actions are not in conflict with the Laws of the Territory.

Keywords:
Samoan affairs, Samoan culture & language

Contact

American Samoa Government
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Department of Treasury

The Treasury Department of the American Samoa Government holds that it is its mission, through the generation, collection and distribution of revenue, to provide American Samoa with the highest level of services in all areas and at all times while exhibiting courtesy and professionalism and applying the laws of the Territory with integrity and fairness to all.

Keywords:
Treasury, finance, economy

Contact

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Department of Youth & Women's Affairs

The mission of the Department is to plan, design, implement, and evaluate educational programs, training seminars, cultural programs, and information networks to empower the youth and women of American Samoa.

Keywords:
Women &Youth education, Women &Youth training

Contact

American Samoa Government
Department of Youth & Women's Affairs
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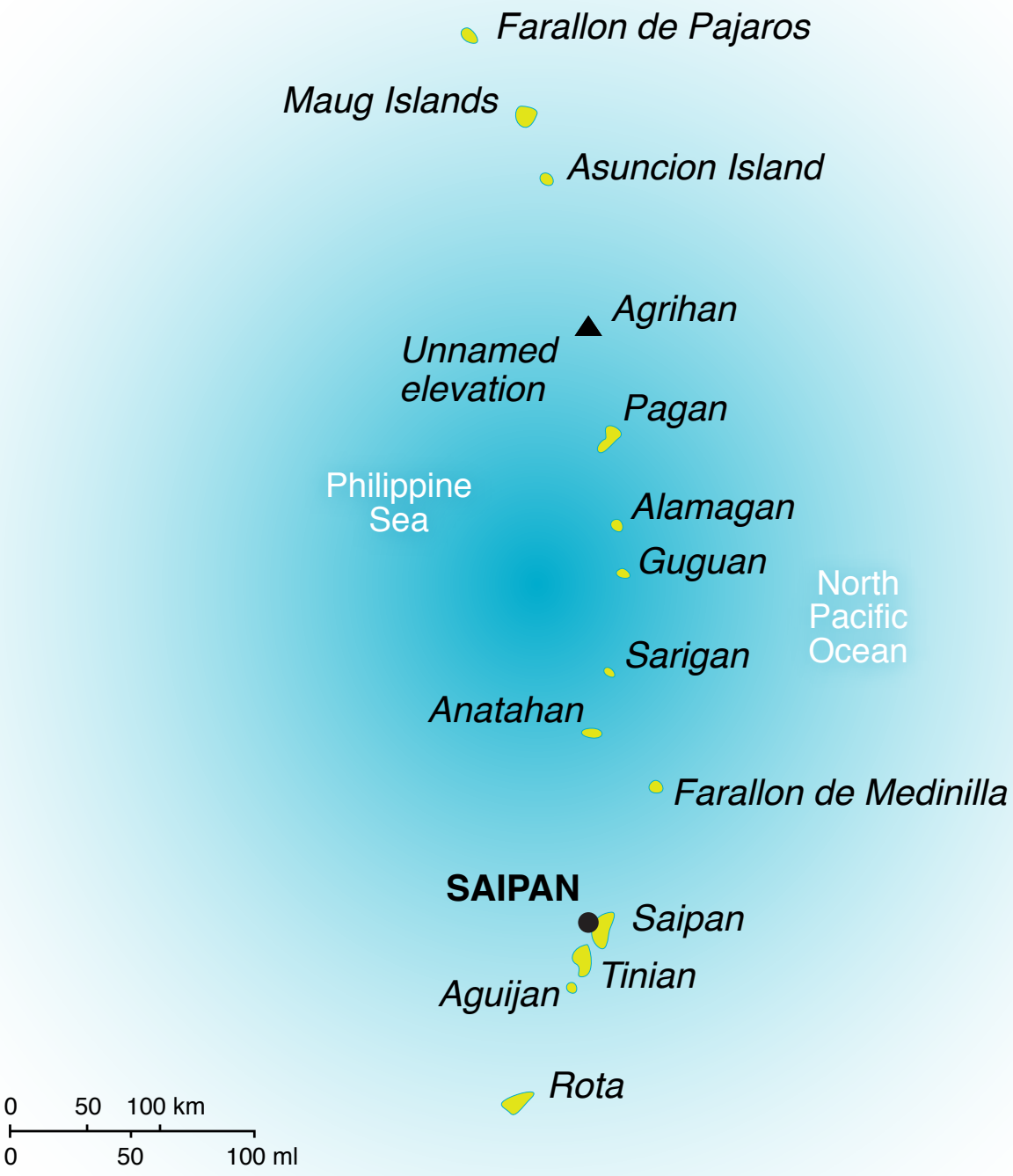

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

GEOGRAPHY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) consists of a volcanic and limestone archipelago of 14 islands,Saipan, Rota, and Tinian are the main islands. CNMI is located north of Guam. Despite its direct contacts with the United States, CNMI is exempt from US minimum wage and immigration laws.This has benefited the billion-dollar garment trade industry, since it employs migrant workers from countries such as China and the Philippines. However, China's accession to the World Trade Organisation, and the consequent lifting of restrictions on Chinese imports into the US, as well as the passing of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 by the US Congress, led to some factory closures, damaging the islands economy. A tourism downturn also adds to the island's economic troubles.

Land area	**457 km²**
EEZ	**777, 000 km²**
Capital	**Saipan**
Population	**61, 000 (2011 est.)**
Population growth rate	**1.9% (2010-15 est.)**
Age of the population	**26.0% under the age of 15 years old (2012)**
Infant mortality rate	**6.5/1,000 live births (2008)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 73. 5 years; Female: 77. 1 years**
Languages	**English (official), Chamarro (official), Carolinian, Philippine languages, other Pacific Island languages**
Time zone	**GMT +10**

> Sources:

http://www.spc.int/sppu/images/countryprofiles/cnmi%20country%20profile%20final.pdf

https://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Northern%20Mariana%20Islands

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/cnmi/cnmi_brief.html

http://asiasociety.org/countries/country-profiles/northern-mariana-islands

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Tourism, clothing industry**
Exports	**Garnments. Amount: US $ 486 million; € 353.2 million (2006)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**–**
Key exchange countries	**United States**
GDP	**per capita US $ 13,600; € 9,945 (2010 est.)**
Monthly minimum wage	**US $ 6.05; € 4.91 per hour**

> Sources:

http://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/posters/cnmi.pdf

http://www.spc.int/sppu/images/countryprofiles/cnmi%20country%20profile%20final.pdf

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/cq.html

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

The Commonwealth Of The Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is a territory of the United States of America. The US President is its Head of State and the Head of Government is the Governor of CNMI, which serves for a four-year term.
A Covenant to establish a Commonwealth in Political Union with the United States, conferring US citizenship on the islands' residents, was approved by the US Congress in 1975 and came into force on 24 March 1976. The Covenant became fully effective on 4 November 1986. The Commonwealth Of The Northern Mariana Islands became self-governing under its own constitution in 1978 with a locally elected governor, lieutenant governor, and legislature.
The country has a bicameral legislature consisting of an 18 member House of Representatives and a nine-member Senate.
Under the US Constitution, residents of unincorporated territories such as CNMI do not vote in elections for the US President and Vice President. The Northern Mariana Islands has a non-voting delegate in the US Congress, currently Gregorio Camacho Sablan, who was elected in 2008.
The judicial branch consists of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianna Island, the US Federal District Court and the Superior Court.

> Sources:

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/cnmi/cnmi_brief.html

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/cq.html

Health care system

The Department of Public Health is the sole provider of comprehensive health care services and, through its primary health care facility, the Commonwealth Health Center (CHC) on the island of Saipan, provides a wide range of preventive and curative health services aimed at protecting and improving the health and quality of life of the population. Almost all CHC physicians are from the United States of America or Canada.

> Sources:

http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/mnp/23MAIpro2011_finaldraft.pdf

Research

The Fish and Wildlife Division in the Department of Natural Resources, is in charge of the conservation of fish, game, and endangered species, and for other purposes according to the Public law 2-51.The division also delivers scientific permits.

RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

CREES (Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service)*

CREES provides quality technical programs, services and information to benefit the people, the environment and the economy of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. With continuous interaction, collaboration and a unified direction, the department is dedicated to help improving the economic well-being, living conditions, and overall quality of life of its stakeholders. Their stakeholders include famers, families, youth, individuals, government agencies, and various ethnic communities.
**A part of the Northern Marianas college.*

Keywords:
Agriculture research & extension programs, family consumer sciences programs, non-communicable diseases, expanded food &nutrition education, livestock improvement, climate change

Contact

Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service (Terlaje Campus)
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Tel: +670 234 5498 Ext. 6840 (Saipan) or 532 / 9513 (Rota) or 433 0639 (Tinian);
Fax: +670 234 0054
Email: crees@marianas.edu
Online form: http://crees.org/contacts.asp?secID=3
http://crees.org/

PMRI (The Pacific Marine Resources Institute)

PMRI is a non-profit environmental organization based on Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands. They are dedicated to work in partnership with Pacific nations, states, and communities to assess, monitor, and manage their precious biological resources for sustainable use.
PMRI works on different location: CNMI, Guam, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and American Samoa.

Keywords:
Cetacean standing program, marine research, fisheries research, MCT, PIMPAC, MIC

Contact

Pacific Marine Resources Institute
PMB 1156 PO Box 10003 - Saipan - MP 96950 - USA
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http://www.pacmares.com/home/

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

Northern Marianas College

Northern Marianas College mission is “to provide high quality, affordable and accessible educational programs and services for the individual and people of the Commonwealth.” It includes:
- The school of education
- The business department
- The nursing department
- The language and humanities department
- The sciences, mathematics, health and athletics department
- The social science and fine arts department
- The community development institute (CDI) and
- The cooperative research extension and education service (CREES)

Keywords:
Education, business, nursing, language, humanities, liberal arts, sciences, mathematics, health & athletics programs, social science, fine arts, adult basic education, distance learning education

Contact

Northern Marianas College
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Online form: http://www.nmcnet.edu/content.php?id=523
http://www.nmcnet.edu/

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

CCA (The Commonwealth Cancer Association)

CCA is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to promoting cancer awareness and prevention, providing patient support services, and serving as the liaison and advocate for cancer issues in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the region.

Keywords:
Cancer education, cancer patients support, cancer association

Contact

Commonwealth Cancer Association
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http://www.ccamarianas.org

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands - Division of Fish and Wildlife

The Division of Fish & Wildlife is one of several agencies under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands government.
"Through research, monitoring, regulation, enforcement, planning and management, the Division seeks to ensure the long-term survival and sustainability of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island's natural resources for present and future generations."
The division includes:
- The fisheries section,
- The wildlife section,
- The enforcement section,
- The boating access program
- The brown tree snake program and,
- The turtle program.

Keywords:
Monitoring & assessment of protected areas, research & monitoring activities, conservation & recreation program, natural resources protection, boating facilities maintenance, sea turtle program, brown tree snake program, community outreach and education

Contact

Division of Fish and Wildlife Lower Base
PO Box 10007 - Saipan- MP 96950
Tel: +670 664 6000 or 6004; Fax: +670 664 6060
Email: saipandfwrose@yahoo.com (administration)
or dfwenforcement@gmail.com (enforcement division)
http://www.cnmi-dfw.org/

MINA (Mariana Islands Nature Alliance)

MINA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the diverse natural resources of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Keywords:
Natural resources conservation, marine debris prevention program, environmental camp program, Tasi Watch project, Micronesia challenge, Managaha marine conservation area, CoralWatch

Contact

Mariana Islands Nature Alliance
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http://www.minapacific.org/

MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS

Department of Finance

The Department of Finance consists of three divisions: Revenue & Taxation, Procurement & Supply and Customs.

Keywords:
Finance, taxation, customs

Contact

Department of finance
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Department of Community and Cultural Affairs

The mission of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs is to oversee CNMI functions in the area of human and social services, historic and landmark conservation and preservation, and activities to preserve the Chamorro and Carolinian heritages and traditions.

Keywords:
Community & cultural affairs, Human & social services, Youth services division, office on aging

Contact

Department of community & cultural affairs
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Department of Lands and Natural Resources

The Department consists of several divisions such as the division of agriculture, the division of animal health and industry, the division of fish and wildlife, the division of plant industry…

Keywords:
Agriculture, fish and wildlife, animal health & industry, land registration & survey, parks & recreation, plant industry, Soil and Water Conservation District, forestry

Contact

Department of Lands and Natural Resources
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Department of Commerce

The Department aims to develop sound solutions that would help stimulate the Commonwealth Economy by promoting a favorable business environment, attract private capital investment, infrastructure investment, research grants, and job development.

Keywords:
Economic development, business, enforcement & compliance, banking, employer & employees financial protection, commerce regulations

Contact

CNMI Department of Commerce
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www.commerce.gov.mp

Department of Public Works

The Department consists of three main divisions: the building safety division, the road and facilities division and the solid waste management division.

Keywords:
Public works, solid waste managements, building safety rules & regulations, road and facilities rules & regulations

Contact

CNMI Department of Public works
Caller Box 10007 - 2nd floor - Gualo Rai - Joeten Commercial building
Saipan - MP 96950
Tel: +671 235 5827 / 5828; Fax: +670 235 6346

Department of Public Lands

The mission of the Department of Public Lands, is to develop and adopt a strategic land use plan that promotes cultural and economic growth for the benefit of CNMI's present and future generations.

Keywords:
Public lands management, commercial leasing, homesteading program implementation & creation, planning

Contact

Department of public lands
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Email: dpl@dpl.gov.mp
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Department of Public Health

The mission of the Department is to provide compassionate, quality health care and promote health for all people in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Keywords:
Health, public health, health care

Contact

Department of Public Health
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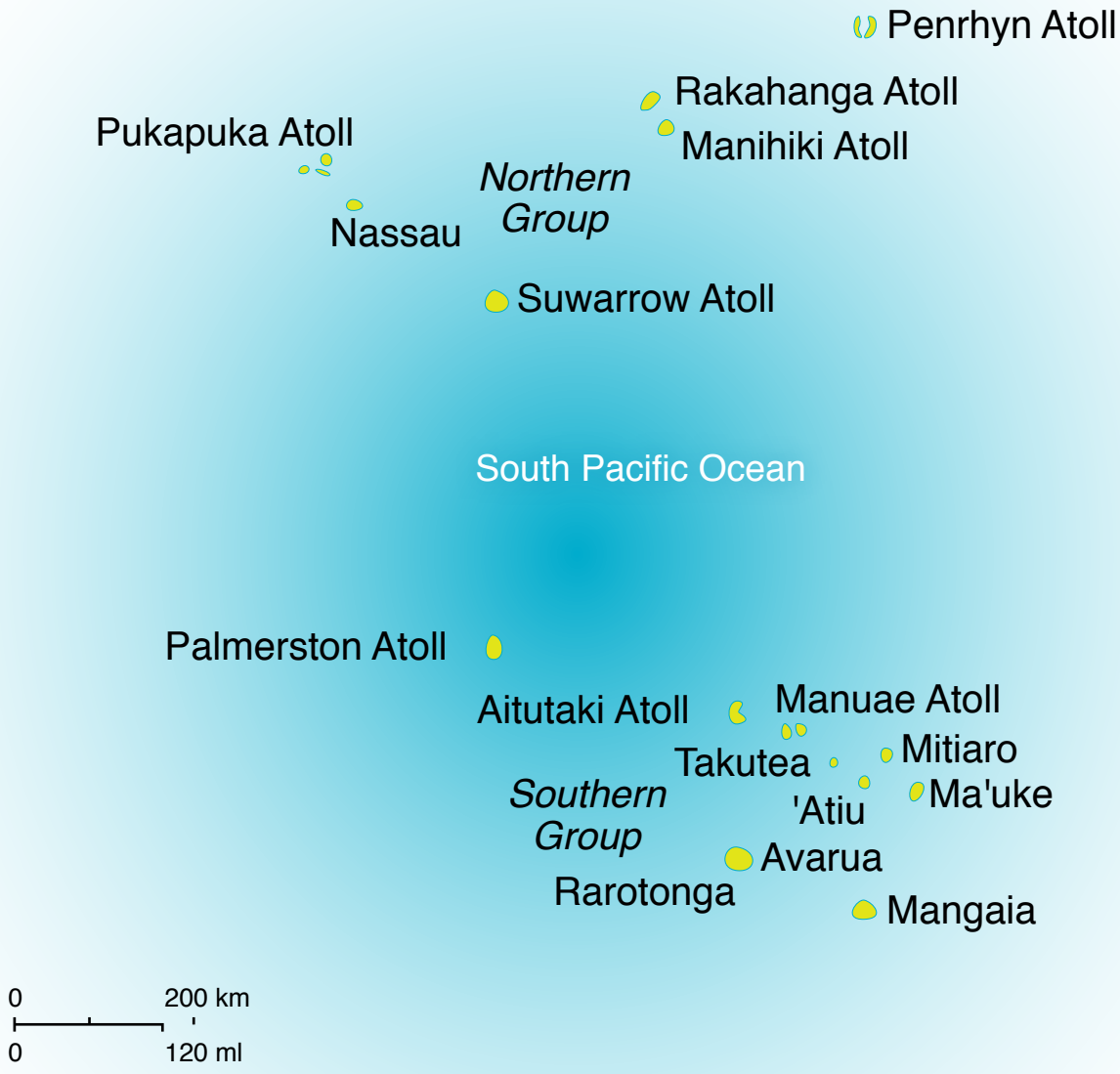

COOK ISLANDS

GEOGRAPHY

The Cook Islands includes 15 widely-dispersed islands in the South Pacific Ocean. Rarotonga (the main island) is about 3,010 km northeast of Auckland, 1,140 km southwest of Tahiti, 2,300km east of Fiji and 4,730 km south of Hawaii. The country is broadly divided into Southern and Northern Groups. The Southern Group possesses about 90 percent of the total land area of the Cook Islands. All of the Northern Group's islands (except Nassau), are low-lying coral atolls with sparse vegetation and large lagoons. The indigenous population of the Cook Islands is the Cook Islands Maori, Polynesians closely related ethnically to the indigenous populations of Tahiti and nearby islands and to the New Zealand Maori.

Land area	**240 km²**
EEZ	**1,830,000 km²**
Capital	**Avarua (on Rarotonga)**
Population	**14,974 resident (2011 census)**
Population growth rate	**-3.07% (2013 est.)**
Age of the population	**29% under the age of 15 years old (2011 census)**
Infant mortality rate	**7.1/1,000 live births (2009)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 70 years: Female: 73 years**
Languages	**Cook Islands Maori and English**
Time zone	**GMT –10**

> Sources:

http://www.cook-islands.gov.ck/cook-islands.php

http://www.who.int/countries/cok/en/

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/cw.html

http://www.wpro.who.int/health_services/service_delivery_profile_cook_islands.pdf

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Tourism, black pearl culture, agriculture and fisheries**
Exports	**Black pearls, pearl shells, fish, copra, papayas, fresh and canned citrus fruit. Amount: $ 4 million; € 2. 402 million (2011)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**2.90% (2011)**
Key exchange countries	**Japan, New Zealand, United States, Australia**
GDP	**Per capita $ NZ 14,623; € 8,775 (2009)**
Monthly minimum wage	**$ NZ 5; € 3 per hour**

> Sources:

http://www.mfem.gov.ck/key-economic-indicators

http://secretariat.thecommonwealth.org/YearbookInternal/140411/140412/cook_islands/

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Cook-Islands.php

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

The country is a State in free association with New Zealand (Independence gained on 4 August 1965).Under the terms of the free association, Cook Islanders hold New Zealand citizenship and enjoy the right of free access to New Zealand. The Cook Islands retains close links with New Zealand.While the Constitution provides for New Zealand to be responsible for defense and some aspects of international relation, this can only be enacted upon request by the Government of the Cook Islands. The Government is responsible for enacting legislation and is fully competent to enter into international agreement and conduct its own international relation.

- The Head of State is Her Majesty the Queen, Elizabeth II, who is represented by the Queen's Representative.
- The Head of Government is the Prime Minister.
- The Cook Islands has a unicameral parliament with 24 elected members and a parliamentary term of four years. There is also a 15-member House of Ariki (chiefs), they advise the Government on land use and customary issues.

> Sources:

https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/cook_islands/cook_islands_brief.html

http://www.cook-islands.gov.ck/parliament.php

Relationships/links with Europe

The Cook Islands joined the African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) grouping in 2000. The Country Strategy Paper for the Cook Islands (2008-2013) presents the strategic framework for cooperation between the European Commission and the Cook Islands under the 10th European Development Fund (EDF).
Additional aid will be granted for promoting regional integration and trade-related issues, such as the implementation of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).
The European Commission's total allocation foreseen for the Cook Islands under 10th EDF funding amounts to €3.3 million.
The main focus areas for EU assistance and cooperation are:

- the environment (supporting the government's environmental protection policy)
- water and energy (improving wastewater treatment and sewer collection capacity)
- climate change assistance (financed through the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA))

All EU projects in the country will also address cross-cutting issues such as democracy, good governance, human rights, the rights of children and indigenous people, gender equality, environmental sustainability and the fight against HIV/AIDS.

> Sources:

http://eeas.europa.eu/cook_islands/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/cook-islands/cook-islands_en.htm

Health care system

Cook Islands Health care services are provided through a system of child welfare clinics, dental clinics, health centres and one general hospital on the main island of Rarotonga. The Ministry of Health is the main provider of health care in Cook Islands, has a regulatory function in protecting public health, and is engaged in environment, water and sanitation. Health services range from public health (inclusive of primary care) to secondary care.

Overall, Cook Islands is relatively well equipped to provide basic primary and secondary level care. Cook Islands delivers an adequate range of general clinical services in the core areas of surgery, medicine, anaesthetics, obstetrics, gynaecology, ophthalmology and paediatrics. These services are supplemented by visiting specialist teams and access to tertiary services is through referral to overseas providers. There are a small number of private providers.

Funding for health services in Cook Islands comes primarily from Government (93% in 2012) with minimal overseas donor assistance.

The User Fees Policy applies to all users who are identified and managed through the health system, or through registered private general practitioners in Cook Islands. User fees are collected to improve the efficiency of health care delivery and to partly recover the costs of health care provision.

Research

The research policy has been developed by government with assistance from the Health Research Council of New Zealand. The purpose of the research policy is to safeguard the interests of the Cook Islands people and their unique resources.

The policy adheres to six main principles. Briefly, these are; all research to be subject to local laws including international obligations, researchers must communicate with and abide by the procedures set down, a research manager will oversee operational processes, all approved researchers must abide by and comply with the set requirements, the Research Council is to act as facilitator between all parties and the Research Council will facilitate researcher's concerns and appeals, take any enforcement action necessary and be an advocate for government's and stakeholder's interests.

Intending researchers should contact the office of Prime Minister (Research Section) for permission to undertake research, or contact on email tina.samson@cookislands.gov.ck

> Source:

http://www.ciherald.co.ck/articles/t167d.htm

RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

The Cook Islands Whale and Wildlife Centre

This centre serves as an educational experience for locals, tourists, students, interns, visiting scientists, volunteers and government officials. The CCRC also raises public awareness of marine conservation issues (especially those concerning cetaceans) and it conducts and facilitates benign research on whales and dolphins.

Keywords:
Marine conservation, cetacean research, cetacean conservation, educational documentary films production

Contact
Cook Islands Whale Research (CCRC)
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www.whaleresearch.org

UNIVERSITIES

The University of the South Pacific (Cook Islands Campus)

The USP Cook Islands centre was officially established in 1975.The current campus buildings were opened at Takamoa in 2012.Around 80% of Cook Islands USP graduates have remained in-country and contribute significantly to Cook Islands development. Around 20% have proceeded overseas for postgraduate studies at world renowned universities.

Themes:
- At present, USP students on Rarotonga have access to the full range of distance education courses provided by the University.

Keywords:
Distance education, accounting, management, education, economics, law, sciences, computing &information systems, diplomacy & international affairs, commerce, climate change, environment technology, early childhood education

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http://www.usp.ac.fj/

MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS

Ministry of Health

The Ministry's mission is "to provide accessible, affordable health care and equitable health services of the highest quality, by and for all in order to improve the health status of people living in the Cook Islands".

Keywords:
Health, public health, mental health

Contact

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Ministry of Agriculture

The Cook Islands Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for agricultural development, legislation and sustainability in the Cook Islands.

Keywords:
Agriculture, environment, biosecurity, research, livestock management

Contact

Ministry of Agriculture Cook Islands
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Ministry of Cultural Development

The main business of the Ministry is the preservation, enhancement and perpetuation of the Cook Islands culture.

Keywords:
Culture, national museum, cultural heritage

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Ministry of Education

The Ministry's mission statement is "Excellence in citizenship through educational empowerment.

Keywords:
Education, early childhood education, training program, e-learning

Contact

Ministry of Education
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Ministry of Finance & Economic Management

The Ministry serves 4 separate functions: 1) Treasury Operations concerning Fiscal and financial management of public expenditure, 2) Revenue collection, 3) Collection and dissemination of statistics and, 4) Responsible for the planning and overall management of donor program and project activities.

Keywords:
Finance, taxation, fiscal advice, statistics, treasury

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Immigration

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration is the principal adviser on foreign and trade policy issues to the Cook Islands government and maintains and enforces the Cook Islands Immigration laws.

Keywords:
Foreign affairs, immigration, regional& international relations

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Ministry of Internal Affairs

The Ministry aims to improve the social wellbeing of all Cook Islanders and, support economic enablers through regulation of employer and businesses.

Keywords:
Internal affairs, social policy & services, welfare services, civil services, community services, labour policy

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Ministry of Justice

The Ministry's vision statement is: "to provide accurate, proficient and effective customer services through administering just and equal laws and legislation that continue to promote a safe and fair society within the Cook Islands and to provide a more reliable, accessible and sustainable land administration system and a fair, well organised judicial system working in an electronic environment."

Keywords:
Justice, courts & tribunals, land information, registry, prison & probation services

Contact

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Ministry of Marine Resources

The Ministry of Marine Resources aims to provide expert assistance that leads to the optimal performance of the Cook Islands marine sector.

Keywords:
Marine resources, inshore & offshore fisheries, aquaculture, pearl industry support, fishing regulation

Contact

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Ministry of Infrastructure & Planning

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Planning (renamed Infrastructure Cook Islands in 2013) serves four main outputs, 1) Building Control , 2) Civil Works, 3) Funding & Planning, and 4) Policy & Programmes that administers across all of the Cook Islands.

Keywords:
Infrastructure development, urban planning, land management, building control, civil works

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Office of the Prime Minister

Its mission is to provide sound leadership and direction in the pursuit of sustainable development and national well-being.

Keywords:
Central policy & planning, emergency management, ICT, renewable energy development, cabinet services

Contact

Office of the Prime Minister
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Ministry of Transport

One of the main missions of the Ministry is to promote safety and security of transport.

Keywords:
Civil aviation, maritime division, liquor licensing, meteorological service

Contact

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OTHER ORGANISATIONS

TIS (Te Ipukarea Society)

Te Ipukarea Society is a non-government environment organisation or Civil Society organisation. They are a membership-based organisation made up of individuals who believe in the need to maintain a healthy and beautiful environment.

Themes:

TIS has a strategic plan with core areas of focus which are Biodiversity, Waste, Ecologically Sustainable Development and Youth.

Keywords:

Biodiversity projects, waste projects, ecologically sustainable development projects, youth projects

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Te Ipukarea Society
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CIMTECH (Cook Islands Medical Technologies)**

CIMTECH is a natural products research and development company that draws on the traditional medicines of the Cook Islands to bring new natural beauty skincare, cosmeceuticals, dermatological and pharmaceutical products to the market.

Themes:

- The company is currently focused on identifying and isolating active pharmaceuticals within the botanical plants.

Keywords:

Bone regeneration, dermatological product development, natural skincare products

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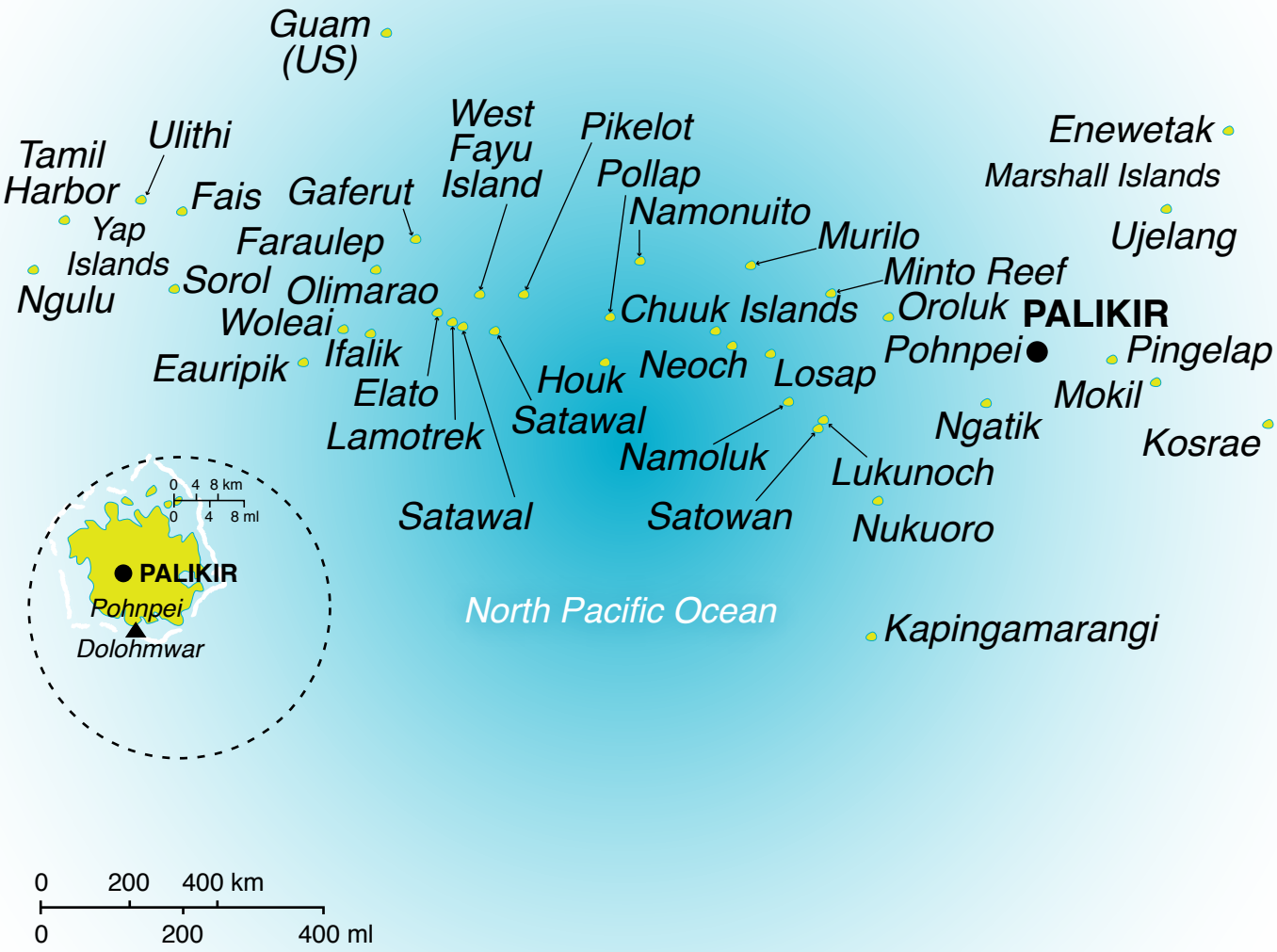
***An Australian company but has processing facility and laboratory on Rarotonga.*



THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

GEOGRAPHY

The Federated States of Micronesia is situated in the western Pacific Ocean and consists of four mountainous volcanic islands and 38 coral atolls and lone low-lying carbonate islands scattered over some 3 million km² of ocean. There are four states: Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap. Each state has distinct cultures, traditions and identities, but there are also common cultural and economic bonds that are centuries old.

Land area	**702 km²**
EEZ	**2, 978, 000 km²**
Capital	**Palikir**
Population	**105, 681 (July 2014 est.)**
Population growth rate	**-0.38% (2013 est.)**
Age of the population	**35.6% under the age of 15 years old (2012)**
Infant mortality rate	**22.71/1,000 live births**
Life expectancy	**Male: 70.09 years; Female: 74.16 (2013 est.)**
Languages	**English (official and common language), Yapese, Ulithian, Woleaian, Satawalese, Puluwatese, Namonuito, Chuukese, Paafeng, Mortlockese, Pohnpeian, Ngatikese, Nukuoro, Kapingamarangi, Mokilese, Pingelapese and Kosraean.**
Time zone	**GMT +10 and +11**

> Sources:
http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Micronesia%20%28Federated%20States%20of%29
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/fm.html
http://secretariat.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/191502/159364/148310/148398/micronesia/
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/countrycooperation/micronesia/micronesia_en.htm
http://www.visit-micronesia.fm/about/index.html

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Agriculture, fishery**
Exports	**Copra, bananas, black pepper, fish and garments. Amount: $ US 3.4 million; € 2.47 million (2006)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**2.46% (2006)**
Key exchange countries	**Japan, United States, Australia, Guam**
GDP	**Per capita $ US 2,813; € 2,043**
Monthly minimum wage	**An average of $ US 1.57; € 1.14 (for government workers)**

> Sources:
http://secretariat.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/191502/159364/148310/148398/micronesia/
http://www.spc.int/sppu/images/COUNTRYPROFILES/fsm%20country%20profile%20final.pdf
http://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/2010/eap/154393.htm

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is an independent country in a Compact of Free Association with the United States. Under the Compact of Free Association, FSM controls domestic and foreign policy, but not defence and security, for which the United States is responsible.
The country has an American-style constitution adopted in 1978 which provides for a government composed of an executive branch, a legislative branch and a judicial branch. Each of the four states (Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and Kosrae) has its own constitution, an elected governor, a lieutenant governor and, except for Chuuk, a unicameral legislature.
The executive branch:
The President is both Head of State and Head of Government. Both the President and the Vice-President are elected by the Congress from among its four-year members and both serve a four-year term. An appointed cabinet supports the President and Vice President.
The legislative branch:
The National Congress is unicameral and consists of 14 members. Four senators – one from each state – serve four-year terms. The remaining ten members represent single member districts based on population and serve two-year terms.
The Judicial Branch of the National Government is headed by the FSM Supreme Court.

> Source:
http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fsm/fsm_brief.html, http://fsmgov.org/info/govt.html)

Relationships/links with Europe

The Federated States of Micronesia joined the African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) group in 2000. Under the Cotonou Agreement and following the Country Strategy Paper, FSM benefits from the 10th European Development Fund (FED), with a total budget of €8.3m for 2008-13. The Federated States of Micronesia relies mostly on imported fossil fuels, which places an increasing strain on the economy. EC assistance under the 10th EDF will concentrate on the energy sector, in particular the provision of renewable sources of energy, in order to help the government to develop an adequate, equitable and secure supply of energy throughout the country. EU assistance and cooperation also focuses on:
- Disaster risk reduction.
- Fisheries – the EU–FSM Fisheries Partnership Agreement came into force in 2007, and in 2010 a new 5-year protocol was signed with a yearly financial contribution fixed at €559,000.
- Environmental issues– especially in relation to climate change.
- Conservation– FSM, along with Palau and the Republic of Marshall Islands, launched the Micronesia Challenge to effectively conserve 30% of near-shore marine resources and 20% of forest resources by 2020.

> Sources:
http://eeas.europa.eu/micronesia_fed_state/index_en.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/micronesia/micronesia_en.htm

Health care system

Federated States of Micronesia citizens enjoy a level of health care which is high in comparison to the rest of the Pacific Region. The US Public Health Service provides doctors at the four State hospitals, and Micronesians are taking their place in the system through such programs as the Medical Officer Training Program in Pohnpei.
The health care system mirrors the government structure (National, State and Municipal). The Division of Health of the Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs does not have a direct role in the provision of health services. However, it provides health planning, donor coordination, and technical and training assistance. It also coordinates and manages the preventive medicine and public health programmes funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
The Department of Health Services (DHS) in each State has primary responsibility for curative, preventive and public health services. This responsibility includes the primary health centres. Each State maintains a centrally located hospital which provides a wide range of primary and secondary, preventive and curative services. Minimal tertiary services exist in that the only tertiary service available is haemodialysis and that is only available in the Pohnpei State Hospital.
Dispensaries are located in municipalities and outlying islands and are part of the State Health Department. The dispensaries in the remote islands, where more than 30% of the total population resides, provide Primary Health Care services including acute care services for basic ailments. Services which cannot be provided locally due to staffing, equipment or other deficiencies are referred off-island to health centres in Guam, Manila or Honolulu.

> Sources:
http://www.fsmhealth.fm/PrimaryCareAssessment_05.pdf
http://www.phrha.org/files/CHIPS/Micronesia%20FS%2008.pdf

Research

Within the exclusive economic zone, the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia have jurisdiction with regard to the establishment and use of artificial islands, installations, and structures; marine scientific research; and the protection and preservation of the marine environment.
“No marine scientific research, training or foreign recreational fishing shall be allowed in the exclusive economic zone unless it is in accordance with a valid and applicable permit issued by the Authority on such terms and conditions as it shall require."
For the YAP state:
- Throughout the course of the State's recent history, many scholars and scientists from a variety of academic fields have come to Yap State to study its unique society, culture and traditions.
- Yap State has always welcomed, and will continue to welcome, such persons, including, but not limited to, anthropologists, archaeologists, marine specialists, historians, lawyers, and other social scientists.
- Yap has a strong State interest in ensuring that all such researchers are able to access the data which they need, that they are able to be apprised of any inaccuracies in data collected, that they provide Yap with at least two copies of their final work product, and that they pay Yap a royalty fee on the sale of their final work product.

> Source:
http://www.fsmlaw.org/yap/code/title05/T05_Ch06.htm

RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

YINS (Yap Institute of Natural Science)

The Yap Institute of Natural science is a non-profit research institute that is based in Colonia. YINS is focused on researching sustainable development, natural history and adaptive technology in Yap. The institute is also responsible for providing information on the sustainable use of natural resources on Yap.

Themes:

- The majority of research that YINS has done focuses on fruit bat surveys, fishery studies and mariculture feasibility reports.

Keywords:
Natural resources, sustainable development, natural history, adaptive technology, fishery studies, mariculture, animal surveys, PIMPAC

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UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

The College of Micronesia

The College of Micronesia-FSM is a learner-centered institution of higher education that is committed to the success of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing academic, career and technical education programs characterised by continuous improvement and best practices.
It also includes FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute (FSM-FMI) which is located on the island of Yap. There are three majors offered at FSM-FMI: Navigation, Marine Engineering and Fishing Technology.

Keywords:
Education, accounting, agriculture, business, community health science, marine science, public health, nature science, social science, mathematics, marine engineering, fishing technology

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NORMA (The National Oceanic Resource Management Agency)

NORMA is the primary agency responsible for oceanic fisheries management. Oceanic fisheries management is the total focus of the work of the NORMA.

Keywords:
Fishing agreements implementation, vessel activities monitoring, transhipments monitoring

Contact

National Oceanic Resource Management Authority
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http://www.norma.fm/ (under construction)

The Marine & Environmental Institute of Pohnpei

The Marine and Environmental Institute of Pohnpei is a humanitarian, not-for-profit organization involved at all levels of the development cycle, from simple technology development to community capacity building and technology transfer to income generation and international market development.

Themes:
- Their key objective is to implement sustainable development projects for rural communities in Pohnpei and the Micronesia region.

Keywords:
Sponge farming, pearl farming, marine science, sustainable development projects, marine conservation, low-impact aquaculture, climate changes communities education

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IREI (Island Research and Education Initiative)

The scientific and educational work by IREI is carried out in direct response to specific concerns in specific locales. They identify needs, evaluate problems and develop solution strategies. They also support local efforts and provide technical assistance and conduct research on behalf of community groups, organizations, corporations and government agencies. Their most intensive work takes place in the Federated States of Micronesia, but they have expanded activities to cover other countries in the region.

Keywords:
Research and educational projects, cultural and environmental preservation, geography, ethnography, anthropology, biology, linguistics, arts, philanthropy

DEPARTMENTS

Department of Foreign Affairs

The Department of Foreign Affairs is responsible for the conduct of relations of the Federated States of Micronesia with foreign governments, governmental regional and international organizations, and quasi-governmental organizations. The department is also responsible for the exploration, negotiation and coordination of foreign aid and assistance including representation of the government in appropriate regional and international conferences and meetings.

Keywords:
Foreign affairs, embassies

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Department of Resource & Development

The Department is amongst other things, responsible for the promotion of trade and foreign investment.

Keywords:
Resource & development, statistics

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Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure

The Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, is responsible for the regulation and management of sea and air transportation - Interstate and/or International. The Department also oversees the construction and maintenance of the national government structures.

Keywords:
Transport, infrastructure, communication, civil aviation

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Department of Finance and Administration

The Department of Finance & Administration is responsible for the management of public funds and Administration of the Public Service System for the National Government. It is also the contact point for international finance institutions. The Department manages and oversees five Divisions.

Keywords:
Finance, customs &taxation, investment & international finance, national treasury

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Department of Education

The Department of Education's mission is to provide equal access to education for all citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia and to assist the states by developing guidelines, strategies and implementation plans regarding ICT in education.

Keywords:
Education, early childhood education, special education, teacher certification, student services, technical education

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Department of Health and Social Affairs

The Division of Health has established five strategic health goals with the objective of improving health services:
- to improve primary health care services;
- to improve secondary health care services;
- to prioritize health promotion and services for major health problems;
- to develop a sustainable health care financing mechanism;
- to improve capacity and accountability systems.

Keywords:
Primary health care, public health, public health program, social affairs

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OTHER ORGANISATIONS

CCS (Chuuk Conservation Society)

Chuuk Conservation Society is a locally-based NGO that sends representatives to nearby islands and the US for conferences and fundraising. Its mission statement is to "preserve and protect Chuuk's natural resources to sustain community livelihoods by working with community partners".
CCS has the objectives:
1. to protect cultural and natural resources by establishing a state-wide protected/managed area network;
2. to build the effectiveness and accountability of CCS.

Keywords:
Natural resources protection, marine environnent, PIMPAC

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CSP (The Conservation Society of Pohnpei)

The CSP is the premier conservation organization in the Federated States of Micronesia.
CSP aims:
- to increase community involvement in the conservation and management of Pohnpei's natural resources
- to build local capacity through public and private partnerships; to develop alternatives to unsustainable practices and,
- to promote law and policies that support these objectives.

Keywords:
Marine program, environmental policy program, terrestrial program, education program, PIMPAC

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iREi (Island Research and Education Initiative)

iREi is an organisation committed to upholding the unique environmental and cultural legacies of islands and island peoples. It operates in a multidisciplinary manner, with activities spanning the fields of geoscience, bioscience, ethnography, linguistics, and education. iREi's diverse work can be grouped into research, educational, and awareness programs, which include self-initiated projects, collaborative efforts, as well as contracted technical assistance. Since 2009, iREi has created over 100 different publications and is the foremost developer and publisher of locally-relevant textbooks in the western Pacific region. Their most intensive work takes place in the Federated States of Micronesia, but they have expanded activities to Palau, Marshall Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and other countries.

Keywords:
Research, education, publishing, textbooks, books, cultural and environmental preservation, geography, mapping, GIS, remote sensing, water resources, ethnography, biology, linguistics

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KCSO (The Kosrae Conservation & Safety Organization)

KCSO is a non-profit conservation NGO. Their mission is to sustainably manage and protect Kosrae's biodiversity and natural heritage through community engagement and partnerships for the benefit of present and future generations.
KCSO has been able to implement various environmental projects under its three main programs:
- the marine conservation program;
- the environmental education program and,
- the terrestrial conservation program.

Keywords:
Marine monitoring, terrestrial monitoring, environmental education, marine biodiversity, marine ecosystems, terrestrial biodiversity, natural resources, PIMPAC

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The Marine & Environmental Institute of Pohnpei

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MCT (The Micronesia Conservation Trust)

The Micronesia Conservation is a private corporation which supports biodiversity conservation and related sustainable development for the people of Micronesia in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the US Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. MCT accomplishes this by providing long-term, sustained funding through a grants program that encourages people to adopt sustainable and appropriate solutions to local environmental challenges.

Keywords:
Biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, grants program, PIMPAC

Contact

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NORMA (The National Oceanic Resource Management Authority)

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FIJI ISLANDS

GEOGRAPHY

Fiji Islands comprises an archipelago of about 300 islands (100 inhabited) and 540 islets. The two major islands are Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. More than 50% of the people are ethnic Fijians, who are of mixed Melanesian–Polynesian origin, and most of the rest are of Indian origin. There are small populations of Europeans, Banabans, Tuvaluans and Chinese. Fiji is a member of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, Pacific Community, United Nations and World Trade Organization.

Land area	**18, 333 km²**
EEZ	**1, 290, 000 km² (2008)**
Capital	**Suva**
Population	**837, 271 (2007 census)**
Population growth rate	**0.73 (2013 est.)**
Age of the population	**28.8% under the age of 15 years old**
Infant mortality rate	**10.46 deaths/1,000 live births (est. 2013)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 67 years; Female:72 years**
Language	**English (official), Fijian (official), Hindustani**
Time zone	**GMT +12 (DST= GMT +13)**

> Sources:

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/fj.html

http://www.commonwealthofnations.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/fiji_country_profile.pdf

http://www.statsfiji.gov.fj/

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Tourism, agriculture (sugar exports), fishery, textile**
Exports	**Sugar, garments, gold, timber, fish, molasses, coconut oil, water. Amount: $ 678,931,036 (2012 est.)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**49.9% (2012 est.)**
Key exchange countries	**Australia, United States, Japan**
GDP	**Per capita 4,600 (2013 forecast)**
Monthly minimum wage	**$ US 1.25; € 0.91 per hour (proposed)**

> Sources:

https://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=FIJI

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/fj.html

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Fiji gained independence as a member of the Commonwealth in 1970.
On independence, Fiji adopted a constitutional democratic form of government. Following the two military coups in 1987, Fiji became a republicwith a president appointed by the Great Council of Chiefs, for a five-year term as head of state.
The legislative branch is a bicameral parliament consisting of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Prime Minister forms the government which has executive authority. Due to political instabilities Fiji was suspended from the Commonwealth the 1st September 2009.
In 2012 the government agreed to hold free elections in 2014, prompting Fiji's powerful neighbours Australia and New Zealand to restore full diplomatic ties.

> Sources:

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fiji/fiji_brief.html

http://www.commonwealthofnations.org/wpcontent/uploads/2012/10/fiji_country_profile.pdf

Relationships/links with Europe

EU-Fiji relations are based on the respect for human rights, democratic principles, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law – essential elements of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement. Following the 2006 military coup and Fiji's violation of these values, the EU suspended its development assistance to Fiji. Since then, the EU has promoted a return to democracy, the respect for human rights and the rule of law in Fiji via enhanced political dialogue.
The EU gives aid to Fiji through:

- The AMSP, worth €50m in 2011-2013 (though much of that is conditional on agreement being reached on the constitutional consultation process).
- The10th European Development Fund (EDF) and Instrument for Stability.
- The European Instrument for Democracy & Human Rights, to support NGO activity on human rights and capacity building in democratic principles.
- Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) – signed in December 2009 but not yet implemented pending notification by Fiji of provisional application or ratification.

An UN electoral needs assessment mission took place in mid-April 2012. The findings should provide a basis for EU assistance, in close coordination with international partners. At present, the EU plans to provide €2 million for a phase 2 of the National Initiative for Civic Education (NICE) project for Fiji, with a focus on the 2014 election.

> Source:

http://eeas.europa.eu/fiji/index_en.htm

Health care system

Fiji's health system is based on a three-tier model that provides an integrated health service at primary, secondary and tertiary levels.
The health system is basically divided into two health programmes: primary and preventive health care services and curative health care services. These two programmes and their respective disciplinary areas largely determine the organizational structure and the modus operandi in the Ministry of Health (MoH).
The MoH is the largest provider in the health sector, but there is a growing private sector and a significant number of non-government organisations also providing services to the public.
Primary health care and public health care services are managed and administered through four Divisional Health Services offices, each led by a Divisional Medical Officer and responsible for providing public health services.
Public health services are provided through 16 subdivisional hospitals, 77 health centres and 101 nursing stations. The subdivisional hospitals provide inpatient care and outpatient services within each subdivision.
About 70–80% of the population has access to primary health care but only about 40% has access to quality health services due to population dispersal.
At the community level, non-salaried village health workers in Fijian villages and community health workers in other rural areas provide basic first aid and coordinate referrals to nursing stations. Limited secondary-level clinical care is provided at the sub-divisional hospital level while tertiary care is only available at the divisional level.

> Sources:
http://www.wpro.who.int/asia_pacific_observatory/hits/series/Fiji_Islands_Health_Systems_Review.pdf
http://www.pacifichealthvoices.org/files/Fiji_Leadership&Management%20Capacity.pdf

RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

Koronivia Agricultural Research Station

Koronivia Agricultural Research Station is Fiji's own Argicultural Research Labortory.

Keywords:
Agriculture

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SRIF (The Sugar Research Insitute of Fiji)

This institute is an organization that was established in 2006 to carry out research work for the Sugar Industry in Fiji.

Themes:
Some of their missions:
- To design, develop, monitor and review research programs and research strategies for the sugar industry
- To prevent, control and eradicate pest infection of sugar cane
- To assist in keeping to a minimum the damage to the environment that may be caused by the activities of the sugar industry.

Keywords:
Agronomy, pests & disease screening, sugarcane, crop diversification

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UNIVERSITIES

FNU (Fiji National University)

Fiji National University is the largest university in the South Pacific. It has several campuses and centres located throughout the country.
FNU and the European Union recently signed two project:
- The Knowledge, Integration and Transparency in Education (KITE) project and
- the Mobilising Lifelong-Learning by strengthening hands-on capacity building and education/training in climate change adaptation and mitigation project.

Themes:
- Fiji National University includes five colleges and one centre:

College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences

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http://www.fsm.ac.fj

College of Engineering,Science & Technology

***The former Fiji Institute of Technology (FIT) is now part of this College.*

Contact

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College of Agriculture,Fisheries & Forestry

Contact

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enquiry-fisheries@fnu.ac.fj
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College of Business,Hospitality & Tourism Studies

Contact

Email: enquiry-business@fnu.ac.fj ; enquiry-toursim@fnu.ac.fj

College of Humanities& Education

Contact

Email: enquiry-che@fnu.ac.fj

National training & productivity centre

Contact

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Some of the research centres (within the college of medicine)
- Pacific STI & HIV research centre (PSHRC)
- Centre for the prevention of obesity and non-communicable diseases (C-POND)
- Centre for health information, policy and systems research (CHIPSR)

Keywords:
Education, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, animal science, hospitality & tourism studies, management, law, building & civil engineering, electrical & electronics engineering, mechanical engineering, automotive engineering, maritime studies, applied sciences, aviation studies, computer science & information systems, social sciences, communications & creative arts education, health sciences, medical sciences, nursing, oral health, public health & primary care, health, health financing, dietetics & environmental health, KITE project, Mobilising Lifelong-Learning project

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The University of Fiji

The University of Fiji was established to provide high quality, affordable higher education to the many students who had no access to other tertiary institutions. The University's objectives include providing higher education relevant to Fiji's needs, but within a global framework and to support Fiji's development as a sustainable, peaceful, inclusive and progressive society committed to good governance.

Themes:
The University of Fiji includes five schools and five centres:
- School of Business and Economics
- School of Humanities and Arts
- School of Law
- School of Science & Technology (with 3 departments:Computer Science/Information Technology, Mathematics and Science)
- Umanand Prasad School of Medicine

and
- Centre for Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development (CCCEESD)
- Centre for Diasporic Studies (CDS)
- Centre for Gender Research (CGR)
- Centre for International and Regional Affairs (CIRA)
- Centre for Itaukei Studies (CIS)

Keywords:
Education, business & economics, humanities & arts, law, science, mathematics, medicine, gender research, climate change, energy, environment, biology, physics

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USP (The University of the South Pacific)

The University of the South Pacific is the premier provider of tertiary education in the Pacific region and an international centre of excellence for teaching, research consulting and training on all aspects of Pacific culture, environment and human resource development needs.
USP is jointly owned by the governments of 12 member countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Samoa. The University has campuses in all member countries.
The main campus, Laucala, is located in Fiji.

Themes:
USP includes three faculties:
- Faculty of Arts, Law and Education
- Faculty of Business and Economics
- Faculty of Science, Technology and Environment

Each one of them host a number of schools which offer a wide range of academic programmes and courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
There are several research clusters:
- Economic Growth, Trade & Integration
- Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change
- Government, Public Policy and Social Cohesion
- Human Capacity Building& Leadership
- ICT & Knowledge Economy
- Pacific Cultures and Societies
- Pacific Ocean & Natural Resources

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Keywords:
Education, law, language, arts, social sciences, business, accounting & finance, agriculture & food technologies, biological sciences, chemical sciences, computing, mathematics, marine studies, geography, environment, applied sciences, food security, climate change, health security, politics, environmental security

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http://www.usp.ac.fj/

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

NTF (The National Trust of Fiji)

Established in 1970, it aims to provide for the protection of Fiji's natural, cultural and national heritage. It is the only National Trust of the South Pacific region and Specializes in both the natural and cultural aspects of heritage conservation.

Keywords:
Biodiversity conservation, heritage conservation

Contact

The National Trust of Fiji (NTF)
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www.nationaltrust.org.fj/

PEI (The Pacific Eye Institute)

The Pacific Eye Institute, located in Suva, is an initiative of The Fred Hollows Foundation NZ which is a non-profit organisation committed to eradicating avoidable blindness in developing countries. The Pacific Eye Institute offers training courses that are tailored to the region's particular eye health planning needs. It develops its programs in consultation with the relevant MoH to ensure the appropriate number of people trained and retained in eye health by each country in the region.

Keywords:
Eye health, eye care training, ophthalmology training

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http://www.pacificeyeinstitute.org/

MINISTRIES

Ministry of health and Medical Services

The MoH mission is to provide quality services through strengthened divisional structures and to reduce poverty by empowering families especially children and women at risk, advancing gender equality and strengthening communities in Fiji.
To consult a list of NGO's in Health see:
http://www.health.gov.fj/ngos-in-health.html

Keywords:
Health, public health, research, medical & dental council, medical services

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Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts

The Ministry of Education is responsible for the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of educational legislations, policies and programmes in Fiji.
The Ministry provides the structures, human resources, budget and administrative and management support to ensure that the quality of service delivery is maintained at a high level.

Keywords:
Education, training, schools

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Ministry of Industry & Trade

The Ministry formulates and implements policies and strategies to facilitate industry growth, investment, trade, co-operatives, micro and small enterprise development and consumer protection.

Keywords:
Trade, business, commerce, investment, company development

Contact

Ministry of Industry and Trade
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www.mit.gov.fj

Ministry of Fisheries and Forests

The mission of the Ministry is to improve livehood through smart policies on sustainable management of fisheries and forest resources.

Keywords:
Inshore & offshore fisheries, aquaculture

Contact

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www.fisheries.gov.fj

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the agency for Fiji's relations with all foreign Governments and international organisations.

Keywords:
Foreign policy, trade policy, international cooperation

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Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations

The Ministry has many missions including: to provide an enabling social justice environment, an enhancement of productivity in all workplaces, an innovative labour market policies, a safe and healthy work environment and also decent employment terms and conditions.

Keywords:
Employment, labour laws, occupational health & safety services, information technology

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Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources

The Ministry is responsible for the administration and oversight of all development on State Land in Fiji under the State Lands Act, Cap 132. As the principal survey authority in Fiji under the Surveyors Act Cap 260, it is responsible for the regulation of all land surveys undertaken in Fiji by registered surveyors. It also develops, provides and maintains the network of survey controls nationwide.

Keywords:
Land & mineral resources, surveys, mapping & land information, policy formulation, monitoring programs

Contact

Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources
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Ministry of Local Government, Housing and Environment

The work of the Ministry is focused on legislative reviews, urban planning and managing the impacts of rapid urbanisation, municipal reforms, fire protection and disaster management, and control and regulation of land use. The main focus of the activities is to develop and implement the government's local government and town and country planning legislations, policies and programmes.

Keywords:
Planning, urbanisation, fire services, land use regulation & control

Contact

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Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management

The Ministry is responsible for empowering the rural sector for the overall growth and development of Fiji. The Ministry is also endowed the responsibility to manage national disasters through preparedness and response efforts.

Keywords:
Rural & maritime development, disaster management

Contact

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Ministry of Agriculture

The Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for, 1) Maintaining food security, 2) Quick Economic Recovery, 3) Assisting in Poverty Alleviation, and 4) Sustainable management of Natural Resources.

Keywords:
Agriculture, Research &Development, land & water resources management, flood protection programs, animal health & production, economic planning

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Ministry of Agriculture
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Tel: +679 338 3155 / 4233; Fax: +679 338 5234
Email: agrihelp@govnet.gov.fj
www.agriculture.gov.fj

Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation

The Ministry's services cuts across all the socio economic sectors in Fiji, which includes supporting families without income support, children at risk, the ultimate need to empower women for greater value adding to mankind; and to improve services to both disabled and older persons.

Keywords:
Social welfare, children care & protection, women rights, child services

Contact

Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation
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5th floor, Civic Towers (Women)
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www.welfare-women.gov.fj

Ministry of Works and Transport

The Ministry specifically looks after the management of policy, administration and regulatory activities of all modes of transport. The main goal of the Ministry is to "provide an integrated transport system that is safe, efficient, affordable, accessible to all and environmentally sustainable".

Keywords:
Transport, meteorological service, civil aviation, transport planning

Contact

Ministry of Works & Transport
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Ministry of Youth and Sports

The Ministry is responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes targeted at empowering youths to create a better future. The Ministry is also responsible for the promotion and development of sports and its infrastructure throughout Fiji.

Keywords:
Youths, sports

Contact

www.youth.gov.fj

Prime Minister's Office

The Office of the Prime Minister occupies a crucial position in providing sound policy advice on a wide range of issues as well as administrative support to the Prime Minister and his Cabinet.

Keywords:
Policy advice, government

Contact

www.pmoffice.gov.fj

OTHER LINKS

FCCDC (Fiji Centre for Communicable Disease Control)

It is Fiji's National Public Health reference laboratory. It prioritizes eight diseases:
- Dengue fever
- Leptospirosis
- Measles
- Rubella
- Cholera
- Typhoid
- HIV Aids
- Influenza

Keywords:
Public health, dengue fever, leptospirosis, measles, rubella, cholera, typhoid fever, HIV/Aids, influenza

Contact

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GUAM

GEOGRAPHY

Located in the Western Pacific in the geographic region known as Micronesia, Guam, the largest and southernmost of the Mariana Islands chain, has a unique and complex cultural history. Guam is situated between Hawaii and the Philippines. The island has a strategic military and economic position between Asia and the North American continent.

Land area	**541 km²**
EEZ	**218,000km²**
Capital	**Hagatna**
Population	**159, 358 (2010 census)**
Population growth rate	**0.34% (2013 est.)**
Age of the population	**26.6% under the age of 15 years old (2012)**
Infant mortality rate	**8.1/1,000 live births**
Life expectancy	**Male: 77 years; Female: 82.1 years (2011)**
Languages	**English, Chamorro (both official), Philippine languages, Asian languages**
Time zone	**GMT +10**

> Sources:
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/gq.html
http://www.visitguam.com/chamorro-culture/history/
http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Guam

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**US national defense spending, tourism, fish**
Exports	**Transhipments of refined petroleum products, construction materials, fisheries, services, leather products, hand crafts. Amount: $ US 91.353 million; € 66.902 million (2007)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**13.28% (2007)**
Key exchange countries	**United States, Japan, Europe, Federated States of Micronesia**
GDP	**per capita $ US 25,420; € 18,617 (2010 est.)**
Monthly minimum wage	**$ US 7.25; € 5.30 per hour**

> Sources:
http://www.spc.int/sppu/images/stories/microsoft%20word%20-%20guam%20country%20profile%20final%20draft%20rm%209.1.pdf
http://www.dol.gov/whd/minwage/america.htm#Guam
http://www.bsp.guam.gov/

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Guam is an unincorporated territory of the United States of America. The people of Guam are US citizens and while they may acquire full political equality as individuals if they move to any of the fifty states, they are in a subservient political condition if they remain on Guam.
The President of the United States is Guam's Head of State. A locally elected Governor is Head of Government. The Governor is elected by popular vote for a four-year term. Each of the island's villages is headed by a popularly elected mayor. The mayors are organized into the Mayors' council of Guam under the Executive Branch, although the mayors are not answerable to the Governor.
The Legislative branch is an unicameral Legislature with 15 seats. Members are elected by popular vote to serve two-year terms. Guam's Legislature is empowered and responsible for creating laws to protect the community, ensure its health and welfare and promote Guam's development.
The judicial branch consists of two bodies: the Superior Court of Guam and the Supreme Court of Guam. Guam's judicial branch decides issues of local laws and interprets how these laws should be applied.
The United States government also maintains a presence on the island.
The federal government maintains jurisdiction over certain areas including immigration, negotiation and execution of treaties and agreements with other nations, certain aspects of the maritime industry, protection of environmental integrity and defense.

> Sources:

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/guam/guam_brief.html

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Guam.php

http://guampedia.com/guams-political-status/

Health care system

The Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (GDPHSS) is the primary health agency for the territory. It serves as the State Health Agency as well as the provider of local health services. The Department is authorized and funded by both Federal and local jurisdictions. GDPHSS provides basic public health and medical services.
Several other governmental agencies are providing services related to health care.
Guam's health care system includes two major hospitals, a widespread clinic network, a broad selection of general and specializing physicians, and medical evacuation operations to Hawaii, the U.S. mainland and the Philippines. Guam hosts two hospitals, the Naval Regional Medical Centre which provides services to veterans, active-duty personnel and military dependents and, the Guam Memorial Hospital which provides health care for the remainder of the general public. The Guam Memorial Hospital is a publicly owned facility operated as part of the government of Guam system.

> Sources:

http://www.cdc.gov/phppo/inpho/profile/GU_1_1.HTM

http://investguam.com/userfiles/files/destination_guam %281 %29.pdf

Research

The Guam Research Review Board purpose is to review, approve, and require modifications to secure approval or disapprove all research subject to regulation.
The Board shall have and exercise each and all of the following powers:
[a] review and have authority to approve, require modifications to secure approval or disapprove all research activities covered by the rules and regulations;
[b] require documentation of informed consent of all human subjects participating in the research subject to regulation. At the Board's discretion, require additional information be given to the subjects which would add to the protection of the rights and welfare of the subjects;
[c] notify the investigators and the institution in writing of its decision to approve or disapprove the proposed research activity, or of modifications required to secure approval of the research activity.
If the Board decides to disapprove a research activity, it shall include in its written notification a statement of the reasons for its decision and give the investigator an opportunity to respond in person or in writing;
[d] conduct continuing review of research subject to regulation at intervals appropriate to the degree of risk, but not less than once per year and shall have authority to observe or have a third party observe and consent to the process and the research; and
[e] to disapprove research subject to regulation which had been previously approved.

> Source:
http://www.justice.gov.gu/CompilerofLaws/GCA/17gca/17gc024.PDF

UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES

GCC (Guam Community College)

The mission of Guam Community College is to be a leader in career and technical workforce development by providing the highest quality education and job training in Micronesia. GCC is the only community college on Guam. The College is responsible for all career-technical education programs on Guam.

Key words:
Tourism studies, marketing, visual communications, allied health, electronics, automotive services, adult and continuing education, accounting, surveying technology, computer science, medical assisting

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http://www.guamcc.edu/Pages/ContactUs.aspx
http://www.guamcc.edu/

PIU (Pacific Islands University)

PIU exists to provide accessible, excellent, transformational Christian higher education and ministry training to the people of Micronesia, the Pacific islands, and to the ends of the earth. As such, their mission is to prepare men and women with a biblical worldview for leadership and service in life, work, and ministry in the global community and the church.
PIU also has two other teaching facilities one in Palau and one in YAP.

Themes:
PIU includes:
- The Pacific Islands Bible College
- The Pacific Islands Christian College and,
- The Pacific Islands Evangelical Seminary

Key words:
Education, biblical studies, arts, English studies

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University of Guam

The University of Guam is the major institution of higher education in the Western Pacific. It is a U.S. land-grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Themes:
The university of Guam includes many centers, schools, institutes and a marine laboratory:

- **The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**
- **The College of Natural & Applied Sciences**

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- **School of Business and Public Administration**
- **The School of Education**

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http://www.soeuog.x10.mx/index.html

- **The School of Nursing and Health Sciences**
- **GuamCancerResearchCenter** (in partnership with the University of Hawaii)

Contact

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Email: U54@uguam.uog.edu
http://www.guamcancerresearch.org/Pages/Default.aspx

- **Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service(CEDDERS)**

Contact

University of Guam CEDDERS
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http://www.guamcedders.org/about/initiative-areas

- **The MicronesianAreaResearchCenter (MARC)**

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- **The University of Guam Marine Laboratory**

Contact

Marine Laboratory, University of Guam
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Marine Lab., Room 101
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- **The Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI)**

Contact

Online contact form:
http://www.weriguam.org/contact-us.html
http://www.weriguam.org/

- **The WesternPacificTropicalResearchCenter(WPTRC)**

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- **The Center for Island Sustainability homepage**

Contact

http://www.uog.edu/dynamicdata/CenterforIslandSustainability.aspx?siteid=1&p=637

- **The Western Pacific Coral Reef Institute**

Contact

Western Pacific Coral Reef Institute
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Key words:

Education, social sciences, anthropology, communication, interdisciplinary arts and sciences, Japanese studies, philosophy, political science,military science and agriculture, natural and applied sciences, biology, botany, chemistry, business administration, criminal justice, public administration, business, nursing, health sciences, archaeology, conservation biology and reef management, chemical ecology, systematics, coral biology, weather and climate, water quality, water resources management, entomology, invasive species, plant pathology, plant physiology,soil science,environment, economy, society, education, climate changes studies,fisheries studies, cancer research, marine laboratory

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http://www.uog.edu/contactus.aspx?id=512
www.uog.edu

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Guam Cancer Care

Guam Cancer Care is a non-profit organization. Their mission statement is “to provide cancer care assistance to ALL individuals afflicted by cancer. Through navigation and advocacy they strive to provide enhanced assistance throughout the screening and treatment process. Additionally, by minimizing barriers to financial assistance, cancer education, and other support services, they ensure patient satisfaction throughout the continuum of cancer care.”

Key words:
Cancer, Cancer screening, prevention & outreach program, Cancer education for health professionals program, patient support program

Contact

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Tel: +671 969 2223; Fax: +671 969 3222
http://guamcancercare.org/

Health Partners, I.l.c

Health Partners is a for-profit Limited Liability Corporation on the US Territory of Guam. Health Partners is a full-service health care organization that provides both clinical and consultative health services.

Key words:
Adult primary care medicine, internal medicine, endocrinology, Diabetes, preventive medicine,non-communicable disease epidemiology, occupational and environmental medicine, public health

Contact

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Email: healthpartners_llc@yahoo.com
http://guamhealthpartners.com/

HSP (Health Services of the Pacific)

Health Services of the Pacific is a healthcare service company.
Their goal is “to support health and wellness in the community by providing treatment, education and health care services.”

Key words:
Health, homecare, medical equipment, medical transport, Diabetes, health care, health management

Contact

PO Box 8838 - Tamuning - Guam 96931
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http://www.hspguam.com/

DEPARTMENTS

DPHSS (Department of Public Health and Social Services)

The Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (GDPHSS) is the primary health agency for the territory. The department includes four divisions:
- Public health
- Public welfare
- Environmental health
- Senior citizens

Key words:
Health, public health, communicable disease control, community health services, primary care, family health, social services, environmental public health programs, animal and vector control, senior citizens well-being, public welfare

Contact

Department of Public Health and Social Services
123 Chalan Kareta - Mangilao - Guam 96913-6304
https://dphss.guam.gov/

Department of Agriculture

The Department was established to protect and promote the agricultural resources and economy of the Territory of Guam by research, quarantine, control and conservation.

Key words:
Agriculture, aquatic & wildlife resources, natural resources, forestry

Contact
Department of Agriculture
163 Dairy Road - Mangilao - Guam 96913
Tel: +671 735 3942; Fax: +671 734 6569
www.doag.guam.gov

Department of Chamorro Affairs

The Department aims to promote, develop, enhance, preserve, and present the heritage, culture, language, and arts, of the Chamorro people of Guam.

Key words:
Chamorro culture & language, museum, training & research

Contact
Department of Chamorro Affairs
PO Box 2950 - Hagatna - Guam 96932
Tel: +671 475 4278/9; Fax: +671 475 4227
www.dca.guam.gov

Department of Labor/AHRD

The mission of the Department is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners of Guam, to improve their working and living conditions, and to advance their opportunities for occupational training and profitable employment.

Key words:
Employment, women's affairs, occupational safety & health, workers

Contact
Guam Department of Labor
PO Box 9970 - Tamuning - Guam 96931
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www.dol.guam.gov

Department of Land Management

The Department has many missions including, to maintain and effectively manage the destiny of all public lands considering the social and economic factors; to ensure an effective management regulation and control of developments determined to be the best public interest for its continued social and economic welfare; to develop an effective system of operation towards high performance standards in order to promote and provide better and satisfactory services to the general public…

Key words:
Land planning, land survey, land administration, GIS

Contact

Department of Land Management
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Email: dlmdir@dlm.guam.gov
www.dlm.guam.gov

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center
(formerly the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse)

The Center is tasked with providing comprehensive behavioral health services for the people of Guam.

Key words:
Mental health services, health programs, substance abuse prevention, training, nursing services

Contact

www.dmhsa.guam.gov

Department of Parks and Recreation

The Department serves its island community and visitors through the management of public parks and beaches, public recreational facilities and community programs, and through the protection and preservation of historical and cultural resources.

Key words:
Recreation, parks, historic areas protection, historic resources

Contact

Department of Parks and Recreation
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Tel: +671 475 6289; Fax: +671 477 0997
Email: dpradmin@dpr.guam.gov
www.dpr.guam.gov

Department of Public Works

The Department was established for the purposes of maintenance, rehabilitation, repair or demolition of public buildings, roadways or other facilities of Guam.

Key words:
Public works, highway safety, building construction, transportation maintenance, solid waste management

Contact

Department of Public Works
542 North Marine Corps Drive - Upper Tumon - Guam 96913
Tel: +671 646 3131 / 3232; Fax: +671 649 6178
www.dpw.guam.gov

Department of Youth Affairs

The Department is responsible for providing care, custody, and rehabilitation to juvenile clients by operating a youth correctional facility, it also provides educational, vocational and leadership training to the youth.

Key words:
Youths affairs

Contact

Department of Youth Affairs
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KIRIBATI

GEOGRAPHY

The Republic of Kiribati consists of 33 atolls and the phosphate island of Banaba. The atolls straddle the equator in the mid-Pacific ocean and form three groups, the Gilbert, Phoenix and Line Islands. Kiribati is spread out over 3.5 million km² of ocean. Due to low-lying atolls (an average elevation of less than two metres above sea level), Kiribati is most vulnerable to the effects of climate change as for example coastal flooding.

Land area	**811 km²**
EEZ	**3,550,000 km²**
Capital	**Bairiki (Tarawa Atoll)**
Population	**105, 000 (2012)**
Population growth rate	**2.2% (2010)**
Age of the population	**36% under the age of 15 years old (2010)**
Infant mortality rate	**45/1,000 live births (2010)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 59.7 years; Female: 67.5 years**
Languages	**I-Kiribati, English (official)**
Time zone	**GMT +14**

> Sources:

http://secretariat.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/191502/159364/148310/148403/kiribati/

http://www.mfed.gov.ki/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Kiribati-2010-Census-Report_VOL2.pdf

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/kiri.pdf

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/kiribati/kiribati_brief.html

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/kiribati/kiribati_en.htm

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Subsistence agriculture, fisheries**
Exports	**Copra, coconuts, seaweed, fish. Amount: US $ 5.8 million; € 4.234 million (2012)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**5.34% (2012)**
Key exchange countries	**Australia, Singapore, Fiji, Morocco, Hong Kong (2011)**
GDP	**per capita US $ 1, 646; € 1,201 (2012)**
Monthly minimum wage	**A $ 1.60 to 1.70; € 1.04 to 1.10 per hour ("non-legislated" minimum)**

> Sources:

http://secretariat.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/191502/159364/148310/148403/kiribati/

http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Kiribati

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http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/kiri.pdf

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Kiribati achieved independence from the United Kingdom on 12 July 1979, thus the Gilbert Islands, Banaba, the Phoenix and the Line Islands became the independent Republic of Kiribati. The Kiribati Parliamentary system is a blend of both the British and American systems.
In Kiribati, the President (Te Beretitenti) is both Head of Government and Head of State. Once parliamentary elections are completed, the Maneaba ni Maungatabu* meets and members nominate presidential candidates. The president is elected by popular vote for a four years term.
The President appoints his/her own Cabinet, which is composed of the President, Vice President, Attorney-General and no more than ten ministers selected from members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu.

**The Maneaba ni Maungatabuis a 46-member unicameral parliament. Forty-four Members of Parliament (MPs) are elected for a four-year term by non-compulsory universal adult suffrage. Another seat is reserved for former Banaban islander and the Attorney-General sits as a non-elected member. The Speaker, although not a member of Parliament, is elected by the MPs.*

The judicial branch is made up of the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

> Sources:
http://www.parliament.gov.ki/,http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/kiribati/kiribati_brief.html
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/kr.html

Relationships/links with Europe

As a member of the African-Caribbean-Pacific (ACP) group of countries, Kiribati benefits from the 10th European Development Fund (FED).
European Commission (EC) assistance will concentrate on the water and energy sector. It is planned to support renewable energy projects as well as projects related to the reliable provision of water and sanitation. This includes the development and management of freshwater resources, such as the provision of rainwater catchments and storage.
The EC's total allocation (2008-2013) foreseen for Kiribati to address these priorities amounts to €13.8 million.

> Sources:
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/kiribati/kiribati_en.htm
http://eeas.europa.eu/kiribati/index_en.htm

Health care system

The Ministry of Health and Medical Services works within a comprehensive framework of plans, policies, documents and service delivery guidelines. Some of these have been developed, outside the Ministry through donor-assisted programs and, although the level of ownership is good, capacity to implement, enforce and monitor is variable.
Kiribati has a well established, publicly funded and provided health system administered by the Ministry of Health and Medical Services. The system comprises of four hospitals, supported by a primary health care network that consists of health centres and health clinics of varying capacity.
With no private or church-provided health services, the Government, for all intents and purposes, is the only provider of health services in Kiribati.
Specialised clinical services are currently not routinely offered in Kiribati.
Almost all specialised clinical services are offered by visiting teams, or are accessed through offshore referrals. In parallel with the Government system, a traditional health system exists in which traditional healers and traditional birth attendants provide local medicines, massage and antenatal, delivery and postnatal care.
Most people use both traditional and formal health services, but there is no coordination between the two systems.

> Sources:
http://www.wpro.who.int/health_services/service_delivery_profile_kiribati.pdf
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/kir/12KIRpro2011_finaldraft.pdf

Research

The Government is in charge of the research. Both, environmental scientific research and cultural/anthropological related research are “managed “by two different ministries, the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development and the Ministry of Internal and Social Affairs. These to ministries delivers permits for researchers who would like to undertake research in Kiribati in the environment-related or culture/anthropology related research areas.
The Fisheries Division, usually with the support of external donors or organizations, undertakes fisheries and aquaculture research in Kiribati. The objectives are usually to conduct research on marine resources that have potential for development and to coordinate collaborative research activities with regional research organizations.

> Sources:
http://www.research.usp.ac.fj/?p=39
http://www.fao.org/fishery/facp/KIR/en#CountrySector-StatusTrends

RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

Marawa Research and Exploration Ltd

Marawa Research and Exploration Ltd. is a State-owned enterprise of the Republic of Kiribati. Their aim is to explore for seafloor manganese nodules in international waters and carry out related scientific research and environmental studies.

Keywords:
Manganese nodule exploration, seafloor mapping, polymetallic nodule sampling, environmental baseline studies

Contact

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http://marawaresearch.com/

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

The University of the South Pacific - Kiribati campus

The Kiribati Campus has over 3000 students doing preparatory, foundation, certificate, diploma and degree studies at USP. The Campus offers a wide range of distance and flexible learning courses, face-to-face classes and a flexi-school programme. It also offers a continuing and community education programme for the people of Kiribati.
The campus also hosts:
- The Centre for Research and Sustainable Development in Atolls and SmallIs land States.

Keywords:
Education, English language, computer science, education, science, management, accounting, distance & flexible learning, continuing & community education, sustainable development course, cultural development program

Contact

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http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=3652

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

KTI (Kiribati Institute of Technology)

The Kiribati Institute of Technology (formerly the Tawara Technical Institute) is a governmental institution offering technical and vocational education to the people of Kiribati. Regular training in management, accounting, computing, office skills, and apprenticeships are made available to students from the public and private sector.

Keywords:
Education, management, accounting, computing, apprenticeships

Contact

Tarawa Technical Institute (TTI)
Temaia Ereata
PO Box 490
Betio - Tarawa - Kiribati

MINISTRIES

MHMS (Ministry of Health and Medical Services)

The Ministry of Health and Medical Services is in charge of Kiribati's Health system.

Keywords:
Health, public health

Contact

The Ministry of Health and Medical Services
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Tarawa - Kiribati
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration

The ministry is responsible, amongst other things, of Foreign Policy, Maintaining strong and positive International Relations, Providing and overseeing Diplomatic Services, Immunities and Privileges to Resident Foreign Missions, and Managing affairs with Regional and International Organizations…

Keywords:
Foreign affairs, immigration, diplomatic services, regional & international relations

Contact

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration
PO Box 68 - Bairiki - Tarawa - Republic of Kiribati
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www.mfa.gov.ki

Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development

The Ministry role is to enhance and ensure the equitable distribution of development benefits to the people of Kiribati from the rational utilization of living and non living resources. The Ministry is the parent ministry of the Fisheries Division and Mineral Division.

Keywords:
Marine & Fisheries resources development, mineral resources, Fishing monitoring & control, Fisheries, marine resources

Contact

Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development
PO Box 64 - Bairiki - Tarawa - Kiribati
Tel: +686 21 099; Fax: +686 21120

Ministry of Internal Affairs

The ministry is responsible, amongst other things of, the rural development for all Islands (except Line and Phoenix Islands), the electoral Commission and national elections, Cultural Affairs and the Outer Island Development Program…

Keywords:
Internal affairs, rural development, island council support, community development

Contact

Ministry of Internal Affairs
PO Box 75 - Bairiki - Tarawa - Republic of Kiribati
Tel: +686 21 092; Fax: +686 21 133

Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

The mission of the Ministry is to enhance sustainable economic growth and financial stability for the welfare of the people of Kiribati through promotion of appropriate economic and financial management methods and systems, computerized accounting and control systems, tax administration, customs enforcement and provision of accurate and quality national statistical information.

Keywords:
Finance, economy, taxation, IT service, economic & financial management

Contact

Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
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Email: admin@mfep.gov.ki
www.mfed.gov.ki

Ministry of Labour and Human Resources Development

The ministry is working to handle diverse labour related issues which involve health and safety issues related to the workplace as well as issues related to the creation of employment opportunities, both locally and abroad. It manages 3 major technical institutions: Marine Training Centre, Kiribati Institute of Technology and Fisheries Training Centre.

Keywords:
Employment, marine training centre, Kiribati Institute of Technology, fisheries training centre, trade training, industrial relations

Contact

Ministry of Labour and Human Resources Development
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Ministry of Public Works and Utilities

The mission of the Ministry is to enhance economic growth and improvement of livelihood for I-Kiribati through improved infrastructure and utilities.

Keywords:
Public works, road & highways construction/maintenance, Kiribati Oil Company Ltd, energy & water engineering, water management

Contact

Ministry of Public Works and Utilities
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Tel: +686 26 143 / 192; Fax: +686 26 172
www.mpwu.gov.ki

Ministry of Communications, Transport and Tourism Development

The ministry is responsible, amongst other things of, policy development in communications and transport, regulation of communications and transport sectors, and tourism development policies…

Keywords:
Transport, tourism, marine & aeronautical guard, transport services, air Kiribati, Kiribati shipping services Ltd, telecom Kiribati services Ltd, Betio shipyard Ltd, Otintaai hotel Ltd, air services agreements, civil aviation

Contact

Ministry of Communications, Transport and Tourism Development
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Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education is the lead Government agency responsible for development of the education sector.

Keywords:
Education, pre-service scholarship awards, Commonwealth of Learning, schools

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Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives

The Ministry is an authority to foster cooperation between the private and public sector to promote industry, trade, foreign investments, copra and food production for social and economic development in Kiribati.

Keywords:
Commerce, industry, business, internal & international trade, private sector development, consumer protection, foreign investment policies & administration, copra, Bobotin Kiribati Ltd

Contact

Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives
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www.mcic.gov.ki

MELAD (Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development)

The ministry is the national environment authority in Kiribati.
The Environment and Conservation Division is a part of the MELAD and its mandate is to safeguard the natural environment upon which life depends and to protect human health.

Keywords:
Environment, climate change, island biodiversity conservation and management, waste management, pollution control ,resource management, environmental governance, biodiversity & biosafety, regional/international environment organizations & agreements, urban land use, sustainable agriculture policies, agro-forestry, bio-security, veterinary services, wild life conservation

Contact

Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development
PO Box 234 - Bikenibeu - Tarawa - Kiribati
Tel: +686 28 211 / 507; Fax: +686 28334
www.environment.gov.ki

Ministry of Women, Sports and Social Welfare

The ministry is responsible, amongst other things of, women affairs, social welfare services and probation, community development, NGOs and senior citizens services…

Keywords:
Women affairs, social welfare, National Youth & Sports Policies, Kiribati National Youth Council, youth programs, Kiribati Sports Authority, sports

Contact

Ministry of Women, Sports and Social Welfare
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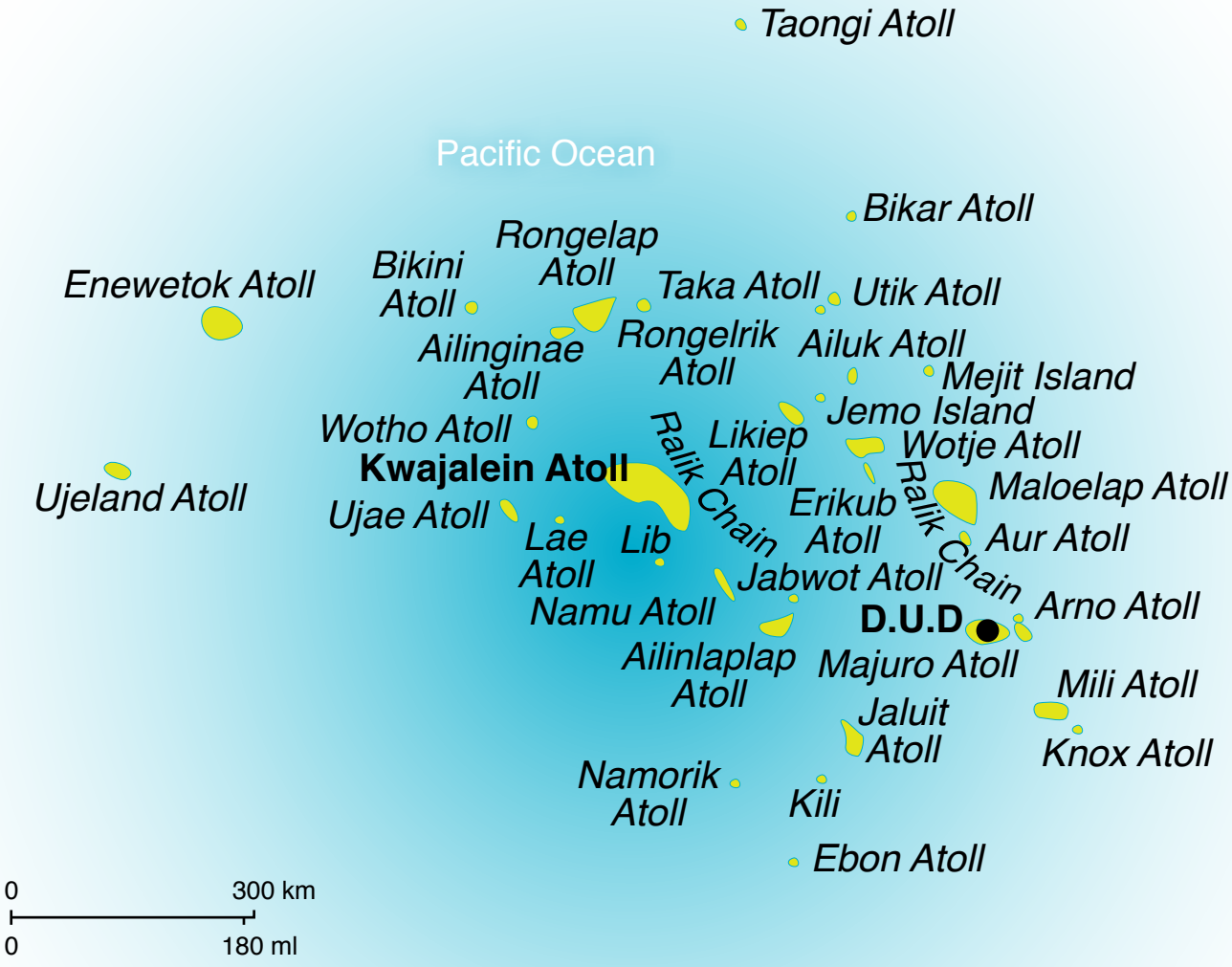

MARSHALL ISLANDS

GEOGRAPHY

The Republic of the Marshall Islands comprises 29 atolls and five major islands that form two parallel groups: the Ratak chain and the Ralik chain. The islands were occupied by the US for several decades after World War II. The legacy of the post-war US occupation is reflected particularly on Bikini and Enewetak, which were both used for nuclear weapons testing between 1946 and 1958. The Marshall Islands lie in open ocean, and the islands are generally very close to sea level. With its exposure to rising sea levels, the Marshall Islands are in peril of being the first country obliterated by climate changes.

Land area	**181 km²**
EEZ	**2, 131,000 km²**
Capital	**Delap (Majuro Atoll)**
Population	**55, 000 (2011 est.)**
Population growth rate	**1.79% (2013 est.)**
Age of the population	**41.3% under the age of 15 years old (2012)**
Infant mortality rate	**21/ 1,000 live births**
Life expectancy	**Male: 67 years; Female: 71 years**
Languages	**Marshallese (Official) and English (Official)**
Time zone	**GMT +12**

> Sources:

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/rm.html
http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Marshall%20Islands
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-15595434
http://www.rmiembassyus.org/Environment.htm
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-15595431
http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/marshall-islands-technology-climate-change

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Fisheries, subsistence agriculture**
Exports	**Copra, coconut oil, handicrafts, fish. Amount: US $ 34.26 million; € 25.04 million (2009)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**21.64% (2009)**
Key exchange countries	**United States, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, China**
GDP	**per capita US $ 2,914; € 2,129 (2012 est.)**
Monthly minimum wage	**US $ 2; € 1.46 per hour**

> Sources:

http://www.nzte.govt.nz/media/342727/marshallislands.pdf
http://secretariat.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/191502/159364/148310/148408/marshall_islands/
http://www.sids2014.org/content/documents/124NSDS.pdf

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) is a self- governing democracy in free association with the U.S. Under the compact of Free Association (signed in 1983), the United States has full authority and responsibility for security and defence of RMI which is obliged to refrain from taking actions that would be incompatible with this. The Republic of the Marshall has full control of all other domestic and foreign policy. The executive branch is under the leadership of the President, who is elected by the Parliament (Nitijela) from among its membership. From the Nitijela, the President appoints his 10 member Cabinet. A Council of Traditional Chiefs, the Iroij, advises the President on matters of custom.
The legislative branch of the government is made up of the Nitijela (with the Council of Iroij) which has 33 members. Elections are held every four years.
The judicial branch (independent of the legislative and executive powers) has four court systems: the Supreme Court, High Court, District & Community Courts, and the Traditional Rights Court.

> Sources:

https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/marshall_islands/marshall_islands_brief.html

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Marshall-Islands.php

http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/Marshall_Islands.aspx

http://www.sids2014.org/content/documents/124NSDS.pdf

Relationships/links with Europe

The Republic of Marshall Islands joined the African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) group in 2000. The Country Strategy Paper for the Marshall Islands (2008-2013) presents the strategic framework for European Commission (EC) assistance with the Marshall Islands under the 10th EDF. Under the Cotonou Agreement, about €11.45 million have been provided under the 9th and 10th EDF.
The main focus areas for EU assistance and cooperation are:
- outer-island development
- renewable energy
- climate change negotiations – along with Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia, RMI launched the Micronesia Challenge, an initiative to effectively conserve 30% of near-shore marine resources and 20% of forest resources by 2020.
EC interventions in the Marshall Islands also take account of cross-cutting issues, democracy, good governance, human rights, the rights of children and indigenous people, gender equality and the fight against HIV/AIDS.

> Sources:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/marshall-islands/marshall-islands_en.htm

http://eeas.europa.eu/marshall_islands/index_en.htm

Health care system

The Ministry of Health is the main provider of all health care services to the entire nation. Medical and health services in the Marshall Islands are delivered in three distinct settings: two hospitals–in the urban areas of Majuro and Ebeye–and 60 health centres on the outer islands.
The Republic of the Marshall Islands Department of Health Services (RMIDHS) is the State Health Agency (SHA). Almost all medical and health care is provided by the government through this agency. The Minister of Health is a cabinet-level officer responsible for public health. The Secretary of Health Services is the chief executive for operating health services.

> Sources:
http://www.cdc.gov/phppo/inpho/profile/mh_1_1.htm
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/mhl/16MSIpro2011_finaldraft.pdf

UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES

College of the Marshall Islands

The mission of the College of the Marshall Islands is to provide quality, student-centred educational services to Marshallese people who desire access to a post-secondary education.

Themes:
The college includes six departments:
- Department of Developmental Education
- Department of Liberal Arts
- Department of Business Studies
- Department of Elementary Education
- Department of Nursing and Allied Health
- Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Keywords:
Education, cooperative research extension, adult & continuing education, developmental education, liberal arts, business studies, elementary education, nursing & allied health, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, arts

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The University of the South Pacific - Marshall Islands campus

USP Marshall Islands campus's mission is "to provide quality education services and support for students enrolled in USP Academic Programs, and plan and implement continuing and community education programs that inform and meet the national programs and development objectives of the RMI Government and the people of RMI."

Keywords:
Education, continuing & community education, English language, preliminary program, biology, mathematics, physics, politics, accounting, social science, joint education program, economics, information technology, technology, agriculture

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http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=marshall_centre

OTHER ORGANISATIONS/LINKS

MICS (The Marshall Islands Conservation Society)

MICS is dedicated to raising environmental awareness and building capacity for conservation, sustainable use of resources and protection of biodiversity in the Republic of Marshall Islands.
MiCS has three main programs:
- the marine program
- the terrestrial program and
- the public awareness & education program

Keywords:
Public awareness & education program, sustainable resource management, marine program, community managed aquaculture, terrestrial program

Contact

Marshall Islands Conservation Society
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Tel/Fax: +692 625 6427
http://www.kobedia.org/

MIMRA (Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority)

"MIMRA is a semi government agency charged with the management of living and non-living marine resources of the Marshall Islands." The Authority is subdivided into two main departments, the oceanic division and the coastal division.

Keywords:
Marines resources, marine resources development, costal resources policy

Contact

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http://www.mimra.com/

Marshall Islands Program

The United States Department of Energy recently implemented a series of strategic initiatives to address long-term radiological surveillance needs at former U.S. nuclear test sites in the Marshall Islands. Using the pooled resources of the United States Department of Energy and local atoll governments, individual radiological surveillance programs have been developed in whole body counting and urinalysis.
These programs are used to accurately track and assess doses delivered to Marshall Islanders from exposure to residual fallout contamination in the local environment.
One of the programs "The Marshall Islands Dose Assessment and Radioecology Program" conducted at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory:

1. to provide technical support services and oversight in establishing radiological surveillance monitoring programs for resettled and resettling populations in the northern Marshall Islands,
2. to develop comprehensive assessments of current (and potential changing) radiological conditions on the islands and,
3. to provide recommendations for remediation of contaminated sites and verify the effects of any actions taken.

Keywords:
Radioecology, radiological assessments, radiological surveillance program, plutonium bioassay program

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MINISTRIES

Ministry of Health

The Ministry of Health mission is “to provide high quality, effective, affordable and efficient health services to all peoples of the Marshall Islands, through a primary health care programme to improve health status and build the capacity of each community, family and individual to care for their own health. To the maximum extent possible, the Ministry of Health pursues these goals using the national facilities, staff and resources of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.”

Keywords:
Health, public health

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Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education oversees delivery of public education from Kindergarten through grade 12.

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Education, schools, training

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Ministry of Finance

Keywords:
Finance, economy

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade

Keywords:
Foreign affairs, trade

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Ministry of Internal Affairs

The ministry is, amongst other things, responsible for the oversight of cultural affairs.

Keywords:
Culture, cultural & environmental heritage, historic preservation

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Ministry of Public Works

The ministry is, amongst other things, responsible for the collection and disposal of solid waste.

Keywords:
Public work, solid waste, civil works

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Ministry of Resources & Development

The Ministry of Resources & Development is responsible for promoting and assisting the development of the agriculture, energy, trade and investment sectors, through activities which foster sustainable food production, provide alternative energy resources and income generating opportunities for the people of the Marshall Islands.

Keywords:
Agriculture, Energy, trade & investment, energy resources

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Ministry of Transportation & Communications

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Keywords:
Transport, communications, air transportation, telecommunication

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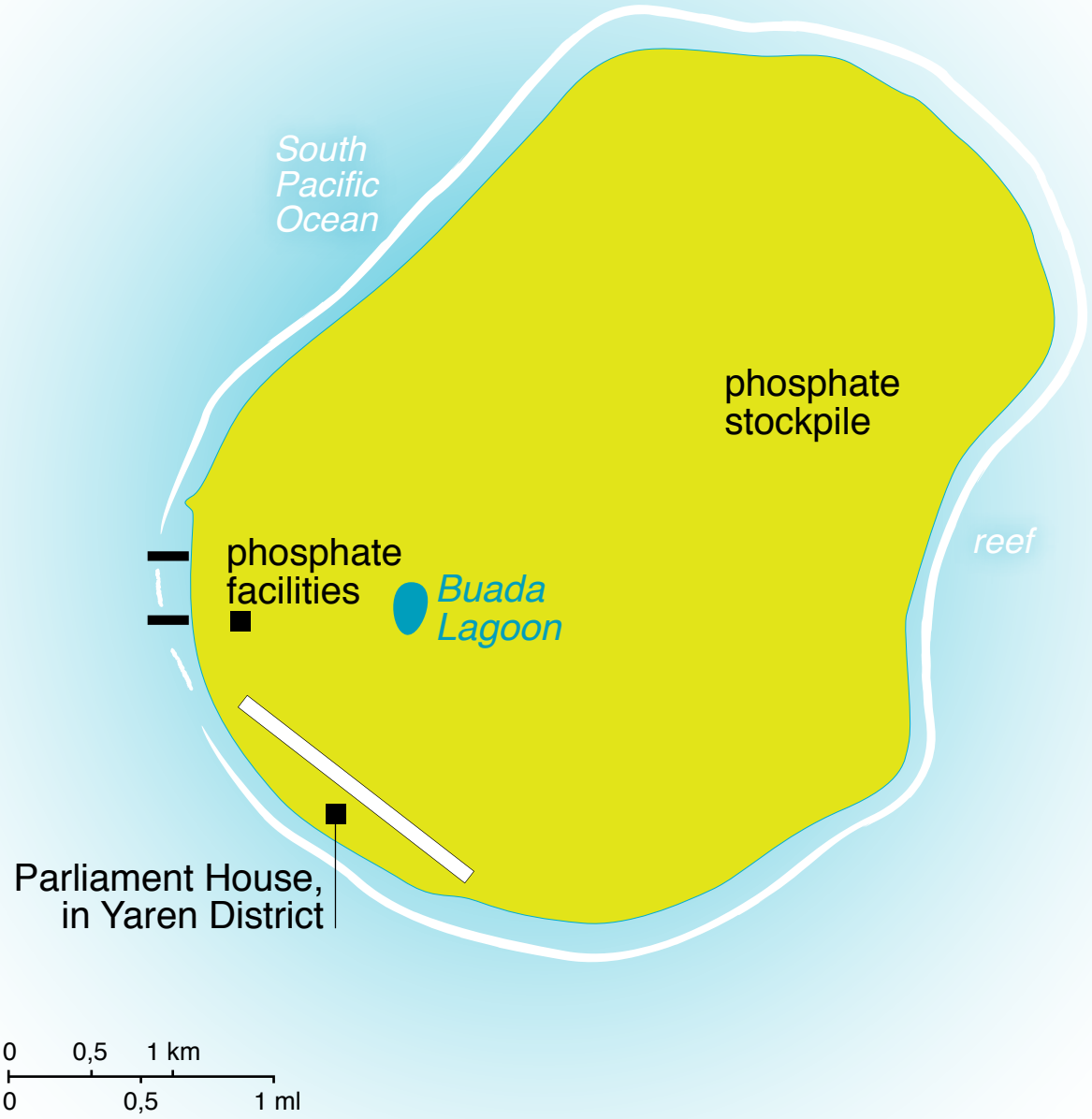
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NAURU

GEOGRAPHY

Nauru is the world's smallest republic. It is a tiny oval shaped island located, north-east of Australia and bordered by Solomon Islands to the southwest, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia to the northwest. Nauru is seated approximately 42 kilometres south of the equator. The island is surrounded by a coral reef, exposed at low tide and dotted with pinnacles. Its economy depended almost entirely on phosphate mining. However, due to declining phosphate deposits and an underdeveloped private sector Nauru now faces serious economic challenges.

Land area	**21 km²**
EEZ	**320,000 km²**
Capital	**no official capital (government offices in Yaren District)**
Population	**10,167 (2012 est.)**
Population growth rate	**0.6% (2010-15 est.)**
Age of the population	**35.2% under the age of 15 years old (2012)**
Infant mortality rate	**38/ 1,000 live births (2007)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 61.96 years; Female: 69.47 (2013 est.)**
Language	**Nauruan, English**
Time zone	**GMT +12**

> Sources:

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Nauru.php

http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Nauru

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/nr.html

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/naur.pdf

http://www.naurugov.nr/about-nauru/visiting-nauru.aspx

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/nauru/nauru_en.htm

www.spc.int/sdd/index.php/en/downloads/doc_download/184-chapters-1-to-3

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Phosphate mining, fishing licences**
Exports	**Phosphates. Amount: US $ 100.2 million; € 73.5 million (2009 est.)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**69.05 (2009)**
Key exchange countries	**Australia, Nigeria, South Korea, India, Singapore (2012)**
GDP	**Per capita US $ 11,953; € 8,767 (2012)**
Monthly minimum wage	**A $ 150; € 98.64 per fortnight (source: Nauru Country Study Guide 2009, p.55)**

> Sources:

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Nauru.php

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/naur.pdf

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Nauru is one of the world's smallest independent, democratic states.
The constitution of the Republic of Nauru came into force in January 1968.
The president is the head of state and head of government and is elected by the parliament from among its members. Executive authority is vested in the cabinet, which consists of the president and four or five members of the parliament chosen by the president.
The country has a unicameral Parliament, whose 19 members are elected by universal adult suffrage in multi-seat constituencies. As there are no political parties in Nauru, all Members of Parliament stand as independents.
The judicial branch includes the Supreme Court, the district Court and the family Court.
There have been political instability in the last ten years, with changes due mostly to votes of no confidence. Nauru was unable to form a government following 2010 elections. With no apparent solution to the political stalemate and little appetite for further elections, caretaker President Marcus Stephen declared a state of emergency in order to ensure the continuation of government services. The deadlock was finally broken by another election late in 2010.

> Sources:

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/nauru/nauru_brief.html

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Nauru.php

http://www.commonwealthofnations.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/nauru_country_profile.pdf

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/nr.html

Relationships/links with Europe

Nauru became part of the African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States (ACP) group in 2000. The Country Strategy Paper for Nauru (2008-2013) presents the strategic framework for cooperation between the European Commission (EC) and Nauru under the 10th European Development Fund (EDF).
European Commission assistance under the 10th EDF will concentrate on the water and energy sector, in particular the provision of renewable sources of energy, in order to help the government to develop an adequate, equitable and secure supply of energy throughout the country.
The EC's total allocation (2008-2013) foreseen for Nauru to address these priorities amounts to €2.9 million.

> Sources:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/nauru/nauru_en.htm

http://eeas.europa.eu/nauru/index_en.htm

Health care system

Like many developing countries, Nauru has committed to a range of Millennium Development Goals which were included as high-level outcomes in the Ministry of Health's Operational Plan 2007. The Operational Plan aimed to complement the major goal of the Nauru National Sustainable Development Strategy 2005-2025 (NNSDS). The health-specific goals of the NNSDS include the provision of effective preventive health services to reduce lifestyle-related illness.
Medical and dental treatment is free for all Nauruans and for government employees and their families. Nauru General Hospital and the National Phosphate Corporation Hospital, amalgamated in July 1999 to become the Republic of Nauru Hospital. The Hospital offers a number of medical and surgical specialties including laboratory, radiological and pharmacy services.

> Sources:
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/nru/19NAUpro2011_finaldraft.pdf
http://www.commonwealthofnations.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/nauru_country_profile.pdf

Research

The Republic of Nauru is in charge of legislation in the research field. Researchers willing to conduct researches in Nauru must have a permit. The fisheries Act 1997 and the Marine Resources Act 1978 includes a part concerning research.

> Source:
http://www.research.usp.ac.fj/?page_id=415

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

The University of the South Pacific - Nauru campus

The USP Centre in Nauru was officially opened in October 1987. It is currently located in the Aiwo District. Nauru Campus provides tutorials and face-to-face courses for a variety of programs.

Keywords:
Education, accounting, management, early childhood education, English & library & informational studies, nutrition & disability studies, continuing education programme

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MINISTRIES

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Ministry of Finance & Sustainable Development

The Ministry of Finance is an important central agency of the Government which is mandated to oversee and coordinate the effective management of public finance and resources in Nauru.

Keywords:
Finance, treasury, statistics, planning & aid development

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Ministry of Health

The Ministry aims to provide quality health services that are accessible by all communities.

Keywords:
Health, public health, health care

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Keywords:
Land transports, civil aviation, maritime affairs

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Ministry of Sports

Keywords:
Sports

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Ministry of Fisheries

Keywords:
Fisheries, marine resources

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Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Environment

The Nauru Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment has oversight and responsibility over issues concerning the environment, climate change, and commerce.

Keywords:
Commerce & business development, food security, agriculture, livestock, environment, tourism, renewable energy

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Ministry of Education

One of the Ministry's missions is to provide all Nauruans with access to Education and training of high standards which is relevant to their development and growth.

Keywords:
Education, youth affairs, technical & vocational training

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Ministry of Home Affairs

Keywords:
Home affairs, women affairs, lands& surveys

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Ministry of Land management

Keywords:
Land management

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade

Keywords:
Foreign affairs, trade, international & regional affairs, Nauru Ocean Resource Inc.

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Ministry of Climate Change

Keywords:
Climate change

Contact

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NIUE

GEOGRAPHY

Niue, also known as the "Rock of Polynesia", is an island situated in the South Pacific Ocean. The island is located 2, 400 km northeast of New Zealand and its neighbouring islands are Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands. Niue is the least populated of all African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. The island faces considerable development constraints due to its isolation, limited natural resources, climate change, a shortage of skilled labour and migration. However, due to the existence of a government welfare scheme, the population does not suffer from extreme poverty.

Land area	**260 km²**
EEZ	**390,000 km²**
Capital	**Alofi**
Population	**1,611 (resident population); approximately 90 per cent of Niue's population lives in New Zealand**
Population growth rate	**-0.2% (2011est.)**
Age of the population	**24.2% under the age of 15 years old (2012)**
Infant mortality rate	**10.2/ 1,000 live births (2011)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 72.5 years; Female: 75.2 years**
Language	**Niuean and English**
Time zone	**GMT –11**

> Sources:

http://www.spc.int/prism/niue/index.php/population/cat_view/12-surveys/13-census/14-census-2011

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Niue.php

http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Niue

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/niue/niue_en.htm

http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/85308/1/9789241505680_eng.pdf

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Agriculture, fishing licences**
Exports	**Agricultural products (Noni, taro, coconut, honey). Amount: NZ $ 346,000; € 210,174 (2011 est.)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**2.47 (2011 est.)**
Key exchange countries	**New Zealand, Japan, China**
GDP	**per capita US $ 14,813; € 10,841 (2011)**
Average annual income	**per capita income US $ 5,800; € 4, 258 a year**

> Sources:

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Niue.php

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/niue/niue_brief.html

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/niue.pdf

http://www.acton.org/pub/commentary/2011/07/06/minimum-wage-law-backfires-american-samoa

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Niue is a self-governing state in free association with New Zealand since 1974.
The Head of State is HM Queen Elizabeth II, represented by the Governor-General of New Zealand.
The head of government is the Premier which is elected by the Parliament.
The Premier selects three cabinet ministers.
Niue's parliament is the Niue Assembly and consists of 20 members elected every three years by universal suffrage. The Assembly's members are divided between 14 village constituency members and six Common Roll members.
The judicial branch includes the Court of Appeal and the High Court.
Niueans hold New Zealand citizenship.
Niue is fully responsible for internal affairs. New Zealand retains responsibility for external affairs and defense; however, these responsibilities confer no rights of control and are only exercised at the request of the Government of Niue.

> Sources:

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ne.html
http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/niue/niue_brief.html
http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Niue.php

Relationships/links with Europe

Niue joined the African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) grouping in 2000.
The Country Strategy Paper for Niue (2008-2013) presents the strategic framework for European Commission (EC) co-operation with Niue under the 10th EDF.
EC assistance will focus on renewable energy and energy efficiency.
EC support will contribute to the building of operational assets capable of generating power from renewable resources and thus reducing the recurrent costs of diesel imports and improving energy efficiency. The new Country Strategy (2008–13) provides a budget of €3.3million.

> Sources:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/niue/niue_en.htm
http://eeas.europa.eu/niue/index_en.htm

Health care system

Niue's health care is considered to be of high standards and is provided to all residents free of charge. This includes good maternal and child health care with good nutrition, child safety, and immunization coverage of 100% against vaccine preventable childhood diseases. Even if medical services are free for local residents, payment is required for some prescribed medicines, such as contraceptives.
No case of HIV/AIDS has been reported and sexually transmitted infections are rare.
The population of Niue is small, therefore its health system has been developed emphasizing primary health care as opposed to specialized care.
There is one general hospital, it is used by patients with any medical conditions who require hospitalization, including people with mental health conditions.
The Department of Health is run by the Director of Health and a complement of four medical officers, two dental officers, one dental nurse, one pharmacist, 15 nurses and two midwives.
Community outreach is maintained through village visits by public health nurses and regular village inspections by public health officers.

> Sources:
http://www.spc.int/prism/nutest/Reports/MDG%20Report/Executive%20Summary%20MDG.pdf
http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/85308/1/9789241505680_eng.pdf
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/niu/22NIUpro2011_finaldraft.pdf

Research

Niue is in charge of legislation in the research field and operates on an ad hoc basis (registration of researchers isn't required). Niue is considering establishing some research guidelines.

> Source:
http://www.research.usp.ac.fj/fileadmin/user_upload/research_permits_v1.pdf

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

The University of the South Pacific - Niue campus

The Niue USP Centre was opened in 1972. It provides cost effective, quality support and user friendly services to ensure that the technical facilities available are accessible to all their students. By comparison to other USP Campuses in the Region the Niue Campus is a small single unit building.

Keywords:
Education, management, computer studies, economics, arts, law, science, business, distance & flexible learning & teaching modes

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St Clements University Higher Education School - Niue

St Clements University Higher Education School Niue was licensed by the Niue Minister of Higher Education on the 30th of March 2005.
It has been established to offer a wide range of university courses to the people of Niue in a semi-campus environment.
The courses offered are distance learning programs taught with local tutors giving generic learning advice.

Keywords:
Education, management, electrical engineering, information technology, mechanical engineering, civil engineering

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MINISTRIES

Ministry of Infrastructure

The Ministry is in charge of, Communications, Transport and Utilities.

Keywords:
Communications, civil aviation, transport, construction, power

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Ministry of Natural Resources

The Ministry is in charge of, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Environment, Meteorology and Climate change.

Keywords:
Agriculture, forestry, fisheries, environment, meteorology, climate change

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Ministry of Social Services

The Ministry is in charge of Education, Health, Tāoga Niue and Justice.

Keywords:
Education, health, justice, Tāoga Niue

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Ministry of Health/Department of Health

The national Health priorities are:
- to make Niue the healthiest country in the Pacific in terms of having healthy people and a healthy environment;
- to pursue health promotion, disease prevention and injury prevention strategies with more vigour and,
- to strengthen the capacity of human resources to effectively deliver primary care services and public health programmes.

Keywords:
Health, public health

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

GEOGRAPHY

Papua New Guinea (PNG) is one of the most diverse countries in the world - geographically, biologically, linguistically, and culturally.
"Papua New Guinea is also the largest of the ACP countries in the South Pacific. Despite its vast natural resources, including fisheries, gold and copper as well as petroleum and natural gas, and notwithstanding the positive growth since 2003, its overall record has been disappointing in terms of wealth redistribution and general improvement of social indicators. Likewise the provision of basic services has deteriorated significantly, making the country rank second lowest in the entire Asia-Pacific region. One of the major challenges remains to achieve sustainable growth at a level that may have a marked impact on poverty alleviation." (Source: European commission – development and cooperation – EuropeAid)

> Source:

European commission – development and cooperation – EuropeAid

Land area	**462 840 km² (27% occupied by people)**
EEZ	**3, 120,000 km² (2008)**
Capital	**Port Moresby**
Population	**7.3 million (2013)**
Population growth rate	**1.936% (2012 est.)**
Age of the population	**38.2% under the age of 15 years old**
Infant mortality rate	**40.84/1,000 live births**
Life expectancy	**Male: 64.44 years; Female: 69 years**
Language	**English, Pidgin, Motu and more than 841 local languages**
Time zone	**GMT +10**

> Sources:

http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Papua%20New%20Guinea
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/png/25PNGpro2011_finaldraft.pdf
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/pp.html
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/png/en/index.htm

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Minerals and petroleum, agriculture, forestry, fisheries**
Exports	**Minerals (gold, silver, copper and crude oil), timber, coffee, palm oil, cocoa and copra. Amount: US $ 5.604 billion; € 4, 121, 611, 977 (2012 est.)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**85.5% (in 2004)**
Key exchange countries	**Australia, Japan, Germany, China (2012)**
GDP	**Per capita US $ 2,532; € 1,825 (2013)**
Monthly minimum wage	**2.29 PGK; 0.65 euro per hour (2008)**

> Sources:

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/png.pdf
http://www.pngembassy.org/economy.html

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Papua New Guinea is a constitutional monarchy; parliamentary democracy (gained independence in 1975). Papua New Guinea is divided administratively into four regions: Southern Coastal Region, Northern Coastal Region, Highlands Region, and New Guinea Islands Region.
The National Government consists of three independent branches: The executive, the legislature and the judiciary.
As a member of the Commonwealth, the head of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea is Queen Elizabeth II, represented by the Governor-General, who is elected by Parliament for a five-year term.
The National Parliament is a 111-member unicameral legislature elected for five-year terms by universal suffrage.
The executive power is vested in the National Executive Council (NEC) or Cabinet, which comprises the Prime Minister and usually about 27 Ministers.
The NEC is appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.
The Prime Minister is the head of government and is appointed and dismissed by the Governor-General on the proposal of Parliament.
At the subnational level, there are 3 levels of administration: provincial, district and local.
There are 22 provinces in Papua New Guinea plus the National Capital District.
The provincial governments have a similar constitutional arrangement to the National Government and have concurrent power with the latter in areas such as agriculture, business development, town planning, forestry and natural resources. National laws, however take precedence over provincial laws if there is conflict.
From 2013, Papua New Guinea governments are protected by the Constitution from no-confidence motions for the first 30 months of a five-year term (up from 18 months). Once the 30-month moratorium expires, a successful no-confidence motion results in an alternative Prime Minister (nominated in the no-confidence motion) being able to form a new government without the need for a national election, unless the no-confidence motion occurs during the last twelve months of a five-year term in which case a national election must be held. With the exception of the 2002-07 and 2007-12 parliamentary terms, changes in government following motions of no-confidence have been a characteristic of Papua New Guinea politics since independence.

> Sources:

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/png/png_brief.html

http://www.pngembassy.org/government.html

http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/png/25PNGpro2011_finaldraft.pdf

http://www.islandsbusiness.com/news/papua-new-guinea/3110/png-new-wages-board-to-review-national-rate/

Relationships/links with Europe

Papua New Guinea (PNG) has been a member of the African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) grouping since 1980. The EU's political dialogue with Papua New Guinea focuses on, protecting its vulnerable environment, especially in relation to climate change and defending human rights and gender issues. The European community's strategic areas are:

- Rural economic development
- Human resources development
- Good governance
- Support PNG in its efforts to turn a trading relationship with the outside world.

Development aid and trade relations between the European Community and PNG have been governed by treaties concluded between the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of countries and the European Community.

In 1977, the European Community decided to extend the trade provisions of the Lomé I Convention to Papua New Guinea, and as from 1978 the country became full partner in all Conventions.

Funds under Lomé I were principally geared towards rural development, which included road infrastructure, storage facilities, rural electrification, micro projects, education and training. Lomé II concentrated on economic infrastructure, such as roads, bridges and mini-hydro projects, while Lomé III focused again mainly on rural development. Under Lomé IV and IV bis, the emphasis was on human resources and the rural environment.

The European Development Fund (EDF), fed by the contribution of the EU Member States, finances the multi-annual strategies described above, as well as the regional strategies for the whole Pacific.

In addition to the EDF, the European Community's own budget finances a number of projects in different thematic sectors: investing in people; the environment and sustainable management of natural resources; non-state actors and local authorities; food security; migration and asylum; democracy and human rights.

The multi-annual indicative programme for Papua New Guinea under the 10th EDF allocates €142.3 million.

> **Sources:**

http://eeas.europa.eu/papua_new_guinea/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/documents/eu_booklet_png_07_en.pdf

Health care system

Health services in PNG is mainly provided at government and church health facilities, funded by a mix of government tax revenues, out-of-pocket payments and donor funds. The majority of health service delivery is carried out by provincial and local governments in rural health services, including rural hospitals, health centres, health subcentres, and aid posts. All of these services offer a mix of public health and primary and community care. Within the public sector, management responsibility for hospitals and rural health services within provinces is divided. The National Department of Health manages the provincial hospitals, while provincial and local governments are responsible for rural health services. Provincial and local governments are responsible for funding and delivery of rural health services, and implementing all policies and programs according to the set goal and vision of the national government.

Government-subsidized church health services are an integral part of the national health system, particularly in the most hard-to-reach areas of the country where they provide almost 50% of ambulatory services. Not-for-profit and organized under the Churches Medical Council, they manage their own plans and staffing, but are highly subsidized with over 80% of the service costs financed by the government, without any formal contractual arrangement.
Private sector organizations include for-profit enterprise-based services or employment-related health care programs, small for-profit private sector, women's and youth organizations, NGOs and an undocumented number of unregulated traditional healers.
In the private sector, large employers may provide onsite health care for families of employees and surrounding communities, and complement government health services.
NGOs and civil society organizations play an important role in the delivery of primary health services, especially in areas with limited access to government health services.
NGOs may operate their own rural hospitals and urban clinics and provide supportive health services such as ambulance services, community outreach programs and 24 hour emergency call centres.
Traditional medicine is an important part of the health system in PNG.
Traditional healers are permitted to practice at village and district level.
The National Health Service Standards for Papua New Guinea 2011-2020 outlines a 7-level health service delivery structure and systematically describes a package of health services and the number, types and mix of staff that should be provided at each level of health care.
The following laws contribute to the regulatory framework for health system functioning in PNG:
Poisons and Dangerous Substances Act (1952);
Disaster Management Act (1984);
HIV/AIDS Management and Prevention Act (2003);
The Public Hospitals (Charges) Act (1972) provides for user fees to be charged at public hospitals.
The Organic Law on Provincial Governments and Local Level Governments (1977) devolved the management and service delivery of rural health services from the National Department of Health (NDoH) to the provincial and local governments.
The New Organic Law (1995) went further and delegated public spending to the local governments.);
The Public Hospitals Act (1994) made hospitals quasi-statutory authorities and had implications for rural delivery.
The National Health Administration Act (1997) intended to provide a framework for coordination between the National Department of Health and provincial authorities, and the Provincial Health Authority Act (2007) provides for establishing a single provincial health authority to integrate the management of hospital services and rural (primary) health services, instead of hospitals being managed separately by NDoH and rural health services by provincial governments.

> Sources:

http://www.wpro.who.int/health_services/service_delivery_profile_papua_new_guinea.pdf

http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/png/25PNGpro2011_finaldraft.pdf

Research

Research, Science and Technology has been identified as number one pillar in the national Vision 2050 to drive PNG for the attainment of a middle income country before 2050.
The PNG Research, Science and Technology Secretariat is established under the PNG Science and Technology Council Act 1992. Its functions are stipulated in the Science and Technology Council Act and are widely arranging but are summarized as follows:

[1] Responsible for administering the PNG STC Act 1992;
[2] Responsible for advising on matters relating to Research and Development in Research, Science, Technology and Innovation;
[3] Advising the Government in strategy framework for Research, Science, Technology and Innovation that will drive the economic plan for PNG;
[4] Responsible for managing all research, science and technology grants; and,
[5] Coordinate and align PNG research, science, technology and innovation programs and activities across all sectors (public and private) in PNG.

The PNG Research, Science and Technology Council (PNGRSTC) will play an advisory role to government relating to issues concerning research for development and science and technology. The council will spearhead research and development (R&D) in science and technology that contribute meaningfully to economic, technological and social development in Papua New Guinea.
The National Research Institute (NRI) is Papua New Guinea's leading research authority. NRI was established and mandated by the NRI Act 1993 to conduct research and policy analysis in legal, political, economic, education, social and environmental, and population issues to influence public policy. The NRI aims to influence thinking, discussions, policy development and policy implementation on key areas affecting development by carrying out research, undertaking analytical work and through writing and other means, communicate the results of key policy decision makers and those responsible for policy implementation.
The NRI has three main work areas comprising: Research; Knowledge Management Systems; and Corporate Services Division. The NRI also offers services to external clients through the Bookshop, Conference Centre, Lodge, Printery, Rental properties, consultancy and research visa liaison and processing.
The National Research Institute is the only overall research visa issuing authority in Papua New Guinea. The exception is medical research visa applications which are vetted by the PNG Medical Research Advisory Council.
Another leading research institute in PNG is the PNG Medical Research Institute (PNGIMR). The PNG Institute of Medical Research (PNGIMR) is a world class research facility looking at ways to improve the health of the population.
Their headquarters is located in Goroka and they have laboratories and research sites across PNG. Five main research fields: Infection and Immunity, Vector Borne Diseases, Population Health and Demography, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Environmental and Emerging Diseases.

Another leading research authority is the National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) which was established by an Act of National Parliament of PNG in July 1996 as a public funded, statutory research organisation, to conduct and foster applied and adaptive research into:

[1] Any branch of biological, physical and natural sciences related to agriculture;
[2] Cultural and socioeconomic aspects of the agricultural sector, especially of the smallholder agriculture; and
[3] Matters relating to rural development and of relevance to PNG.

Besides NARI is responsible for providing technical, analytical, diagnosis and advisory services and up-to-date information to the agricultural sector in PNG.

The Institute's purpose is to accomplish enhanced productivity, efficiency, stability and sustainability of the smallholder agricultural sector in the country so as to contribute to the improved welfare of rural families and communities who depend wholly or partly on agriculture for their livelihoods.

This is intended to be accomplished through NARI's mission of promoting innovative agricultural development in PNG through scientific research, knowledge creation and information exchange.

> Sources:

http://www.nri.org.pg/about_us/index.htm

http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/databases/creative_heritage/docs/png_guidelines.pdf

http://www.ohe.gov.pg/index.php/about-us/rst-council.html

RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

NARI (The National Agricultural Research Institute)

NARI was established by an Act of National Parliament of Papua New Guinea in July 1996 as a public funded, statutory research organization, to conduct and foster applied and adaptive research into:

- any branch of biological, physical and natural sciences related to agriculture
- cultural and socioeconomic aspects of the agricultural sector and
- matters relating to rural development and of relevance to PNG.

Keywords:

Agricultural research, livestock, climate change, natural resource management, plant genetic resources

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NRI (The National Research Institute of Papua New Guinea)

The National Research Institute was established and mandated by the NRI Act 1993 (as amended) to conduct research and policy analysis in legal, political, economic, education, social and environmental, and population issues to influence public policy. The Institute is an independent Government Statutory Authority and focuses on generating research information and providing expert advice on a range of policy considerations to its stakeholders.

> Source: http://www.nri.org.pg/about_us/

NRI's Research Divisions are currently focussed on four broad research pillars:
- Wealth Creation Pillar
- People Pillar
- Institutional Strengthening Pillar and
- Cross Pillar projects

Themes:
- Economics studies, education studies, political and legal studies, social and environmental studies.

Keywords:
Policy analysis & research, land research program, HIV & public health program

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PNGIBR (The Papua New Guinea Institute of Biological Research)

PNGIBR is a non-profit organization in Papua New Guinea that conducts research and trains PNG biologists and conservationists. Their scientists share information with policy makers and the people of PNG to enable better management decisions.

Themes:
- Ecological and biological research

Keywords:
Flora conservation, fauna, ecosystem, biodiversity, biology

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PNGIMR (The Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research)

The PNG Institute of Medical Research is a world class research facility looking at ways to improve the health of the population. Their headquarters is located in Goroka and they have laboratories and research sites across PNG.

Themes:
Five main research fields:
- Infection and Immunity
- Vector Borne Diseases
- Population Health and Demography
- Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Environmental and Emerging Diseases

Keywords:
Population health & demography, environmental & emerging diseases, vector borne diseases, pneumonia, meningitis, tuberculosis, malaria, emerging diseases, influenza, cholera, molecular parasitology, entomology, non-communicable diseases, cancer

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UNIVERSITIES

PNGUniTech (The Papua New Guinea University of Technology)*

The Papua New Guinea University of Technology is Papua New Guinea's only technological institution, playing a vital role in the education of PNG elites. Their mission is to produce graduates and research of high standard for the development, critical evaluation and application of science and technology for Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific.

** Member of the Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN).*

Themes:

The university has 13 academic departments:

- Agriculture
- Applied Physics
- Applied Sciences
- Architecture & Building
- Business Studies
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical & Communication Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Mathematics & Computer Science
- Communication & Development Studies
- Forestry
- Surveying & Land studies

Keywords:

Agriculture, computer science, applied science, applied physics, radiation therapy, food technology, mining engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, communication engineering, electronic engineering, forestry, language & communication, surveying, cartography, PIURN

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UOG (The University of Goroka)

The University of Goroka is one of the fastest growing learning institutions in PNG and the South Pacific, and is committed to offering the very best in high quality tertiary education to students in all areas of study.

Themes:
The University of Goroka has 3 faculties:
- The faculty of Education
- The Humanities faculty
- The faculty of Science

The faculty of science offers a variety of courses in the sciences, mathematics and computing, agriculture, home economics, design and technology, physical education, health, nursing, business studies, and technical and vocational studies.

Keywords:
Sciences, health, agriculture, commerce, social sciences, language & literature, education, maths & computing

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UNRE (The University of Natural Resources & Environment)*

UNRE is Papua New Guinea's major agricultural university.
UNRE aspires to train potential leaders through higher education as well as develop the mindset of simple subsistence farmers so that they realise that they are important and are contributing to the collective development and management of the country.
UNRE mission is "to bring to the Pacific Rim community the benefits of teaching and learning, research, technology transfer and service."
**Member of the Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN).*

Themes:
The University of Goroka has 3 faculties:
- Tropical Agriculture, fisheries and marine resources academic programs

Keywords:
Education, tropical agriculture studies, fisheries & marines resources studies, PIURN

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UPNG (The University of Papua New Guinea)*

Papua New Guinea's premier university, first established in 1965 and has graduated over 15,000 people. They offer courses ranging from medicine and health sciences, through natural and physical sciences, to law, business, humanities and arts.
Their mission is "to be the premier university, making available quality education, research and service to Papua New Guinea and the Pacific".

**Member of the Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN).*

The University of Papua New Guinea research establishments includes:

- **The centre for Climate Change & Sustainable Development (CCC&SD)**
  The centre focuses on the understanding of the impact of climate change, on resources and communities, and ways to mitigate effects.
- **The centre for disaster reduction**
  The centre is devoted to the study of natural disasters such as tsunamis, strong winds and flooding and ways to reduce their impact.
- **The school of business administration postgraduate studies & research centre**
  Is a central agency that coordinates School of Business Administration research and Masters.
- **The Taurama Post Graduate and Research Centre (TAPREC)**
  The TAPREC includes the following research clusters:
  - Micronutrient Laboratory, a laboratory established to assess micronutrient levels in the population especially children and pregnant women.
  - Molecular Biodiscovery and Biomedicines Laboratory, a laboratory established through collaboration with the University of Utah, United States, for the screening of PNG natural products for new therapeutic lead compounds and the validation of traditional medicine.
  - Natural Products and Chemical Analysis Laboratory, a facility devoted for chemical analysis of oils and other natural products for economic and medicinal use.
  - Traditional Medicine Database Unit, a unit established through collaboration with the Department of Health and World Health Organization to undertake surveys and documentation of traditional medicine practices in Papua New Guinea.
  - Snake Venom Research Unit, a research unit developed through collaboration with the University of Melbourne to undertake studies on venomous snakes of Papua New Guinea to improve the management of snakebite.
- **The Centre for Biodiversity and Natural Products Research (CBNPR)**
  Undertakes research on inventory, biological and economic assessment of biodiversity of PNG.
- **The Melanesian And Pacific Studies centre (MAPS)**
  Is dedicated to the study of people, their knowledge and culture to enhance knowledge preservation.
- **The Melanesian Institute of Arts and Communication centre (MIAC)**
  Studies cultural expression and communication and is application to modern settings.
- **The Motupore Island Research Centre (MIRC)**
  A research station focused on the study of marine life and its sustainability.
  MIRC's mission is to increase Papua New Guinea capacity to lead, facilitate and promote multi-disciplinary tropical marine and costal programs through partnerships aimed at achieving sustainable social, economic and environmental development.

Keywords:
Research & studies, business administration, humanities & social sciences, law, medicine, health sciences, natural & physical sciences, biodiversity, public health, distance education research, MIRC, MIAC, university, MAPS, CBNPR, TAPREC, PIURN, postgraduate programs

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DWU (Divine Word University)

DWU is a National University, open to all, serving the society through its quality of research, teaching, learning and community service.
To achieve their vision, they have developed links with the world's leading universities, industry and business, and work closely with the Papua New Guinea Government, Churches and NGOs.

Themes:
DWU has five faculties:
- The Faculty of arts
- The Faculty of education
- The Faculty of business and informatics
- The Faculty of theology
- The Faculty of health sciences (with six departments)

Health research at DWU is provided by the centre for health research and diagnostics which has three divisions:
- The research division
- The training division
- The diagnostics division

Keywords:
Education, business studies, mathematics & computing science, humanities, sciences, arts, theology, health management, environmental health, rural Health, public health leadership & training, flexible learning centre

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PAU (Pacific Adventist University)*

Pacific Adventist University (PAU) is a premier Christian institution of higher learning and research in the Pacific. Their objective is "to prepare graduates who are equipped and willing to serve their community, their country, their church and their God."
**Member of the Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN).*

Themes:
They are providing courses in six main fields:
- Arts and Humanities
- Business
- Education
- Health science
- Science
- Theology

Keywords:
Education, arts, biology, mathematics, business, chemistry, health science, science, PIURN

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OTHER RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS / LINKS

The Cocoa and Coconut Research Institute

The Cocoa and Coconut Research Institute's main function is to conduct research on cocoa and coconut plants.

Keywords:
Cocoa & coconut research

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The New Guinea Binatang Research Centre

This centre is a non-profit Papua New Guinean organisation devoted to:
- Training Papua New Guineans in biology on all levels
- Advancing biodiversity research in Papua New Guinea
- Developing educational and nature conservation programmes.

Theme:
- Documenting biodiversity in Papua New Guinea

Keywords:
Biodiversity, biological research

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OHE (The Office of Higher Education)

The Office of Higher Education (OHE) was established as an Act of Parliament in 1983. The act is called the Higher Education Act.
There are three divisions within the office:
The Executive,
The OHE is the administrative and executing agency for higher education in Papua New Guinea. The Director General is the deemed departmental Head who oversees all programmes and activities of OHE.
The Higher Education Development,
This division comprises three branches headed by a Director who reports directly to the Director General of the Office of Higher Education on policy matters, institutional developments, information and communication technology and student scholarships and student support in higher education.
The Corporate and Student Support Services,
This division incorporates the finance and administration branch and the student support services branch.

Keywords:
Higher education, STI R&D Grant

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DEPARTMENTS / MINISTRIES

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Keywords:
Inter-government relations

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Department of Treasury

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Keywords:
Treasury, economic policy, investments, financial evaluation

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Department of Public Enterprise and State Investment

Keywords:
Public enterprise, investments, business, commerce

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Department of Forests and Climate Change

Keywords:
Forestry, climate change, National Forest Service, Papua New Guinea Forest Authority

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Department of Transport and Infrastructure

Keywords:
Transport, Infrastructure

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Department of Agriculture and Livestock

The Department aims to enable the increase in agricultural production for domestic consumption and export, thus increasing the well being and contributing to social economic development.

Keywords:
Agriculture, livestock, food security, agriculture education & training, provincial & industrial support services

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Immigration

Keywords:
Foreign affairs, immigration, PNG Immigration & Citizenship Service Authority

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Department of Personal Management

The Department's mission is to lead and support reform efforts in terms of enhancing the performance of PNG public servants and the right sizing or streamlining of agencies so as to improve service delivery to the provinces and districts in meeting Medium Term Development Plan priorities.

Keywords:
Public services, employment, industrial relations, human resources management

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Department of Community, Women, Youth and Religion

Keywords:
Community development, women affairs, youth, religion

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Department of Environment and Conservation and Climate Change

Keywords:
Environment, conservation, climate changes

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Department of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology

The Ministry is responsible for the effective development of an education system that will enable the nation of Papua New Guinea's future development.

Keywords:
Education, higher education, research, science & technology, schools

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Department of Defence

Keywords:
Defence, border security, maritime surveillance, security, disaster relief, Defence Force

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Department of Finance

The Department aims to promote the efficient, effective and ethical use of public money in Papua New Guinea.

Keywords:
Finance, financial systems development & maintenance,
financial & accounting information processing,
financial management & accounting procedures

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Keywords:
Energy

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Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Housing, urban development

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Department of Tourism, Arts and Culture

Keywords:
Tourism, arts, culture, PNG Tourism Promotion Authority, National Museum & Art Gallery

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Department of Trade, Commerce and Industry

Keywords:
Trade, commerce, industry

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Department of Sports and Pacific Games and National Events

Keywords:
Sports, national events

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Keywords:
Human resource development, employment promotion, foreign employment, labour, industrial relations

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Department of Health and HIV Aids

The department mission is to improve, transform, and provide quality health services through innovative approaches supporting primary health care and health system development, and good governance at all levels.

Keywords:
Health, public health, health care, health services, pharmaceutical services

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Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources
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Keywords:
Fisheries industry, marine resource, National Fisheries Authority, tuna fishery, aquaculture

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Department of Communication and Information Technology

Keywords:
Communication, information technology

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Department of Mining

Keywords:
Mineral resources, mining, Mineral Resources Authority, geological survey

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Department of Works and Implementation

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Keywords:
Road maintenance, local government engineering, design service, works

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Department of Lands and Physical Planning

Keywords:
Lands affairs, physical planning

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Keywords:
Planning, foreign aid, statistics, macro planning, provincial liaison & monitoring, National Research Institute

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SAMOA

GEOGRAPHY

Land area	**2,944 km²**
EEZ	**120, 000 km² (2013)**
Capital	**Apia**
Population	**187,820 inhabitants (2011 census)**
Population growth rate	**- 0.2%**
Age of the population	**34.7% under the age of 15 years old**
Infant mortality rate	**20.95/1,000 live births (2013)**
Life expectancy	**71.00 years old**
Language	**English, Samoan**
Time zone	**GMT –11**

> Sources:
http://www.indexmundi.com/fr/samoa
http://fr.wikipedia.org/

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Tourism, fishery, agriculture**
Exports	**Fish, coconut products, copra, automotive parts, taro, beer; Amount: SAT $ 78 million; € 24.89 million**
Imports/exports	**Exports - SAT $ 78 million; € 24.89 million (year ending 2012), Imports - SAT $ 792 million; € 252.75 million**
Key exchange countries	**Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Japan, USA (2012)**
GDP	**per capita: US $ 6, 000; € 4, 417 (2011 estimation) http://www.indexmundi.com/fr/samoa/produit_interieur_brut_(pib)_par_habitant.html**
Monthly minimum wage	**$ US 2.00 (1.47 euro) per hour in the private sector; $ US 2.40 (1.77 euro) per hour in the public sector; http://www.minimum-wage.org/international/fr/Samoa/**

> Sources:
http://www.statistiques-mondiales.com/samoa.htm
http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Samoa.php

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Became an independent state in 1962. Samoa is a constitutional monarchy and is also a member country of the Commonwealth since 1970.
The Head of State: Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi
The Prime Minister: Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Naioti Aiono Dr Sailele Malielegaoi
The Minister of Industry, Business and Labour: Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo
The Minister of Health: Tuitama Dr. Talalelei Tuitama
The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries: Le Mamea Ropati
The Minister of Communication and Information Technology: Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau
The Minister of Education, Sports and Culture: Magele Mauiliu
The Minister of Finance: Faumuina Liuga
The Minister of Justice and Courts Administration: Fiame Naomi Mataafa
The Minister of Natural Resources and Environment: Faamoetauloa Dr Faale Tumaalii
The Minister of Police, Prison and Fire Services: Sala Fata Pinati
The Minister of Revenue: Tuiloma Pule Lameko
The Minister of Women, Community and Social Development: Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua
The Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure: Manu'alesagalala Enokati Posala

> Source:
http://www.govt.ws/

Relationships/links with Europe

Samoa has been a member of the African Caribbean Pacific grouping since 1975, since when it has received some €130m in assistance from the EU. The EU's political dialogue with Samoa focuses on:
- protecting it's vulnerable environment, especially in relation to climate change as well as,
- defending human rights and gender issues.

The EU and Samoa are discussing how to collaborate more closely in multilateral fora on these and other issues. The main focus areas for EU assistance and cooperation are:
- water and sanitation (with sector budget support)
- hunger reduction (from the Millennium Development Goals-Initiative)
- climate change (under the Global Climate Change Alliance, specifically for the water sector).

Samoa also benefits from:
- The Civil Society Support Programme (€3m) in collaboration with Australia
- The Media for Democracy and Human Rights programme (€193,334) of the European Instrument for Democracy & Human Rights.

The EU welcomes Samoa's initiative to reserve parliamentary seats for women and hope that this will also inspire other countries in the Pacific region and elsewhere.

> Source:
http://eeas.europa.eu/samoa/index_en.htm

Health care system

The health sector is mainly the responsibility of public authorities. The ministry of Health provides public health services, primary and secondary care, and a small portion of tertiary care through a network of structures, rural health centres and few hospitals; tertiary care is mainly dispense in New Zealand. A network of women's committees co-managed publicly funded rural health services; There are about 900 traditional healers and 200 traditional birth attendants. The private sector extended these past few years. The emigration of well-qualified medical workers and the departure of staff from rural areas to cities put pressure on the sector.

> Source:
http://www.who.int/countryfocus/cooperation_strategy/ccsbrief_wsm_fr.pdf

Research

The Legal and Research Office was established under the Samoa Parliamentary Strengthening Project (SPSP) and subsequently mandated in the OCLA Corporate Plan 2013-2015. The LRO's functions are outlined as follows:

To provide robust and accurate legal advice to MP's and OCLA staff through:

- the drafting of legislation and provision of bill drafting and amendment advice;
- the provision of secretarial support to committees for the review of Standing Orders, Code of Ethics, Parliamentary Practice and other manuals;
- the development of mechanisms to improve Parliament oversight of Government Ministries and Corporations and their programs;
- the provision of skills development training for Committee Secretariat staff for bill drafting/amendments, legal analysis and research and report writing skills;
- the development of standards and mechanisms to measure performance against national goals.

To provide high quality research services which facilitates legal and proceduralresearch and review through:

- research services for Government Bills;
- research briefs on Government Ministries departmental and agencies annual reports;
- sector reports to improve MP awareness of policies and progress for major sectors (e.g. Tourism, Finance etc.);
- procedural research & statistical reports;
- the provision of information sheets and general information in support of Parliament's Community Outreach Office.

> Source:
http//:www.parliament.gov.ws/index.php/legal-and-research-office

RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

The Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa (SROS)

Previously known as the Research and Development Institute of Samoa (RDIS). Established in 2006 as a newly formed government initiative, SROS was set up to provide scientific and technical research, and develop technologies which provide benefit to Samoa's industries, government ministries, corporations, agencies and communities and in turn the national economy.

Themes:

- Environment and Renewable Energy (ERE)
- Plant and Food Technology (PFT)
- Industrial Research (IR)
- Administration and Finance (AF)

Keywords:
Food safety,microbiological analysis,renewable energy resources,bio-ethanol,bio-diesel

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UNIVERSITIES

NUS (The National University of Samoa)

The National University of Samoa was established in 1984 by an Act of Parliament.
Its mission is "to be a provider of Samoan Studies, quality teaching, professional training and research to meet the human resource needs of the country".
With a current role of over 2000 students and about 300 staff, the National University offers Certificates, Diplomas and Bachelors in the undergraduate program and Postgraduate diplomas and Masters in certain disciplines in the Postgraduate programs.

Vision
The National University of Samoa will be recognised nationally, regionally and internationally as a vibrant and innovative centre of excellence in research, Samoan studies and quality teaching and training across all disciplines.

The National University of Samoa has six faculties and two centres:
- The Faculty of Arts, which is the founding faculty of the National University of Samoa. It is comprised of the departments of English and Foreign Languages, Media and Communication and Social Sciences.
- The Faculty of Applied Science, which houses the 3 Schools of Engineering, Nursing and Health Science and Maritime.
- The Faculty of Business and Entrepreneurship, which houses the School of Accounting and Economics and the School of Management and Hospitality.
- The Facultyof Science, comprises three departments: Computing, Science, and Mathematics and Statistics.
- The Faculty of Medicine (previously OUM)
- The Faculty of Education, has three departments: the departments of Education, Expressive and Practical Arts and Teacher Education.
- The Centre for Samoan Studies, administers Research Fund that is accessible to all staff members to undertake research projects within Samoa and American Samoa
- The Oloamanu Centre for Professional Development and training, which principal objective is to provide professionals with opportunities for continuing development and, to support and facilitate lifelong programmes.

Keywords:
Arts, applied science, business, sciences, education, medicine, development studies, Samoan studies, environmental science

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University of the South Pacific in Samoa - Alafua Campus

Alafua Campus includes the School of Agriculture and Food Technology (SAFT/IRETA), Distance and Flexible Learning programmes and courses across all four faculties of the university (Arts and Law, Business and Economics, Islands and Oceans, as well as Science and Technology), Continuing and Community Education (CCE), the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CELT) and the College of Foundation Studies (CFS).

*More information on Research & Services
SAFT made significant progress in research in recent years despite inadequacies in research equipment and tools. Some of the research activities are summarized below:

- The Discipline of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Education continued to conduct research on various aspects of the socio-economics of crop and livestock production, farmer participation in agricultural production and productivity, and some aspects of agricultural extension and agricultural education.
- In the field of Animal Science, research on the use of locally available feedstuff in livestock production continued-with emphasis on ruminants (cattle, sheep and goat) and on monogastric livestock (poultry and pig). Research on the 'Integrated Duck-Fish-Chicken Production System' continued.
- The Crop Science Discipline continued its research on the management of the Taro Leaf Blight (TLB) disease by breeding, selection, and field - testing of more taro cultivars - with the aim of identifying additional varieties that are resistant/tolerant to this disease, while being acceptable to taro consumers.
- As in 2003, research in the area of Soil Science and Agricultural Engineering continued on the 'Development of Integrated Approaches for Sustainable Crop Production in Environmentally Constrained Systems in the South Pacific Region" - an EU-funded Project with the acronym 'CROPPRO'. The overall objective of the project is to develop farming tools and expertise needed for the sustenance of profitable crop production whilst minimizing soil erosion and land degradation in environmentally-constrained systems, such as in the case of watersheds.

Themes:

- Agriculture and Food Technology, Distance and Flexible Learning programmes and courses

Keywords:
Agriculture, food technology, arts & law, economics, islands & oceans, science & technology

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OTHER ORGANISATIONS/LINKS CORPORATIONS

EPC (Electric Power Corporations)

The Electric Power Corporation of Samoa is an autonomous government owned corporation. Its mission is to "provide quality electricity services in partnership with customers and stakeholders. They are committed to be financially viable by adopting the most economical use of resources and the continued pursuit of technology and innovation to achieve excellent services, through environmentally sound practices".

Themes:
The Corporation's main objectives are:
- Service Delivery
- Research and Development
- Financial Performance
- Development of Legislations, Regulations, Policies and Business Procedures
- Staff Training and Professional Development

Keywords:
Renewable energy, electricity services, modern technology, innovation, feasibility study, diesel & fuel

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SWA (Samoa Water Authority)

The Samoa Water Authority is the major water service provider in Samoa. They are committed to providing safe and good quality water and wastewater services for Samoa as a whole. These services will continue to benefit from recent and ongoing investments in water and sanitation related infrastructure and from an enhanced capacity within the Authority to operate and maintain this essential infrastructure in an efficient and effective manner.
SWA operates under seven main Divisions namely the:
- Corporate Management Division
- Commercial Division
- Urban Operations Division
- Rural Operations Division
- Technical Division
- Savai'i Operations Division
- Wastewater Division

Keywords:
Wastewater, community, sanitation, water treatment, sustainability

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http://www.swa.gov.ws

MINISTRIES

MAF (Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries)

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries is the principal organisation which provides regulatory and technical advice, training, and support for subsistence farmers, commercial farmers, agri-processors, and exporters to effectively manage and use the potential in agriculture and fisheries for food security, income generating opportunities, commercial development, and sustainable management of resources.
MAF's long term goals are to improve food security, improve commercial development and to produce a sustainable agriculture.
MAF is divided into the following six Divisions
- Crops Division
- Animal production and Health Division
- Fisheries Division
- Quarantine Division
- Policy, planning and communications Division
- Corporate services Division

Themes:
- Forestry conservation
- Food stock
- Aquaculture
- Animal production and animal health
- Crop production
- Horticulture

Keywords:
Livestock, fisheries, crop production, forestry conservation

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MCIT (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology)

The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology facilitates leads and implements the Government of Samoa's vision for Communications development. MCIT aims "to be a Leader in Communications Policy Formulation, Regulations and the Provision of Information for a Connected and Informed Samoa."
The Government of Samoa is contributing to the development and disseminating ICT throughout Samoa, moving Samoa towards the knowledge economy and the information society.

Themes:
- ICT for development
- ICT community and society
- Communications

Keywords:
Information technology, networks, broadcasting, telecommunications

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MOH (Ministry of Health)

The Ministry of Health's mission is to provide meaningful and realistic health policy advice to Government; ensure effective regulation and monitoring of the entire health sector in accordance with the Ministry of Health Act 2006 and all relevant legislation; and, through excellent health promotion and prevention services reverse increasing lifestyle diseases.
MOH is divided into six divisions:
- Office of the Director General of Health
- Health promotion and preventive services Division
- Strategic development and planning Division
- Corporate services Division
- Health service performance for nursing and midwifery
- Health services performance and quality assurance for medical and allied health

Themes:
- Health promotion and preventive services
- Health services
- Nursing and midwifery
- Medical and allied health

Keywords:
Health standards, health sector, health status, nursing & midwifery

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MNREM (Ministry of Natural Resources Environment and Meteorology)

The Ministry of Natural Resources Environment and Meteorology has as its mission statement "to implement and utilize the principles of best practice in mainstreaming climate change adaptation and mitigation in the sustainable management of the country's natural resources and environment through partnerships with all relevant stakeholders".
The MNREM includes numerous divisions:

- Land management
- Environment and conservation
- Forest services
- Technical services
- Meteorological services
- Planning & Urban management services
- Water resources services
- Legal services
- Corporate services
- Global environment facility services – donor support
- Renewable energy
- Information and Communication Technology
- Water and sanitation sector coordination

Themes:

- Environment and conservation
- Climate Change and adaptation
- Marine and terrestrial conservation
- Land management
- Forestry
- Meteorology
- Planning and urban management
- Water and sanitation

Keywords:
Environment, marine & terrestrial conservation, fisheries, climate change adaptation, renewable energy resources, land management, planning & urban management

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http://www.mnre.gov.ws

MWCSD (Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development)

The Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development remains focused in its commitment and overall performance for the achievement of community and social development outcomes, as clearly underscored in Government's national & sectoral strategic priorities. Its mission is 'to lead community development to enable social and economic wellbeing for all'.
The Ministry's core functions are Policy Advice, Social Development, Sustainable Economic Development and Local Governance.

Themes:
- Community outreach
- Social development
- Sustainable development
- Government policies

Keywords:
Social development, communities, sustainable economic development, research & surveys coordination, policy development, policy advice, management & coordination of information systems, Community Sector Plan - Steering Committee

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MWTI (Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure)

The MWTI was established in May 2003 and incorporates activities that were previously undertaken by the Ministry of Transport (MOT), Ministry of Works (MOW) and the Ministry of Police and Prisons (MPP). At that time (2003) the MWTI incorporated these activities with little structural change to the component parts that were absorbed from the above agencies.
There are six divisions within the ministry:
- Civil aviation
- Maritime
- Land Transport
- Policy and planning
- Building management
- Corporate services

Keywords:
Infrastructure, planning & developments, transport, land management

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Ministry of Finance

The role of the Ministry of Finance is to promote accountability and transparency in service delivery to the community through establishment and implementation of sound financial management systems, standards, policies and procedures.

Keywords:
Finance, economic policy, energy policy, climate resilience investment & coordination, SOE monitoring

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Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Labour

The mission of the Ministry is to provide an enabling legal environment for the development of the private sector to stimulate investment, industry development to boost productivity, fair trade competition, create full employment of local workforce and highly qualified trades people, generate more work opportunities encompassing temporary movement of natural persons, improve safe work environment, increase innovation and integrity in Samoa.

Keywords:
Apprenticeship, employment & labour market, corporate & strategic services, fair trading & codex development, industry development & investment promotion, industrial relations, occupational safety & health, work permits, registration of companies, intellectual property

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Ministry of Education, Sports & Culture

The Ministry aims to promote quality and sustainable development in all aspects of Education, Sports and Culture to provide choices for the people of Samoa.

Keywords:
Education, schools, sports, culture, education sector coordination

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade

The Ministry is responsible for the administration of Government's business with foreign countries and their governments as well as international organizations. It also endeavours to initiate and continue to provide high quality and professional policy advice to Government on the management of Samoa's foreign and trade relations.

Keywords:
Political international relations & protocol, trade , bilateral partnership

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Ministry of Justice & Courts Administration

The Ministry's mission statement is 'to provide quality services for a prosperous and safer Samoa'.

Keywords:
Justice, courts, corrections, enforcement, land/titles mediation & registration, laws

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Ministry of Revenue

The Ministry is responsible for collecting revenue to fund the services and infrastructure Government provides for Samoans. It also has the job of protecting the community from potential risks arising from international trade and travel, while facilitating the legitimate movement of people and goods across the border.

Keywords:
Revenue, customs services, trade facilitation, border protection & enforcement

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Ministry of the Prime Minister & Cabinet

Keywords:
Government, immigration

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SOLOMON ISLANDS

GEOGRAPHY

The Solomon Islands is a group of over 990 islands in the Pacific Ocean, approximately 2,000 km to the north-east of Australia. The country suffered from political tensions and outright violence in recent years, leading to regional intervention from 2003 and an uneasy subsequent peace. Despite an improving economic performance in recent years, the Solomon Islands still ranks among the poorest countries in the Pacific.

Land area	**28,450 km²**
EEZ	**1,630,000 km²**
Capital	**Honiara (Guadalcanal)**
Population	**552, 000 (2011 est.)**
Population growth rate	**2.12% (2013 est.)**
Age of the population	**39.3% under the age of 15 years old (2012)**
Infant mortality rate	**22/ 1,000 live births (2009)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 66.2 years; Female: 73.1 years (2009)**
Languages	**English (official), Solomon Islands Pidgin, plus around 80 local languages**
Time zone	**GMT +11**

> Sources:

http://secretariat.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/191502/159364/148310/148410/solomon_islands/
http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Solomon-Islands.php
http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Solomon%20Islands
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/bp.html
http://www.spc.int/prism/solomons/index.php/sinso-documents?view=download&fileId=59
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/solomon-islands/solomon-islands_en.htm
https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/solomon_islands/solomon_islands_brief.html

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Logging industry, agriculture, fisheries and mining**
Exports	**Logs, palm oil and kernel, fish, coconut oil and copra, timber, cocoa, minerals (primarily alluvial gold) Amount: SBD $ 1.753 billion; € 178, 111, 763 (2010)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**54.59% (2010)**
Key exchange countries	**China, Australia, Thailand, Singapore (2011)**
GDP	**Per capita US $ 1, 901; € 1,388 (2013)**
Monthly minimum wage	**US $ 0.53; € 0.38 per hour (except for the fishing and agricultural sectors workers: US $ 0.47; € 0.34 per hour)**

> Sources:

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Solomon-Islands.php
http://www.spc.int/prism/solomons/index.php/economic/trade-statistic
http://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/2010/eap/154402.htms

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

The Solomon Islands gained independence on 7 July 1978. At independence the country joined the Commonwealth. The Solomon Islands is a constitutional monarchy with a Westminster- style parliamentary democracy political system.

The executive branch includes:
The Head of State is the Queen Elizabeth II, represented by a Governor-General.
The Head of Government is the Prime Minister which is elected by a simple majority of members of Parliament. The prime minister appoints the cabinet.

The legislative branch: the national Parliament (unicameral) comprises 50 members elected for a four-year term under a first-past-the-post voting system.

The judicial branch includes the two highest Courts, the Court of Appeal and the High Court. The Governor General appoints the Chief Justice, President of the Court of Appeal and other judges of the High Court on the advice of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission.
"In April 2003, the then Prime Minister of Solomon Islands, Sir Allan Kemakeza, made an urgent request for assistance. After five years of ethnic tensions, and a coup in 2000, the problems facing his troubled nation were many and serious.
Law and order had broken down, officials and private citizens were subject to intimidation and violence, and corruption was unfettered. The Government and its institutions had ceased to function effectively. Corruption was widespread. Public finances were in ruin and many of the most basic services such as health and education were not being delivered to the people.
In response to Sir Allan's request, the countries of the Pacific region, through the Pacific Islands Forum, agreed to support the formation of a regional assistance mission to be led and funded by Australia and New Zealand with membership from all Forum countries–The Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI)."
"RAMSI is helping the Solomon Islands to lay the foundations for long-term stability, security and prosperity – through support for improved law, justice and security; for more effective, accountable and democratic government; for stronger, broad-based economic growth; and for enhanced service delivery.
The overarching goal of RAMSI's work is for a peaceful, well-governed and prosperous Solomon Islands."
"The mission has now entered a transition phase. Transition will see RAMSI gradually stepping back in a number of areas to enable more Solomon Islanders to take the lead in shaping their country's future."

> Sources:

https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/solomon_islands/solomon_islands_brief.html

http://pacificpolicy.org/blog/2011/02/07/solomon-islands/

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Solomon-Islands.php

http://www.ramsi.org/

Relationships/links with Europe

The Solomon Islands have been a member of the Africa Caribbean Pacific (ACP) group since 1980. The Country Strategy Paper for Solomon Islands (2008-2013) presents the strategic framework for the co-operation of the European Commission (EC) with the Solomon Islands under the 10th European Development Fund (EDF).
EC assistance will focus on sustainable rural development including capacity building. The multi-annual indicative programme for the Solomon Islands under the 10th EDF allocates €16.5 million to address these priorities.
The European Commission interventions in the Solomon Islands will also mainstream cross-cutting issues, in particular good governance, gender equality, environmental sustainability as well as the fight against HIV/AIDS.

> Sources:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/solomon-islands/solomon-islands_en.htm
http://eeas.europa.eu/solomon_islands/index_en.htm

Health care system

The Ministry of Health and Medical Services is the central actor in the Solomon Islands health system: it functions as funder, regulator and provider of nearly all services.
The national health system is based on the public health care approach. Responsibility for service delivery rests entirely with publicly-owned facilities that are funded via fixed budget allocations, and available to all Solomon Islanders. Non-government organisations and faith-based organisations also make significant contributions in terms of additional funding and service delivery; however the Ministry is heavily involved in the work of these organisations. There is a total of eight public and three private hospitals throughout the country. User fees are charged for specific services such as certain dental procedures, radiology etc. If the private sector plays a very minimal role in health, traditional healers and birth attendants play an important role in most parts of the country.

> Sources:

http://www.wpro.who.int/health_services/service_delivery_profile_solomon_islands.pdf
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/slb/31SOLpro2011_finaldraft.pdf

Research

One Act (in 1982) has been made with regard to research in the Solomon Islands. The Research Act is “an Act to control and administer the conduct of research in Solomon Islands and connected matters”. Research conducted in the Solomon Islands, including research on traditional knowledge is controlled under this Act. There are also regulations on marine scientific research which were made in 1994 – The Delimitation of Marine Waters (Marine Scientific Research) Regulations.

> Sources:

http://www.paclii.org/sb/legis/consol_act/ra90/
http://www.paclii.org/sb/legis/num_act/domwsrr612/

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

SINU (Solomon Islands National University)

Formerly known as the Solomon Islands College of Higher Education. SINU's mission is to:
- Deliver outstanding technical and vocational training,
- Deliver outstanding tertiary education,
- Champion academic inquiry and applied research,
- Provide the most conducive environment for teaching, learning, skills training and research,
- Respond to the education and training needs of diverse communities with relevant solutions.

SINU includes five schools:
- The School of Technology & Maritime Studies, which hosts:
  • The institute of Technology and,
  • The institute of Maritime studies
- The School of Nursing & Allied Health Sciences
- The School of Natural Resources & Applied Sciences
- The School of Education & Humanities
- The School of Business & Management

Keywords:
Education, technology, maritime studies, nursing, public health studies, natural resources, applied sciences, humanities, business, management, distance flexible learning

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The University of the South Pacific - Solomon Islands campus

At USP Solomon Islands Campus, they are committed to the pursuit of knowledge, truth and lifelong learning and they encourage their students to be independent, creative and active learners.

Keywords:
Education, continuing education &community outreach, distance & flexible learning, business training, English language training, adult literacy, computer skills, fisheries training, adult education training, arts, law, sciences, technology, business, economics

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OTHER ORGANISATIONS/LINKS

KGA (The Kastom Gaden Association)

Kastom Gaden Association is a non-profit organisation. Its goal is "to strengthen village-based food security in Solomon Islands using participatory, practical, grass-roots approaches that enable village people to examine, understand and develop their own solutions to improving household food security and village-based agriculture economy". KGA has 8 component areas:

- Information services,
- Youth in agriculture,
- Women & nutritional health,
- Marketing & value adding,
- Project management & organisational development,
- Partner capacity building & networking,
- Food crops & organic farming,
- Small livestock.

Keywords:

Program information & learning system, farmer information, young farmers program, women & nutritional health services, marketing & processing services, program management, local partnerships & networks, food crops & organic farming, farmer-to-farmer training, farmer training, agroforestry, farm technologies, pest & disease management

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KIBCA (Kolombangara Island Biodiversity Conservation Association)

KIBCA was formed in 2008 at a meeting of leaders, elders and chiefs of Kolombangara villages, communities and tribes. Its overall objective is to protect Kolombangara Islands' rich marine and forest biodiversity and to educate, promote and encourage sustainable management of natural resources through viable economic and social ventures for its communities.

Keywords:

Biodiversity, biodiversity conservation

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WSRD (Western Solomons Research Database)

The database was created by the Bergen Pacific Studies Research Group of the University of Bergen, Norway, in response to requests from Solomon Islander leaders in Western Province for an overview of the different kinds of research that have been carried out there. Beginning with a Western Province focus, the scope of this database is gradually being extended to also include Choiseul.
Scholars from many countries and from a wide range of academic fields have contributed to this initiative. As a website with open access, the database is designed to bring as much as possible of the results of this research within reach of Solomon Islander people and policy makers.

Keywords:
Research database

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MINISTRIES

MHMS (Ministry of Health and Medical Services)

The Ministry's mission is "to promote, protect and maintain the good health and wellbeing of every man, woman and child in the Solomon Islands."
To achieve the policies of the MHMS the organisation delivers it services through five major divisions and sections:
- Health Improvement
- Public Health
- Health Care
- Health Policy and Planning
- Administration and Management Services

Keywords:
Health, Public health

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Ministry of Public Service

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Public service

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Ministry of Development, Planning and Aid Coordination

Keywords:
Planning

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Ministry of Finance and Treasury

Keywords:
Finance, treasury

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Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services

Keywords:
Police, security, correctional services

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Ministry of Women, Youths and Children Affairs

Keywords:
Women & child affairs, youths

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Ministry of Education and Human Resources

Keywords:
Education, schools, training

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs & External Trade

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Foreign affairs, external trade

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Ministry of Commerce, Industries and Employment

Keywords:
Commerce, industry, business, employment

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Ministry of Culture and Tourism

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Tourism, culture

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Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development

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Agriculture, livestock development

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Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey

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Land management, surveys

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Ministry of Infrastructure Development

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Infrastructure

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Ministry of Communication and Aviation

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Communication, aviation

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Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Meteorology

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Environment, meteorology

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Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources

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Fisheries, marine resources

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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Rural Electrification

Keywords:
Energy, mines

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Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening

Keywords:
Government, institutions

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Ministry of Home Affairs

Keywords:
Home affairs

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Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace

The Ministry has been established to emphasize Government's commitment to pursue and restore peace and normalcy to the country.

Keywords:
National Unity, Peace Monitoring Council, International Peace Monitoring Team

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Ministry of Rural Development and Indigenous Affairs

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Rural development, indigenous affairs

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Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs

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Justice, legal affairs, laws

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Ministry of Forestry

Keywords:
Forestry

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THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU

GEOGRAPHY

The Republic of Palau consists of about 200 islands located in the western Pacific Ocean, approximately 650 km southeast of the Philippines. Palau has made significant progress compared to other island countries in the Pacific region and has already achieved several targets specified by the Millennium Development Goals. However, wealth and development are unevenly spread throughout the country. Nevertheless, the people of Palau enjoy comparatively high standards of living. Health, education and other public utilities are well developed and mostly provided freely by the government.

Land area	**459 km²**
EEZ	**630, 000 km²**
Capital	**Koror**
Population	**21,000 (2011 est.)**
Population growth rate	**0.37% (2013 est.)**
Age of the population	**19.7% under the age of 15 years old (2012)**
Infant mortality rate	**20.1 / 1,000 live births (2010-2015 est.)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 66.3; Female: 72.1 (2008)**
Languages	**English and Palauan (both official in all states except in Sonsoral, Tobi and Angaur)**
Time zone	**GMT +9**

> Sources:
http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Palau
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ps.html
http://www.spc.int/sppu/images/COUNTRYPROFILES/palau%20country%20profile%20final.pdf
http://secretariat.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/191502/159364/148310/148406/palau/

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Tourism, fishery, small-scale agriculture, services industry**
Exports	**Fish, copra, garments, craft items. Amount: US $ 12.3 million; € 8.91 million (2010 est.)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**10.84 (2010 est.)**
Key exchange countries	**United States, Japan, Singapore, Guam (2001)**
GDP	**Per capita US $ 8,730; € 6,326 (2011)**
Monthly minimum wage	**US $ 2.50; € 1.81 per hour (should reach US $ 3.50/€ 2.53 per hour in 2016)**

> Sources:
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ps.html
http://secretariat.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/191502/159364/148310/148406/palau/
http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/pala.pdf
http://pidp.org/pireport/2013/May/05-03-17.htm

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Palau is an independent country in a Compact of Free Association with the United States. The Compact entered into force on 1 October 1994.
The Executive Branch comprises the leadership responsible for the daily administration of the Republic of Palau and houses the Office of the President along with the Vice-President, the Council of Chiefs, and the eight Ministries. Presidential elections take place every four years to select the President and the Vice-President.
The president is both Head of State and Head of Government and may serve as President no more than twice.
The Palau National Congress (Olbiil Era Kelulau) is bicameral, the Senate has nine members elected nationwide and the House of Delegates has 16 members, one each from Palau's 16 states. Each state elects its own governor and legislature.
There is also a 16-member Council of Chiefs which advises the president on matters concerning traditional laws and customs.
The judicial branch consists of the Supreme Court, National Court, the Court of Common Pleas, and the Land Court.

> Sources:

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/palau/palau_brief.html

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Palau.php

http://palaugov.org/executive-branch/

Relationships/links with Europe

Palau joined the African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) group in 2000. The Country Strategy Paper for Palau (2008-2013) presents the strategic framework for European Commission co-operation with Palau under the 10th EDF which provides a budget of €2.9 million.
The main focus areas for European Union assistance and cooperation are:

- renewable energy
- environmental conservation and
- climate change (Palau, together with the Marshall Islands and FSM, launched the "Micronesia Challenge" in 2006 to conserve 30% of near-shore marine resources and 20% of forest resources by 2020)

> Sources:

http://eeas.europa.eu/palau/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/palau/palau_en.htm

Health care system

The Ministry of Health is the primary health agency for the Republic of Palau.
Most medical and health care in the Republic of Palau is provided by the government and administered through the Ministry of Health. A high percentage of health services are supported by grant funds and technical assistance from the Federal Government of the United States of America, in addition to the provision of technical support and limited funding from a number of United Nations agencies.
The Belau National Hospital is the main health facility in the country.
There are also four community health centres and four additional satellite dispensaries serve hard-to-reach outlying localities.

> Sources:
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/plw/24PALpro2011_finaldraft.pdf
http://www.cdc.gov/phppo/inpho/profile/pw_1_1.htm

Research

The Government is in charge of the research field. Researchers who want to conduct a research in the country must contact the Ministry of Resources and Development, also each state in the Republic of Palau has its own regulations, and a permit must be obtained from each state in which research is conducted.

> Source:
http://www.picrc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&id=3&Itemid=32

RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

CRRF (The Coral Reef Research Foundation)

The Coral Reef Research Foundation (CRRF) is a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of California and the Republic of Palau whose purposes are to increase knowledge of coral reefs and other tropical marine environments to allow intelligent conservation and management decisions.

Keywords:
Marine research, coral reef monitoring, underwater technology, marine conservation, oceanography

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PICRC (The Palau International Coral Reef Center)

PICRC is Palau's leading research and aquarium institution with a mission to be an international Center of Excellence to support conservation and management for the perpetuation of marine and associated environments through research and e ducation that is significant to Palau and relevant to the world.

Keywords:
Marine research, marine conservation, protection and conservation of marine biodiversity and resources

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http://www.picrc.org/

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

PCC (Palau Community College)

The college (founded in 1969) is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence. Palau Community College is organized into three major departments:
- Administration & finances
- Education & training
- Cooperative research & extension

Keywords:
Education, finance program, agriculture program, natural resources education, environmental education program, arts, sciences, business, technical education, agricultural science program, community and public health program

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OTHER ORGANISATIONS/LINKS

Dolphins Pacific

Dolphins Pacific's facility "is the world's largest marine mammal interaction, educational & research facility".

Keywords:
Environmental Education, Dolphin Bay

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The Micronesian Shark Foundation

The Micronesian Shark Foundation is a Palauan based non-government organization, its aim is to facilitate the study of sharks both in Palau and throughout Micronesia.

Keywords:
Shark research, shark tagging program, shark education program

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PCS (The Palau Conservation Society)

Palau Conservation Society (PCS) is the only local non-government organization working exclusively on environmental protection. Its work includes public awareness programs, scientific research and the promotion of sustainable development.

Keywords:
Environment protection, coral reef ecosystem conservation, forest ecosystem conservation, policy and planning program, protected areas management, communication and outreach program, Palau Protected Areas Network (PAN)

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http://www.palauconservation.org/

MINISTRIES

Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs

The Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs aims to effectively implement the mandated functions, duties, and obligations under the laws, Executive Orders and regulations, in rendering services to enhance the well-being of the community and to preserve and maintain Palau's cultural and traditional heritage.

Keywords:
Cultural & traditional heritage, aging & gender, youth, recreation & sports, art &culture, national archives

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Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education is in charge of Education, managing, operating and promoting the public elementary and secondary schools systems throughout the Republic as well as developing and implementing educational curricula and standards at every educational level and related matters.

Keywords:
Education, schools, curriculum & instruction

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Ministry of Finance

The Ministry of Finance ensures accountability, continuous productivity of government services, and economic growth by promoting policies for, and sound management of, expenditures, revenues, financing and human resources.

Keywords:
Budget & planning, national treasury, revenues, customs, taxation

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Ministry of Health

The Ministry of Health mission "is to take positive actions to attain healthful environment, promote health and social welfare, protect family health and safety and provide health care services throughout the country".

Keywords:
Health, public health, health care, hospital & clinics

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Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment, & Tourism

The Ministry is in charge of, the Bureau of Marine Resources, the Bureau of Agriculture, the Bureau of Labor & Human Resource, the Quarantine Office and the Protected Areas Network.

Keywords:
Marine resources, agriculture, labor & human resource, PAN, environment

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Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries, & Commerce

The ministry is in charge of, the Bureau of Aviation, the Bureau of Public Works, the Bureau of Land and Survey, the Bureau of Commercial Development, Palau Energy Office, the Small Business Development Center, and the Palau Automated Land and Resources Information System.

Keywords:
Aviation, public works, land & survey, commercial development, PALARIS

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Ministry of State

The Ministry is amongst other things, in charge of, the Bureau of International Trade & Technical Assistance, the Bureau of Domestic Affairs, the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, the Embassies and Consulates, and the European Union Representation Office.

Keywords:
International trade, domestic & foreign affairs, EU representation office

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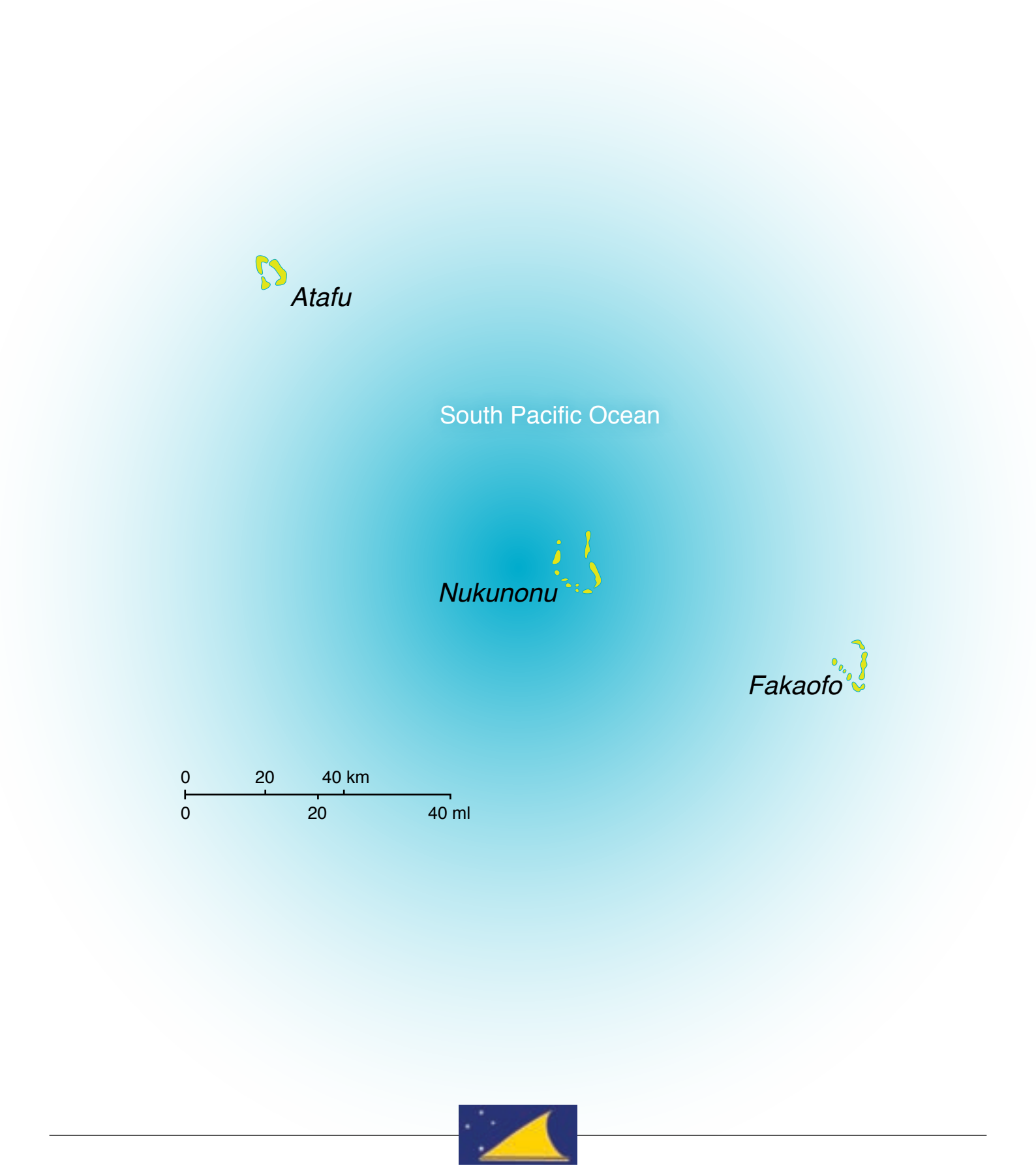
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TOKELAU

GEOGRAPHY

Tokelau consists of three atolls (Atafu, Nukunonu, and Fakaofo) located about 483 km north of Samoa. There is no airport and it takes more than a day at sea to reach the Samoan Islands. Each atoll consists of a number of reef-bound islets encircling a lagoon. These atolls are 3 to 5 metres above sea level. This means that Tokelau is particularly vulnerable to climate changes such as rising sea levels.

Land area	**12 km²**
EEZ	**319,031 km²**
Capital	**None; Seat of government rotates annually among the atolls**
Population	**1, 383 (2013)**
Population growth rate	**-0.2% (2011 est.)**
Age of the population	**29.86% under the age of 15 years old (2013)**
Infant mortality rate	**0/ 1,000 live births (2010)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 67.8 years; Female: 70.4 years**
Language	**Tokelauan and English**
Time zone	**GMT +13**

> Sources:

http://www.tokelau.org.nz/site/tokelau/files/TokelauNSO/2013PopCount/13PC_Final_Count.pdf
http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Tokelau.php
http://countryoffice.unfpa.org/filemanager/files/pacific/cp14.pdf
http://www.pewenvironment.org/news-room/press-releases/tokelau-declares-shark-sanctuary-85899363741
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/tkl/32TOKpro2011_finaldraft_ver2.pdf
http://www.tokelau.org.nz/About+Us.html

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Subsistence farming, livestock production and fishing**
Exports	**none (2002)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**n/a; imports for 2002: US $ 969, 200; € 714,063**
Key exchange countries	**New Zealand**
GDP	**per capita US $ 1,007; € 741.8 (2008)**
Monthly minimum wage	**n/a; per capita income NZ $ 3, 500; € 2,123.2 (2005 est.)**

> Sources:

http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/tkl/32TOKpro2011_finaldraft_ver2.pdf
http://secretariat.thecommonwealth.org/YearbookInternal/140411/140415/tokelau/
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/tl.html
http://www.unicef.org/pacificislands/Tokelau_Sitan_Part_1.pdf

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Tokelau is a non-self-governing territory and has been administered by New Zealand since 1926. The Head of States is HM Queen Elizabeth II. The Administrator of Tokelau is held by a New Zealand senior public servant and is appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
Tokelau is largely self-governing with a system of government based on traditional village leadership. Under the Principles of Partnership New Zealand retains responsibility for the defence and security of Tokelau.
According to the Constitution of Tokelau, each village (atoll) elects a Faipule (chief) and a Pulenuku (mayor) every three years. The general Fono or national assembly is unicameral and comprises the Faipules, the Pulenukus and other elected representatives.
The Ulu-o-Tokelau is the Head of Government, who is selected from the Faipules. This position rotates annually between the three atolls.
The authority of the General Fono is granted by the Taupulega (Village Council of Elders) which remain the ultimate source of authority in Tokelau. The General Fono meets in three sessions of approximately four days during the year. Elections for General Fono representatives are held every three years. When the General Fono is not in session, Tokelau is governed by an executive council called the Council for the Ongoing Government of Tokelau (the three Faipules and the three Pulenuku).
The judicial branch comprises, the Court of Appeal, the High Court (both in New Zealand) and the Taupulega.
Tokelauans are New Zealand citizens.

> Sources:

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Tokelau.php
http://www.unicef.org/pacificislands/Tokelau_Sitan_Part_1.pdf
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/tkl/32TOKpro2011_finaldraft_ver2.pdf
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/tl.html

Relationships/links with Europe

Tokelau does not have an international legal personality separate from that of New Zealand. New Zealand may extend treaty obligations which it enters into to Tokelau, if Tokelau expressly requests to be included. New Zealand supports Tokelau's aspirations to enter into arrangements with other countries or join regional or international organisations in its own right, where such participation is consistent with Tokelau's status as a non-self-governing territory.
With New Zealand's support, Tokelau has sought and obtained the entitlement to participate fully and in its own right in regional organisations such as the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme, the Forum Fisheries Agency, SOPAC and the Council of the University of the South Pacific. Observer status was granted to Tokelau by the Pacific Islands Forum in October 2005.

> Source:

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Tokelau.php

Health care system

Each of the three atolls has a hospital that provides primary health care to the community. The three hospitals are similarly equipped, but there are no X-ray facilities, no ambulance of any kind and no laboratory facilities in Tokelau.
There are a total of 24 beds in Tokelau. As well as in-patient and out-patient services the hospitals provide maternal and child health clinics, immunisation and home visits.
Often there are only 2 or even 1 doctor in Tokelau. An important part of the Tokelau Health system is the use of referrals and emergency medical evacuation (Medevacs) to overseas hospitals for cases that cannot be treated or cared for in Tokelau.
The Department of Health funds the travel and allowances of referred patients.

> Sources:
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/tkl/32TOKpro2011_finaldraft_ver2.pdf
http://www.unicef.org/pacificislands/Tokelau_Sitan_Part_2.pdf

Research

The USP Tokelau campus is the only higher education facility in Tokelau.

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

The University of the South Pacific - Tokelau Campus

USP Tokelau campus is the only higher education facility in Tokelau.

Keywords:
Education, arts, law, business, economics, science, technology, distance & flexible learning

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DEPARTMENTS

Office of the Council for the Ongoing Government

The Office of the Council for the Ongoing Government of Tokelau is responsible for provide support and advice to the leaders of Tokelau, manage its foreign relations and work closely with the villages in developing and implementing national programmes and activities.

Keywords:
Tokelau administration, foreign affairs

Contact

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Department for Economic Development, Natural Resources & Environment

One goal of the Department is to improve economic, cultural, spiritual and environmental sustainability.

Keywords:
Economic development, natural resources, fisheries, waste management, environment

Contact

Department for Economic Development, Natural Resources & Environment
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Department of Health

Tokelau Health Department provides healthcare services and is responsible for resourcing promotion, prevention, preservation and sustainability of the health of Tokelauan people.

Keywords:
Health, public health

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Department of Energy

The Department of Energy, based in Fakaofo, is responsible for supply and maintenance of power to all three atolls.

Keywords:
Energy

Contact

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Department of Transport

Tokelau Transport is responsible for the provision of Tokelau's Shipping Service which provides the means by which the government implements its shipping service policies. The key objective for the Shipping service is to provide Tokelau with a regular, reliable and safe service covering the carriage and transfer of passengers and freight between Apia and Tokelau including also transfers from ship to shore when in Tokelau.

Keywords:
Transport, shipping service, transport management

Contact

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Department of Education

The Tokelau Department of Education has a mission to raise educational achievement, promote equality of opportunity and outcomes for all students and to improve the quality of education services delivery.

Keywords:
Education, schools

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Department of Telecommunications

Keywords:
Telecommunications, Teletok

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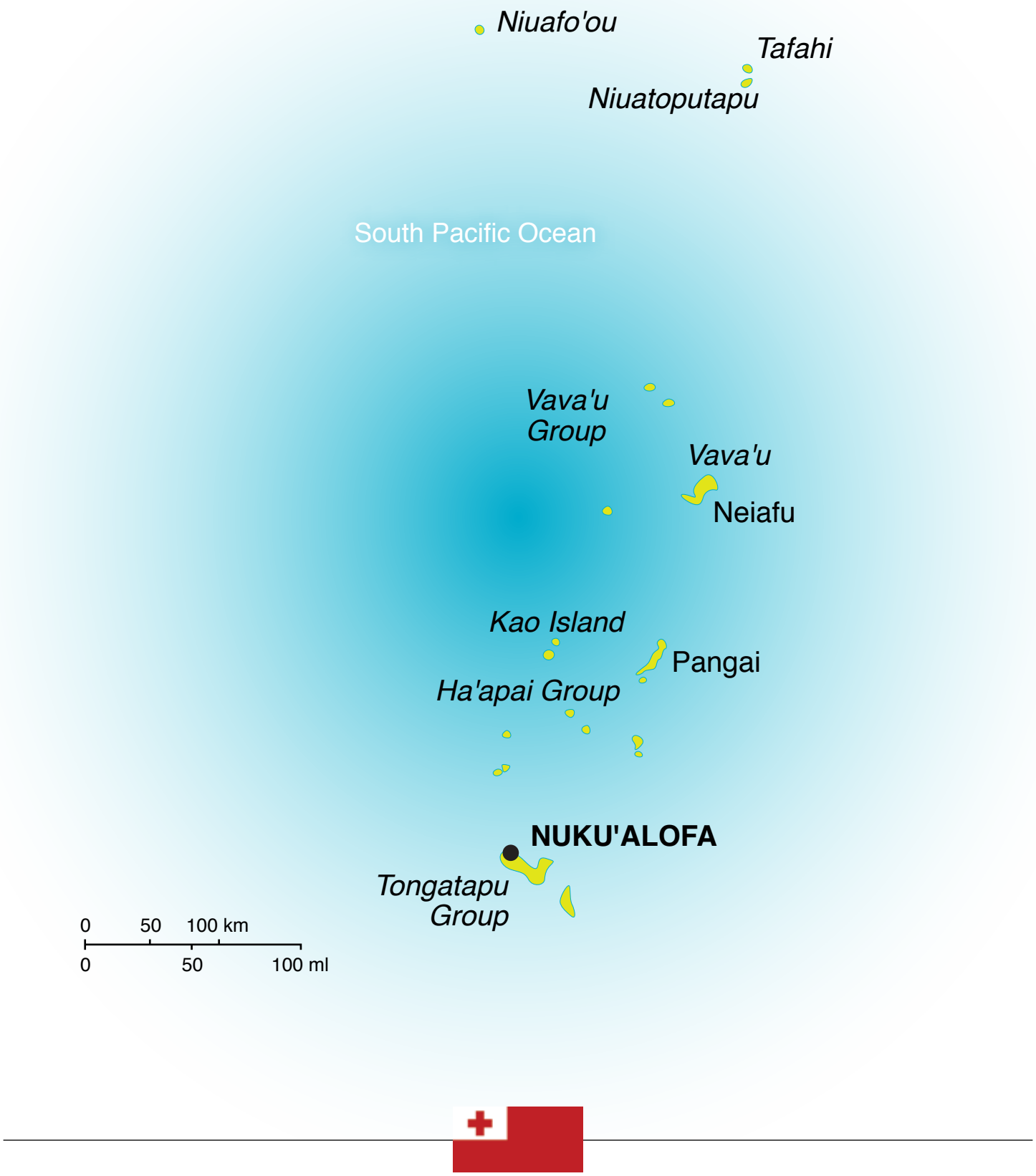
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TONGA

GEOGRAPHY

Kingdom of Tonga lies in the central south-west Pacific, surrounded by Fiji, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Samoa, Cook Islands and New Zealand. It's an archipelago made up of three major island groups, Tongatapu & 'Eua and Ha'apai of over 170 islands (36 permanently inhabited). Despite experiencing modest rates of growth, Tonga's economy remains fragile. Social indicators, such as health and education, have improved steadily over the past years and the country is well on its way to achieve the Millennium Development Goal targets by 2015.

Land area	**748 km²**
EEZ	**700,000 km²**
Capital	**Nuku'alofa**
Population	**103,252 (2011)**
Population growth rate	**0.2% (2011)**
Age of the population	**37.3% under the age of 15 years old (2012)**
Infant mortality rate	**19/ 1,000 live births (2006)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 69.8 years; Female: 71.8 years**
Languages	**English and Tongan (official languages)**
Time zone	**GMT +13**

> Sources:

http://www.spc.int/sppu/images/COUNTRYPROFILES/tonga%20country%20profile%20final.pdf
http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Tonga.php
http://www.spc.int/prism/tonga/
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/tonga/tonga_en.htm
http://www.commonwealthofnations.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/tonga_country_profile.pdf

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Agriculture, tourism**
Exports	**Squash, coconuts, fish, watermelon, kava, vanilla. Amount: US $ 14.4 million; € 10.4 million (2011)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**7.46% (2011)**
Key exchange countries	**Japan, United States, South Korea, New Zealand, Fiji**
GDP	**per capita US $ 4, 712; € 3,429 (2013 est.)**
Monthly minimum wage	**There is no minimum wage law, according to the Asian Development Bank, in 2005, 23 percent of 16 communities surveyed earned less than US $14 (€ 10.18) per person per week. source: http://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/2006/78793.htm**

> Sources:

https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/tnga.pdf
http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Tonga.php
http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Tonga

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Tonga is a constitutional monarchy. As Head of State the King is Commander-in-Chief of the Tonga Defense Services.
The Head of Government is the Prime Minister, he is chosen by the Legislative Assembly and appointed by the Monarch. The Prime Minister selects his cabinet who are then appointed by the Monarch.
The legislative branch is a unicameral Legislative Assembly comprising 17 People's Representatives elected every four years by universal suffrage on a first-past-the-post system and 9 Nobles' Representatives elected by the holders of 33 Noble titles of the Kingdom.
A reformed constitution was agreed by the Legislative Assembly in December 2009 and implemented through legislation passed in April 2010. The new constitution considerably reduced the King's power, which was devolved to the Cabinet.
The Cabinet now answers to the Legislative Assembly. However, the King retains the right to veto legislation.
The Privy Council (consists of the monarch and the Cabinet), Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, Magistrates Court and Land Court constitute the judicial branch of the country.

> Sources:
https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/tonga/tonga_brief.html
http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Tonga.php
http://www.paclii.org/to/government.html

Relationships/links with Europe

Tonga has been a member of the African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) group since 1975. Under the Cotonou Agreement, Tonga benefits from European Development Fund (EDF). It has been agreed that the priority sector of co-operation between the European Commission (EC) and Tonga under the 10th EDF will be water and energy, in particular renewable energy. EU assistance also focuses on climate change assistance and disaster risk reduction. The European Commission's total allocation foreseen for Tonga under 10th EDF funding amounts to € 6.8 million.

> Sources:
http://eeas.europa.eu/tonga/index_en.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/tonga/tonga_en.htm

Health care system

The Ministry of Health works in four programme areas, policy formulation and administration, preventive health services, curative health services and dental health services.
Government health services are provided free of charge and physical access to care is good for the majority of people, with the exception of small populations living on isolated islands. Primary curative care and preventive services are delivered through a system of 14 health centres. The private sector is small and consists of traditional healers, after-hours practising government-employed doctors, three officially recognised private pharmacies and a small number of for-profit and non-for-profit non-governmental organisations.
Two systems of medicine exist in Tonga.
One is based on sickness (traditional Tongan medicine) and one on disease (Western medicine). Tongan people have adopted this dual system, and for diseases thought to have been introduced by Europeans, Western medicine is usually sought, while for traditional Tongan illnesses, treatment is sought by a traditional healer. Traditional healers are not formally recognized by Government as providers of health services (in 2005/06 there were an estimated 1,000 traditional healers).

> Sources:
http://www.wpro.who.int/health_services/service_delivery_profile_tonga.pdf
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/ton/33TONpro2011_finaldraft.pdf

Research

The Government is in charge of the research field. Researchers who want to conduct a research in the country must contact the Prime Minister's Office who will process the request with the Ministry of Education.

> Source:
http://www.research.usp.ac.fj/?p=39

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

University of the South Pacific - Tonga campus

Tonga Campus welcomed its first students in January 1972. In 2013, the Campus has an enrolment of around 1300 students. USP Tonga Campus today stands strong in serving the country with its different education programs.
*At the campus, staff and students engage themselves in agricultural activities.
With assistance from other stakeholders in Tonga, the campus has a plantation with taro, corn, water melons, and bananas. The incomes will help the Campus Student Fees Assistance Programme.
The campus also hosts the Institute of Education.

Keywords:
Education, continuing community education programs, post school bridging program, preliminary and foundation courses, economics, management, computer & IT courses, MBA courses, arts, law, science, technology, business

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http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=tonga
http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=ioe (Institute of Education website)

Atenisi Institute

Atenisi institute comprises Atenisi University and the Atenisi Foundation for the Performing Arts. The Institute is independent of both church and state, and is therefore self-supporting, deriving its subsistence mainly from tuition fees, the recycling centre, fundraising activities, and modest donations from alumni associations in Tonga and overseas.
The Institute has three research components:
- Tonga Studies Program
- Social Studies Program
- Scientific Studies Program

Keywords:
Education, humanities, social sciences, science, arts

Contact

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or: office1@atenisi.edu.to (administration)
http://www.atenisi.edu.to/

MINISTRIES

Ministry of Health

The Ministry of Health in Tonga have six Divisions:
- Administration
- Health Planning and Information
- Public Health
- Medical
- Nursing
- Dental

Keywords:
Health, public health, health planning, health information, project planning, medical division, nursing division, dental division

Contact

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Online contact form:
http://www.health.gov.to/contact
http://www.health.gov.to/homepage

Ministry of Finance and National Planning

The mission of the Ministry is to provide professional financial, economic and national planning advice to Government and key stakeholders on efficient and effective utilization of resources.

Keywords:
Finance, payments, development projects

Contact

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www.finance.gov.to

Ministry of Education and Training

The Ministry of Education is responsible for the administration of the education system. It aims to foster a policy environment in which teachers can operate effectively, and where students can participate and achieve to a high standard.

Keywords:
Education, training, schools

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Ministry of Lands, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources

The Ministry's core functions provide the fundamental basis for the achievement of high standard of living and quality of life for the people of Tonga at present and into the next generation, through sustaining the integrity of the ecosystems of Tonga to support life and livelihoods.

Keywords:
Environment, energy, climate change, disaster management, meteorology, Tonga Environment & Climate change (ECC)

Contact

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www.mecc.gov.to or www.ecc.gov.to

Ministry of Information & Communications

The Ministry is the main regulating body for all communication services, and has the role of lead communicator for government information in creating awareness of government policies, programs and activities.

Keywords:
Information, communication

Contact

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www.mic.gov.to

Ministry of Commerce, Tourism, & Labor

Some of the Ministry's missions are, to deliver high quality and cost effective services which facilitate private sector economic development, to promote private sector business development, investment and employment opportunities whilst ensuring the protection of consumer interests, health and welfare…

Keywords:
Labour, tourism, business development, employment, commerce, National Tourist Office

Contact

Ministry of Commerce, Tourism and Labour
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www.mctl.gov.to

Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Forests, and Fisheries

The Ministry's mission is to provide leadership and support to agriculture and the citizens of Tonga by conducting regulatory, service, research and educational activities that assure private sector confidence, protect the environment, and promote agriculture.

Keywords:
Agriculture, aquatic resources, forestry, fisheries, livestock

Contact

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Ministry of Defense

Some of the Ministry's functions are, the defence of the Kingdom, the Aid of civil authorities in maintenance of order in the Kingdom, the support of civil authorities…

Keywords:
Tonga Defence services, territorial force, land force, Tonga navy

Contact

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the responsibility of promoting and protecting Tonga's and its citizens' interests abroad. Through its diplomatic missions abroad it seeks to enhance Tonga's security and prosperity by promoting political, economic and social relations between Tonga and the rest of the World.

Keywords:
Foreign affairs, Immigration, Trade

Contact

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Ministry of Infrastructure

The Ministry aims, amongst other things, to appropriate systems of rules, regulations and enforcement, consistent with Tongan law and international standards; appropriate system of rules, regulations and planning to effectively implement and inform disaster management strategies for all government sectors and the public.

Keywords:
Infrastructure, civil aviation, meteorological services, land transportation, maritime safety & security

Contact

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Ministry of Internal Affairs

The Ministry of Internal Affairs is a new ministry, to consolidate the policy and many of the delivery functions related to social and community development.

Keywords:
Internal affairs, Youth, Sports, Women's affairs, Culture, social & community development

Contact

Ministry of Internal Affairs
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Ministry of Public Enterprises

The Ministry focuses in economical reforms particularly in the attempt to better utilise public resources in creating wealth and adding value to service provision.
At the same time, the Ministry is integrating its policy with the Government overall emphasis on a private sector-led economy.

Keywords:
Economy, public enterprises, small industries

Contact

Ministry of Public Enterprises
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Ministry of Revenue and Customs

The primary function of the Ministry of Revenue and Customs is to collect revenue through taxes and duties for the Government of Tonga to fund the services to the people of Tonga.

Keywords:
Taxation, customs, inland revenue

Contact

Ministry of Revenue and Customs
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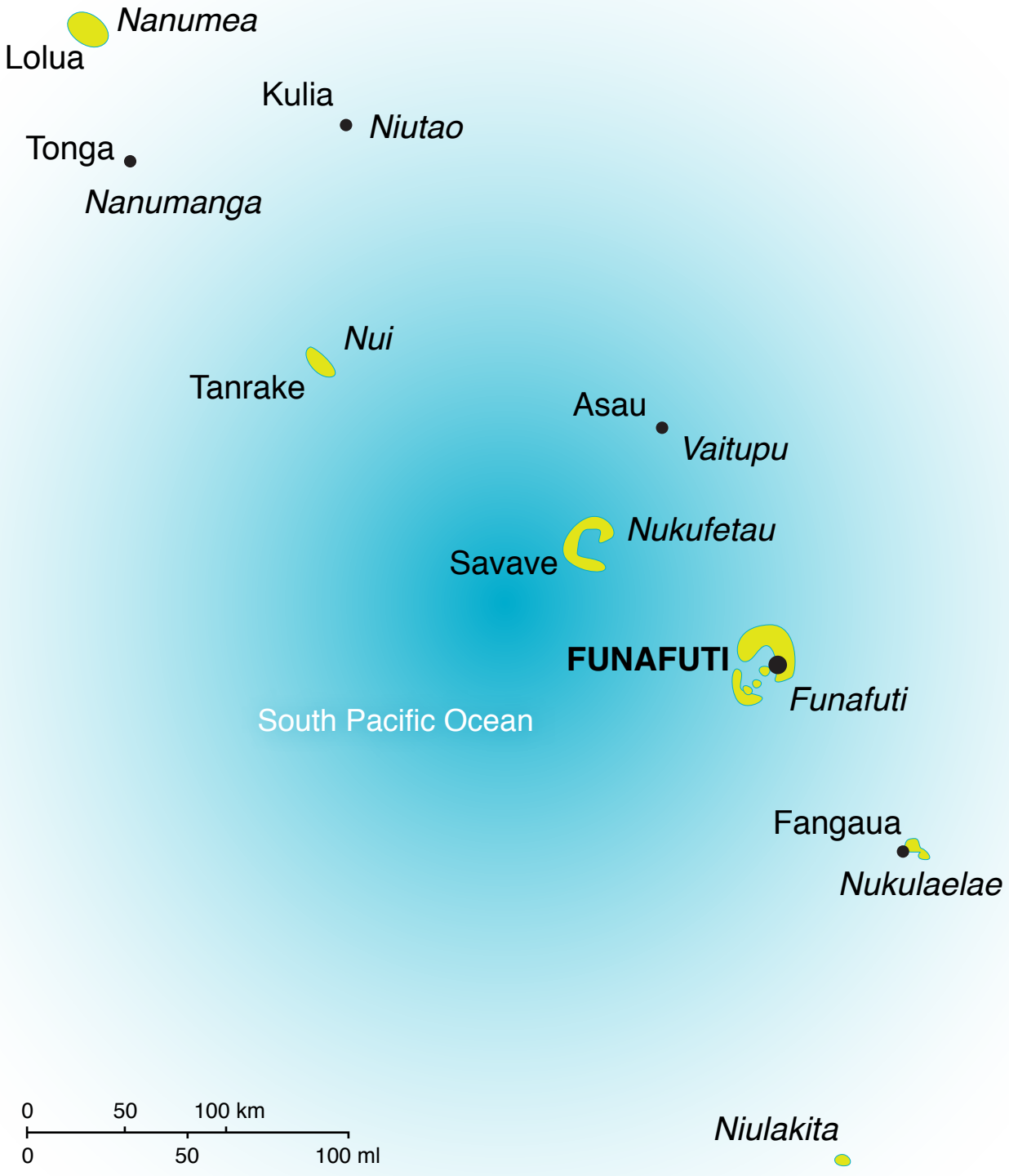
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TUVALU

GEOGRAPHY

Tuvalu, formerly the Ellice Islands is located midway between Hawaii and Australia in the South Pacific Ocean. It comprises nine islands (four reef islands and five coral atolls), all are low-lying, with no point on Tuvalu being higher than 4.5 m above sea level. This easily exposes Tuvalu to environmental degradation caused by climate change, such as rising sea levels and changing weather patterns. While there is little absolute poverty, noticeable income inequalities exist across the country. Tuvalu has a narrow economic base limited to small-scale agriculture and artisanal fisheries. Its revenue base is heavily dependent on the sale of fishing licences and revenues from overseas investments.

Land area	**26 km²**
EEZ	**900,000 km²**
Capital	**Funafuti**
Population	**11, 206 (2011 est.)**
Population growth rate	**0.77% (2013 est.)**
Age of the population	**31.4% under the age of 15 years old (2012)**
Infant mortality rate	**35/1,000 live births (2002)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 63.3 years; Female: 67.6 years (2013 est.)**
Language	**Tuvaluan, English, Kiribati (on the island of Nui)**
Time zone	**GMT +12**

> Sources:

http://secretariat.thecommonwealth.org/Internal/191502/159364/148310/148396/tuvalu/

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Tuvalu.php

http://www.spc.int/prism/tuvalu/index.php/social

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/tv.html

http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Tuvalu,

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/tuvalu/tuvalu_en.htm

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/tuvalu/tuvalu_brief.html

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Subsistence farming and fishing**
Exports	**Copra (not since 2000), fish. Amount: US $ 600,000; € 440, 653 (2010 est.)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**3.63 (2010 est.)**
Key exchange countries	**Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Japan (2012) Taiwan**
GDP	**per capita US $ 3,317; € 2,436 (2013 est.)**
Monthly minimum wage	**AU $ 130; € 85.15 biweekly minimum wage**

> Sources:

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/tuva.pdf

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/tv.html

http://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/2010/eap/154406.htm

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Tuvalu is a constitutional monarchy and Commonwealth realm.
The country became independent from the United Kingdom in October 1978.
The Head of State is HM Queen Elizabeth II, and is represented by a Governor-General who is appointed upon the advice of the Prime Minister.
The Head of the Government is the Prime Minister, who is elected by Parliament.
Tuvalu has a unicameral parliament, or Fale I Fono, which has 15 members elected every four years. The Cabinet is appointed by the Governor General on the advice of the Prime Minister.
The judicial branch consists of the Court of Appeal is the Fiji Court of Appeal, magistrates' courts, island courts and lands courts.

> Sources:

http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/tuvalu/tuvalu_brief.html

http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/tuv/34TUVpro2011_finaldraft.pdf

http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Countries/Pacific/Tuvalu.php

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/tv.html

Relationships/links with Europe

Tuvalu has been a member of the Africa, Caribbean, Pacific (ACP) grouping since the 1970s.
The priority sector of co-operation between the European Commission and Tuvalu under the 10th European Development Fund (EDF) will be water and sanitation, including waste management and renewable energy. Tuvalu is also participating in disaster risk reduction under the 10th EDF ACP-EU Natural Disaster Facility.
The European Commission's total allocation foreseen for Tuvalu under 10th EDF funding amounts to €5.4 million of which €4.4 million are earmarked for the priority sector.

> Sources:

http://eeas.europa.eu/tuvalu/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/tuvalu/tuvalu_en.htm

Health care system

The health care system within Tuvalu is administered and regulated by the Ministry of Health. The health care sector is funded through regional and international donor agencies and partners. Health services are working to meet the new demands of changing among the population.
There is one hospital (Princess Margaret Hospital funded by Japan Aid) located on the main island of Funafuti. The hospital is capable of providing basic primary healthcare, dental and pharmaceutical services and houses some functions of the Ministry of Health. Hospital and dental services are free for the whole country. The outer islands have clinics staffed by registered nurses. Medical and dental care are very limited in Tuvalu, including in the capital. Serious medical problems are referred to health professionals and hospitals in Fiji, Guam or Hawaii.
There are no private modern medical practitioners in Tuvalu, but traditional healers still practice and have sometimes been employed to augment modern medical services.

> Sources:

http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/tuv/34TUVpro2011_finaldraft.pdf

http://www.commonwealthhealth.org/pacific/tuvalu/health_systems_in_tuva/

http://www.pacificprime.com/countries/tuvalu/

http://www.unicef.org/pacificislands/12_-32.pdf

Research

Tuvalu is in charge of legislation in the research field. Researchers willing to conduct researches in Tuvalu must have a permit.

> Source:

http://www.research.usp.ac.fj/?page_id=415

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

The University of the South Pacific - Tuvalu campus

The campus was established as an extension centre in the late 1980s and has since supported print-based teaching and now more recently the upgrade of internet bandwidth through USPNet has observed much wider use of modern teaching and learning methods. The Tuvalu campus offers hundreds of courses through the distance learning technology from the main campus in Laucala.

Keywords:
Education, distance & flexible learning, arts, law, business, economics, science, technology, continuing & community education

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MINISTRIES

Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture

Keywords:
Education, sports, culture, schools

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Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning

Keywords:
Finance, economy, taxation, customs, statistics

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Keywords:
Foreign affairs

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Ministry of Health

The Ministry's mission is to ensure the highest attainable standard of health for all people of Tuvalu.

Keywords:
Health, public health, health services

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Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development

Keywords:
Home affairs, rural development

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Ministry of Local Government, Women and Youth

Keywords:
Women & youth services

Contact

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Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

Keywords:
Natural resources, energy, environment

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Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Commerce

Keywords:
Trade, tourism, business, Tuvalu chamber of commerce

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Ministry of Works Communications and Transport

Keywords:
Works, communications, transports, marine & ports services, ICT, civil aviation, meteorology

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OTHER ORGANISATIONS/LINKS

Alofa Tuvalu

Alofa Tuvalu is a French-Tuvaluan NGO, whose goal is to actively participate in the global Climate fight by helping Tuvalu with concrete exemplary actions against climate change and other environmental issues, with full participation of the Tuvaluans. Overseas, the NGO activities consist on youth awareness with, amongst other tools, a comic book published in 15 languages. Alofa Tuvalu is a French Climate Action Network board member.

Keywords:
Multimedia education, communities consultations, biogas training, public workshop, implementation & training on biodiesel and gasification, environment, climate change, small is beautiful, CRISP, ADEME, USP, Tuvalu, mitigation, renewable energies, biomass, educational tools

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Luaseuta foundation

The Foundation is an NGO organization whose goal is to help the people of Tuvalu. Most of the participants are from the island of Niutao.

Keywords:
Community–based development & education, educational activities, prevention of the effects of natural disasters, non-formal education programs

Contact

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http://www.tvhope.org/

TANGO (Tuvalu Association of Non-Governmental Organizations)

TANGO is a non-profit member organisation that aims to help and support healthy and sustainable development of NGOs in Tuvalu through the provision of training, services and information and through encouraging collaboration and communication between NGOs, government and international agencies.

Keywords:
NGO/CBO strengthening, training programs, information & communication, NGO/CBO sustainable development

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TMTI (Tuvalu Maritime Training Institute)

TMTI is a maritime school, located in Funafuti. It offers training programmes for both new entrants to the maritime industry and experienced seafarers seeking higher qualifications and personal advancement.
The institute operates under the Tuvalu Maritime Training Institute Act 2000.

Keywords:
Maritime education, maritime training programs

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Banks Islands
Espiritu Santo
Aoba
Maewo
Luganville
Pentecost
Ambrym
Malakula
Epi
South Pacific Ocean
Forari
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PORT-VILLA
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Coral Sea
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Hunter

VANUATU

GEOGRAPHY

Vanuatu is an archipelago of 83 islands in the South Pacific and belongs to the world's Least Developed Countries (LDCs). The small island state is one of the most disaster prone nations in the region. It is highly vulnerable to natural disasters, such as cyclones, flooding, earthquakes, landslides, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions, many of which will be exacerbated by climate change.
The development of Vanuatu is constrained by its relatively narrow export base.
The economy depends to a large extent on the primary sectors agriculture, forestry and fishing, which provide a living for the majority of Vanuatu's population.
Services, in particular tourism, account for 40% of the GDP and represent the most important source of income, together with real estate and wholesale and retail trade. Much of the growth in recent years has been driven by these sectors.
Vanuatu heavily invests in social services, especially education. The country has made significant progress in improving social indicators, such as live expectancy and infant mortality. (European commission - development and cooperation - EuropeAid)

Land area	**12, 289 km²**
EEZ	**641, 456 km²**
Capital	**Port Vila**
Population	**267, 825 inhabitants (2013)**
Population growth rate	**2.3% per year (1999-2009) + 6,567 inhbts (2012-2013) - Doubling of the population since 1979, population forecast for 2040: 500, 000 inhbts**
Age of the population	**Median age 20.9 years - 41% of the population is under the age of 15 years old**
Infant mortality rate	**25% (2007); 24.1/1,000 live birth**
Life expectancy	**Male: 65.6 years; Female: 69 years**
Languages	**Bislama, French, English (official languages), vernacular languages (108)**
Time zone	**GMT +11**

> Source:
Vanuatu national statistics office - www.vnso.gov.vu/

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Tourism (40% of GDP; 321, 404 visitors in 2012), fishery, offshore financial services, subsistence agriculture**
Exports	**Tourism, copra, coconut oil, wood, cocoa, kava, beefmeat**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**19.2% (2012)**
Key exchange countries	**Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Fiji, New Caledonia**
GDP	**per inhabitant: 286, 844 Vatu (2011); 2, 229 € (On 29 October 2011, 1 euro equals 128.71 Vatu)**
Monthly minimum wage	**26, 000 VU; 200.8 € (2012)**

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

Parliamentary Republic (gained independence in 1980)
The institutions are:
- The president, elected by indirect suffrage for a five year term, Head of State and the government
- The Prime Minister, Head of Government, and his ministers have the executive power;
- The legislative authority is exercised by a single 52-member chamber renewed by direct universal suffrage every four years.

Administratively, the country is divided in six provinces since 1994, each of them are autonomous entities with elected assemblies, the provincial councils, in charge of establishing local taxes and the legislation by regards to local issues like tourism, provincial budget and the deployment of certain basic services. They are led by a president elected from the board members.
The provincial executive is run by a local government managed by an official appointed by the prime minister. Like the national government, these provincial executives are advised by a local council of chiefs as regards to language and custom matters.

Relationships/links with Europe

Since 1981, Vanuatu joined the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group and has benefited from many of the instruments available within the Convention.
The “Partnership Agreement between the members of the ACP Group of States (79) of the one part and the European Union and its Member States of the other part” was signed on 23 June 2000 in Cotonou, Benin – hence the name “ACP-EU Partnership Agreement” or “Cotonou Agreement”. It was concluded for a twenty-year period from March 2000 to February 2020, and entered into force in April 2003. It was for the first time revised in June 2005, with the revision entering into force on 1 July 2008.
The Cotonou Agreement is a global agreement, designed to establish a comprehensive partnership, centred on the objective of reducing and eventually eradicating poverty consistent with the objectives of sustainable development and the gradual integration of the ACP countries into the world economy.
The European Development Fund (EDF) is the main instrument for providing Community assistance for development cooperation under the Cotonou Agreement.
The 10th EDF covers the period from 2008 to 2013 and has been allocated € 22.7 billion; it was established between the EU Member States by Internal Agreement.
The cooperation with the ACP States funded from the EDF is complemented by development cooperation funded from the EU budget, through budgetary instruments - the Development Cooperation Instrument, the Instrument for Stability, the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights and the European Humanitarian Aid Instrument.
The EU is also active in climate change. A special allocation has been granted to the Government of Vanuatu to improve Vanuatu’s overall understanding on the effects of climate change, strengthening climate resilience and disaster risk reduction in key sectors in the country. This also includes concrete initiatives in favour of the use of renewable energies.
A seven-member delegation from the European Union is based at Port Vila.
Email: Delegation-Vanuatu@eeas.europa.eu

Health care system

The population of Vanuatu is dispersed across 6 island provinces with 80 islands: the majority of the population is geographically isolated. Although the urban population is increasing, 75% of people live in rural areas. Traditional medicine is an acceptable form of health care among local communities: traditional healers and traditional birth attendants are part of the informal private health sector in Vanuatu.
The health care system within Vanuatu is administered and regulated by the Ministry of Health. Government health services comprise a four-tier system including: referral hospitals, health centres, dispensaries and community supported aid posts: there are four provincial hospitals, two referral hospitals in Vanuatu located in Port Vila and Luganville, 30 health centres and 97 active dispensaries. The private health sector in Vanuatu is a recent development and private health insurance is primarily utilized by expatriates.
The allocation to health is around 20% of government expenditure, and 5% of GDP, which is in the median range of countries in the Western Pacific Region. Donors and development partners contribute a significant proportion of health expenditure.

> Sources:
http://www.commonwealthhealth.org/pacific/vanuatu/health_systems_in_vanuatu/
http://www.wpro.who.int/health_services/service_delivery_profile_vanuatu.pdf

Research

The Vanuatu National Cultural Council is responsible for cultural research in Vanuatu under chapter 186, 6(2) (e) of the Laws of the Republic of Vanuatu. It is the role of the National Cultural Council to define and implement national research policies (including those outlined in this Policy), to define national research priorities, and to sponsor, regulate and carry out programs of research.
“Cultural research” means any endeavour, by means of critical investigation and study of a subject, to discover new or collate old facts or hypotheses on a cultural subject; the latter being defined as any anthropological, linguistic, archaeological, historical or related social study, including basic data collection, studies of or incorporating traditional knowledge or classification systems (e.g. studies of the medicinal properties of plants, land and marine tenure systems), documentary films and studies of introduced knowledge and practice.

RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

VARTC (Vanuatu Agricultural Research and Technical Centre)

Vanuatu Agricultural Research and Technical Centre (VARTC) is the national research centre for coconut, coffee, cocoa and livestock in Vanuatu. More recently root/tuber crops, nuts and breadfruit have been added to the research programme.
VARTC contributes to the economic development of Vanuatu by selling improved plant materials and cattle, providing training in agriculture and breeding, and providing scientific and technical information.

Keywords:
Agriculture, plant materials

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VKS (Vanuatu Kaljoral Senta) Vanuatu Cultural Centre

The Vanuatu Cultural Centre (Vanuatu Kaljoral Senta - VKS) is a statutory body under the laws of Vanuatu whose primary function is “to support, encourage and make provisions for the preservation, protection and development of various aspects of the cultural heritage of Vanuatu”.
In practice, the principle role of the Vanuatu Cultural Center since its establishment in the 1960s has been to document and record the culture and cultural history of Vanuatu. This has been done by the Cultural Center staff and a network of approximately 150 volunteer field workers throughout the islands of Vanuatu and about 50 permanent foreign scientists cooperation with the institution in various disciplines (environment, culture, etc.).

Keywords:
Culture, environment, history, social sciences & humanities

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Vanuatu Department of Fisheries

The Fisheries Department is the primary agency responsible for oceanic fisheries Management and research. The Department operates under the Ministry of Agriculture, Quarantine, Forestry and Fisheries.
The Department cooperates with various stakeholders (IRD, SPC, JICA, etc.) for monitoring fisheries in Vanuatu.

Keywords:
Fisheries, subsistence, artisanal & industrial fisheries, aquaculture, tuna fisheries, deep-bottom fishery

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VGO (Vanuatu Geohazards Observatory)

The Vanuatu Meteorological and Geo-hazard department provides access to information about ongoing geophysical survey and research on Vanuatu. Its goal is to provide as much resources and information as possible, about all the programs of the Vanuatu Geohazards Observatory, within Vanuatu Meteorological and Geohazards Department.

Keywords:
Meteorology, volcanology, monitoring network

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MINISTRIES

Ministry of Finance and Treasury

The Department of Finance and Treasury is the advisor to the Government on economic, financial and regulatory policy. We are committed to helping achieve higher living standards for Vanuatu by providing expert advice and sound management of the financial affairs of the Government of Republic of Vanuatu.

Keywords:
Finance, treasury, economy

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Ministry aims to, advance the interests of the people of Vanuatu, safeguard the sovereignty of Vanuatu, and foster and promote positive engagement with the international community.

Keywords:
Foreign affairs, international relationships, maritime boundaries delimitation, external trade

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Ministry of Internal Affairs

The Ministry of Internal Affairs is responsible for implementation of the major and most essential policies relating to the internal administration of the entire nation.

Keywords:
Internal security & border control management, national disaster management, police force, immigration, labour & employement services, electoral commission, minimum wage board

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Ministry of Trade, Tourism, Commerce and Industry

The Ministry of Trade, Tourism, Commerce and Industry co-ordinates the formulation and implementation of government's policy for the development of tourism, commerce and industry through promoting and facilitating increased investment and trade by local and foreign investors.

Keywords:
Trade, tourism, commerce, industry, food technology centre

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Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity

The ministry's vision is that the nation's agricultural, forestry and aquatic resources are efficiently and sustainably managed, so that they make a significant contribution to the country's growth and the well being of the people of Vanuatu.

Keywords:
Agriculture, fisheries, livestock, forestry, bio-security, rural development, food security, research & development

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Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources

The Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources oversees the functions of the Department of Lands, the Department of Geology, Mines and Water, the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Energy Unit.

Keywords:
Land management, land survey, land registry, geology & mines, mineral resources, geological survey, water resource, sustainable land management, environment, biosecurity, bioprospecting, flora & fauna, research & monitoring

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Ministry of Justice and Community Services

The Ministry is responsible for, or provides support to, a number of agencies within the justice system: the courts, the tribunals, the correctional centres, child rights, family protection, disability advocacy and services, empowerment of women, and public prosecution and defence services as well as legal advice to government.
It also provides support to agencies that review law, make new laws and implement relevant UN Conventions including those that relate to the matters described above as well as safeguarding human rights.

Keywords:
Justice, women affairs, correctional services, courts, laws, child rights, disability services

Contact

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Ministry of Education

The Ministry provides education that is well managed, relevant and of a good quality to ensure that all the people of Vanuatu participates fully in the nation's social, cultural and economic development. The Ministry aims to create an education system, which provides good conditions for knowledge, skills and values development, with the view of enhancing a harmonious and peaceful society, conducive to the promotion of a sustainable way of life.

Keywords:
Education, schools, youth development & training

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Ministry of Health

The mission of the Ministry of Health is to protect and promote the health of all people in Vanuatu. The Ministry aims to have an integrated and decentralized health system that promotes an effective, efficient and equitable health services for the good health and general well being of all people in Vanuatu.

Keywords:
Health, public health, health care

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Ministry of Youth and Sports and Community Services

One of the ministry's missions is to support the Government's vision of youth and sport development by developing appropriate youth, sport and recreation programs for young people in urban, rural and remote areas.

Keywords:
Youth, sports, community services

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Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Works Utilities

The Ministry, amongst other things, provides: policy and services in public infrastructure, mainly in national roads, water supply, ports and airports, policy and regulation in aviation, policy and services in meteorological services…

Keywords:
Public works, civil aviation authority, MIPU, meteorological services, shipping industry regulation, public infrastructures

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Ministry of Cooperative and Ni-Vanuatu Business Development

The ministry is amongst other things, in charge of the Department of Cooperatives and Ni-Vanuatu Business Development Services.

Keywords:
Cooperative & Ni-Vanuatu business development, rural economic development, Cooperative Development Fund, Small Business Development Fund

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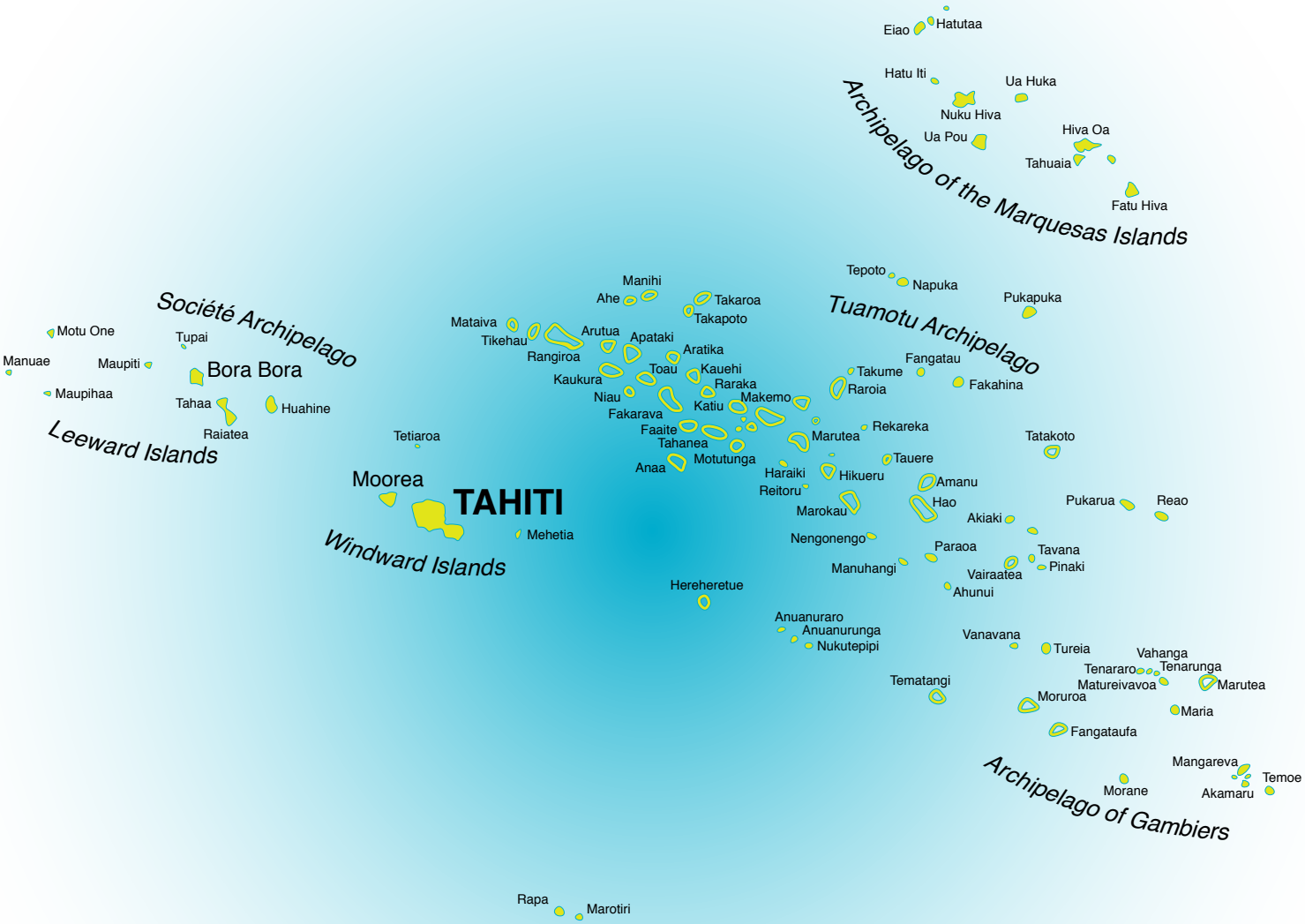

FRENCH POLYNESIA

GEOGRAPHY

French Polynesia has about 118 Islands (34 volcanic Islands and 84 atolls), covering a land area of approximately 4,200 km² spread out through a surface area equivalent to Europe's. French Polynesia is composed of five archipelagos: Society Islands, Marquesas Islands, Australs Islands, Tuamotu Islands and Gambiers Islands.

Land area	**4,200 km²**
EEZ	**5, 500, 000 km² (2013)**
Capital	**Papeete (on the island of Tahiti)**
Population	**268, 270 (2012 census)**
Population growth rate	**3.3% in 5 years (+ 8,564 inhabitants between 2007 and 2012)**
Age of the population	**52.57% under the age of 30 years old (2007)**
Infant mortality rate	**4.7/1000 (2010)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 73.2 years ; Female: 78.3 years (2011)**
Language	**French, Tahitian and other Polynesian languages**
Time zone	**GMT –10**

> Sources:
http://www.ispf.pf
http://www.outre-mer.gouv.fr/?presentation-polynesie-francaise.html
http://www.geo.fr/voyages/guides-de-voyage/oceanie/polynesie-francaise

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Tourism, pearl farming, fishery, agriculture**
Exports	**Cultured pearls, fish, noni, nacre, vanilla, coconut oil, monoi. Amount: 12, 918, 820, 111 XPF; 108, 261, 293 € (2012)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**11.9% (2012)**
Key exchange countries	**France, Hong-Kong, Japan, United-States (2011)**
GDP	**per inhabitant: 2, 220, 000 XPF; 18, 604 € (2008)**
Monthly minimum wage	**149, 491 XPF; 1,253 € (since 2011)**

> Source:
http://www.ispf.pf

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

French Polynesia is an overseas collectivity with an autonomous status (Organic Law No. 2004-192 on 27 February 2004 on the basis of Article 24 of the French Constitution). This autonomous status confers to French Polynesia a competence under the ordinary law with the exception of the actions assigned to the State, precisely mentioned (national defense, nationality, civil liberties, security, monetary policy, foreign affairs, university education, research…).
The French Government is represented in French Polynesia by a High Commissioner.
The institutions of French Polynesia are:
- The President of French Polynesia > **http://web.presidence.pf/**
- The Assembly of French Polynesia > **http://www.assemblee.pf/**
- The Economic, Social and Cultural Council > **http://www.cesc.pf/**

Relationships/links with Europe

French Polynesia is one of the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs), 25 non-sovereign countries and territories, which had close constitutional ties with Denmark, France, Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Their nationals are EU citizens, even though the OCTs are not part of the EU or directly subject to EU law. The OCTs have a special statute with the EU as "associate membership" in application of Articles L198 to L 204 Part IV of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, to advance their economic and social development.
The detailed rules and procedures of this partnership are laid down by Council Decision of 27 November 2001 of the Association Council between the European Communities and the OCTs (2001/822/EC), hereinafter referred as "Overseas Association Decision (OAD)1" which will end on 31 December 2013.

Health care system

Health protection measures falls to the authorities of the Government
> **http://web.presidence.pf/**
and to the Assembly of French Polynesia
> **http://www.assemblee.pf/**
with the exception of human rights law area.
The Government of French Polynesia exercises its powers through the Minister of Health which rest principally on the directorate of Health service.

Research

The State has responsibility for the research. However, French Polynesia organize its own course sections and development departments; its Government is consulted on draft contracts between the State and the research organizations based in French Polynesia.

http://www.polynesie-francaise.pref.gouv.fr/Les-services-de-l-Etat/Recherche-Scientifique/La-recherche-publique-en-PF

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http://www.haut-commissariat-polynesie-francaise.pf/Les-services-du-HC2/La-DRRT

RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE STATE

The French Navy Hydrographical and Oceanographic Service (SHOM)

Themes:

- Collect, process and disseminate hydrographic information to ensure the safety of navigation (charts, tide tables, current measurements in the channels…) and delimitation of local baselines (maritime borders) of French Polynesia. Contribution to scientific research to fisheries, and prevention of natural risks.

Keywords:
Hydrographic database, cartography, prevention of natural hazards

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IFREMER (French Research Institute for the Exploitation of the Sea)

Themes:

- Study of the ocean and its resources, monitoring of marine and coastal zones, and sustainable development support of maritime activities (Pearl culture, aquaculture, shrimp farming…)

Keywords:
Pearl culture, biodiversity, fishery, shrimp farming, marine fish farming, marine energy, LABEX corail

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LDG (The Geophysics Laboratory)

Sub-office of French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA)

Themes:

- The LDG conducts monitoring of volcanic and seismic activity in French Polynesia and the Pacific area. In charge of the Centre Polynésien de prévention des tsunamis (CPPT)

Keywords:
Seismic activity, tsunami prevention

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IRD (Institut de recherche pour le développement)

Themes:

- Research, innovation and training activities, focusing on the challenges of biodiversity and sustainable use of natural resources.

Keywords:
Ecosystem, biodiversity, marine biology, marine microtoxins, LABEX corail

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CRIOBE (The Insular Research Centre and Environmental Observatory)

Centre attached to the « Ecole pratique des hautes études » (EPHE), at the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)

Themes:

- Maritime surveillance and marine research, especially coral reef and lagoon ecosystems

Keywords:
South Pacific coral reef ecosystem, maritime surveillance and marine research, biocode project, LABEX corail

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(CNRS - http://www.cnrs.fr/)

LESE (The Laboratoire d'étude et de suivi de l'environnement)

A laboratory dependant on The French Institute for Radiological Protection and Reactor (IRSN)

Themes:

- Radioactivity monitoring in French Polynesia

Keywords:
Radioactivity monitoring, radioecological studies

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UPF (The University of French Polynesia)

As a research establishment it supports and participates in the study and development of elements of Polynesian heritage.

**Member university of the Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN)*

Themes:
Chemistry, biology, earth sciences, mathematics, human and social sciences.
5 laboratories:

- **Governance and island development** (GDI)
  > http://www.upf.pf/-GDI-.html
  social sciences (law, economics, political sciences, management, history, geography…) around the notions of 'governance' and 'island development' in Polynesia and the Pacific region.
- **Traditional and contemporary societies in Oceania** (EASTCO)
  > http://www.upf.pf/-Societes-traditionnelles-du-.html
  Study of Polynesian cultures and societies.
- **Algebraic Geometry and Information Applications Theory** (GAATI)
  > http://www.upf.pf/-GAATI-.html
  new technologies, improvement of transport and information monitoring systems.
- **South Pacific Geosciences** (GEPASUD)
  > http://www.upf.pf/-GEPASUD-.html
  geodesic and geophysical sciences as well as natural risks, remote-sensing and image processing techniques for the identification of the vegetation cover and study of soil erosion, the development of standardized and interoperable geographical information systems for the provision of spatial data.
- **Research cluster for Pacific island ecosystems** (UMR-EIO)
  > http://www.upf.pf/-UMR-EIO-.html
  interactions between man and his environment in the Pacific island ecosystems (EIO): understand how these EIO work, exploit and characterize their evolution ; identify natural substances and priorities for promotion of such resources ; identify the risk factors (ecological, health and social) and describe the vulnerability of the EIO; characterize the response and the role of the biodiversity within these systems and offer innovative tools for observation and monitoring.

The UMR EIO includes 4 partners: UPF, IFREMER, IRD, ILM

Keywords:
Chemistry, biology, earth sciences, ecosystems, mathematics, human and social sciences, LABEX corail, PIURN, GOPS

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UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE FRENCH POLYNESIA

Culture and Heritage division

In charge of:
- Preservation and promotion of Polynesian languages ;
- Protection, preservation, promotion of the culture, legends, historical and archeological heritage of French Polynesia.
- Planning and coordinated actions for the cultural and artistic development ;
- Development of laws and regulations related to its mandate.

Keywords:
Culture, heritage, language

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The Délégation à la recherche

Mission:
- Develops, coordinates, monitors and directs the implementation of the territorial research policy.

Keywords:
Research in French Polynesia

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Department of Agronomic Research and Rural Development Division

Keywords:
Agriculture, agronomic research, rural development

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DIREN (Environmental Department)

Division in charge of the preservation and development of natural environments and resources in French Polynesia.

Keywords:
Natural resources, environment

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ILM (Institut Louis Malardé)

The ILM is a public enterprise of an industrial and commercial nature (EPIC) of French Polynesia. Its main tasks consist in conducting research and analysis for Health, public hygiene and natural environment preservation purposes in French Polynesia.

Themes:

- **Emerging infectious diseases**
  Monitoring and research on infectious diseases (Dengue fever, leptospirosis, filariasis, chikungunya…) for the prevention and management of epidemic warnings in French Polynesia and the wider Pacific region; medical diagnosis, Health monitoring, Entomological and medical research on arboviroses and their vectors (mosquitoes Aedes), elaboration of diagnostic tools and development of innovative, durable and environmentally friendly, disease vector control techniques.

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Laboratory of medical entomology > http://www.ilm.pf/LEM
Biological analysis laboratory > http://www.ilm.pf/LABMaccueil

- **Toxic microalgae**
  Research on toxic microalgae (ciguatera): development of detection tools, epidemiological monitoring, risk mapping of French Polynesian lagoons and to secure fishery sector, study of environmental mechanisms underlying toxic algal blooms, evaluation of remedies

Contact

Toxic microalgae research laboratory > http://www.ilm.pf/microalgues
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- **Non-communicable diseases**
  Research on the origin, nature and development of “civilisation illnesses” in French Polynesia (obesity, cardiovascular diseases, endocrine or metabolic diseases, cancers, environment related disease …) for a prevention purpose (dietary transition impacts, impregnation and health consequences evaluation of methyl mercury, study of endocrine and metabolic diseases, impregnation and health consequences evaluation of phyto-sanitary products.

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- **Food and water safety analysis**
  Chemical and microbiological analysis of water, food and industrial products. Laboratory accredited by the French Accreditation Committee (COFRAC)

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Keywords:
Medical entomology, medical parasitology, medical virology, toxic microalgae, non-communicable diseases, emerging infectious diseases, ciguatera, dengue fever, filariasis, disease vector control, food and water control

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MINISTERIES

Ministry of Finance, Budget, Public services, Energy, Health and Solidarity

Keywords:
Budget, finances, public services, energies

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Ministry of Tourism, International transports, Industry, Commerce, Companies and the Economic recovery

Keywords:
Economy, tourism, international transports, industry, commerce, business

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Keywords:
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Ministry of Research, Labour, Social dialogue, Employment, Vocational Training and Women Affairs

Keywords:
Research, sciences, women affairs, employment, vocational training

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Ministry of Housing, Urban Renewal, Urban policy, Property and Land Affairs

Keywords:
Land & property affairs, housing, urban policy, urban renewal

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Ministry of Education, Higher Education, Culture, Communication and Languages

Keywords:
Education, langages, culture, communication, primary & secondary education

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Ministry of Youth and Sports

Keywords:
Sports, Youth

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Ministry of Infrastructure, Urban Planning, Inland Transports and Environment

Keywords:
Inland transport, environment, urban planning

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OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Météo France (interregional service in French Polynesia)

Themes:

- Weather observation, weather forecasting and climatology

Keywords:
Meteorology, climatology

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Richard B. Gump South Pacific Research Station

The UC Berkeley Gump field station based in Cook's Bay (Moorea island), welcomes students and scientists from everywhere around the globe to conduct research programmes in a broad range of scientific fields.

Keywords:
Marine biology, oceanography, public health, biodiversity, renewable energies, biocode project

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NEW CALEDONIA

GEOGRAPHY

New Caledonia is an archipelago consisting of a main island, the Grande Terre, and several smaller islands (the Belep archipelago, the Loyalty Islands, the Ile des Pins, the Chesterfield Islands). New Caledonia is located in the southwest Pacific Ocean about 1,500 km east of Australia and 2,000 km north of New Zealand.

Land area	**18, 576 km²**
EEZ	**1,740,000 km² (decree 78-142 of the 3 February 1978)**
Capital	**Noumea**
Population	**268 767 inhabitants (2014 census)**
Population growth rate	**11.9% (In 2012)**
Age of the population	**49% under the age of 30 years old (2009)**
Infant mortality rate	**3.9 deaths/ 1,000 live births (2012)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 73.08 years; Female: 81.37 years (2013 est.)**
Languages	**French (official), Kanak languages (28), Wallisian**
Time zone	**GMT +11**

> Sources:
http://www.isee.nc/chiffresc/chiffresc.html
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/nc.html
http://www.wpro.who.int/countries/ncl/en/

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Mining, tourism, aquaculture**
Exports	**Mining and metallurgical products (93%), fishing-aquaculture, tourism. Amount : XPF 122, 557, 000, 000; € 1,027,027,660 (2012)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**40.7% (2012)**
Key exchange countries	**Asia, Europe, Australia and New Zealand**
GDP	**Per capita 3,342,000 XPF; 28 005 € (2012)**
Monthly minimum wage	**152,912 (XPF); 1,281.40 Euros (2012)**

> Source:
http://www.isee.nc/chiffresc/chiffresc.html

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

It's a special-status territorial community (French Organization Act No. 99-209 of 19 March 1999 decision taken in accordance with the Title XIII of the Constitution) which provides, in 2014, that the concerned peoples of New Caledonia will be asked to vote on deals in favour of the accession of this territory to have full sovereignty.
This Organization Act No. 99-209 of 19 March 1999 indicates the respective spheres of competence between the State (National defense, Nationality, Justice, maintaining order, Currency, Foreign Policy, Higher education and Research…) and New Caledonia (labour law, taxation, external trade, management of resources in the EEZ…).
The French State is represented in the Territory by the High Commissioner in New Caledonia.
The institutions of New Caledonia are :

- The Congress,
- The Government,
- The Customary Senate
- The Economic, Social and Environmental Council and the Customary Councils.

Relations with the EU

New Caledonia is one of the three French OCTs in the Pacific area. The OCTs are 26 non-sovereign countries and territories, which had close constitutional ties with Denmark, France, Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Although their nationals are in principle EU citizens, these territories are not part of the EU or directly subject to EU law. The OCTs enjoy a special status of associate members, under Articles 198 to 204 of Title IV of Part Three of the EC Treaty, designed to build up their social and economic resilience.
The detailed rules and procedures of this partnership established by the 27 November 2001 Council decision on the association of the OCTs with the European Community (2001/822/EC), hereinafter referred to as 'the Overseas Association Decision' (DAO) 1 ending on 31 December 2013.
The Regional cooperation and external relations unit is responsible for coordinating and monitoring the relationship between New Caledonia and regional or international multilateral agencies, and with European institutions.
As a fifteen years member of the OCT, New Caledonia is supported by the European Development Fund (EDF). New Caledonia will be supported by a Territorial allocation of 19.81 millions of euros under the 10th EDF.

> Sources:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/octs_and_greenland/countries/new-caledonia_fr.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/octs_and_greenland/index_fr.htm
http://www.gouv.nc/portal/page/portal/gouv/presidence/cooperation_reg

Health care system

New Caledonia's welfare regime is managed by the Social welfare fund of New Caledonia (CAFAT).
CAFAT's mission is to manage the general social security system which includes, the accidents at work and occupational diseases insurance, old age and widowhood, unemployment, the family branch and the unified sickness and maternity insurance regime (RUAMM) entered into force on July 1, 2002, that covers all insured persons (employed workers, non employees, members of their family) with the exception of people who benefit a medical assistance scheme.
The RUAMM provides a sickness and maternity insurance to all persons exercising a professional activity or receiving a replacement income. This scheme also serves cash benefit within the sickness and maternity insurance, and the invalidity or death insurance.
The New Caledonian scheme is funded by social contributions (90%), products of the solidarity services tax and by tobacco and spirits taxes.

> Source:
http://www.cleiss.fr/docs/regimes/regime_nc_salaries.html

The health system management falls under a territorial and provincial jurisdiction. The French State do not intervene in this area.

At the territorial level :
The 'Direction des Affaires Sanitaires et Sociales de Nouvelle-Calédonie (DASSNC)' is in charge of planning and coordination of some programs, development of health and social care regulations, control of health care facilities, social security bodies, chain of distribution of medicinal products, monitoring of the health populations and hygienic qualities related to the environment, training of healthcare professionals and lastly of the health statistics.
The health and social agency of New Caledonia is a public institution which has two main missions: to support health care provision and to participate in public hygiene and prevention on sanitary issues priority actions with the implementation of priority programs for prevention and health promotion.

At the provincial level :
Each provinces (3) has a 'Direction Provinciale des Affaires Sanitaires et Sociales (DPASS)' which is in charge of the implementation of the provincial policy regarding health, public hygiene, medical and social measures.

> Source:
http://www.ass.nc/publication/doc_download/326-

Research

The State is responsible for the Research. However, the Government of New Caledonia is consulted on draft contracts between the State and the research organizations based in the territory (Article 38 I of the Organic Law on March 19, 1999).
New Caledonia's (and Wallis and Futuna) Research and Technology Policy Officer (CMRT) falls under the authority of the French High Commissioner of New Caledonia. He plays a role in information, animation and coordination in research, technology, innovation of scientific and technical culture areas.

> Sources:
http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/Droit-francais/Guide-de-legistique/III.-Redaction-des-textes/3.6.-Application-et-applicabilite-des-textes-outre-mer/3.6.10.-Nouvelle-Caledonie ,
http://media.enseignementsuprecherche.gouv.fr/file/Les_D.R.R.T./86/0/APPEL_A_CANDIDATURES_NVL_CAL_-_2010_145860.pdf)

The organic law on the status of New Caledonia foresees an advisory council for research. In March 2010, a strategic steering committee for research and innovation (COSRI) relying on an interinstitutional scientific and technological council (COST) was created. This measure seeks to promote the identification of research for development needs, whose "environment" and "economic development" fields are a provincial responsibility.

> Source:
http://media.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/file/Stratom/51/5/L2_STRATOM_version_finale2_mcgs_201515.pdf

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RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

CRESICA
(Consortium for Research, higher Education and Innovation in New Caledonia)

The research and higher education organisations in New Caledonia (BRGM, CIRAD, CNRS, IAC, IFREMER, IRD, IPNC, UNC) coordinate their actions within the CRESICA Consortium to reinforce their links, in the framework of a close partnership with the State, with New Caledonia and it three provinces, and to contribute to issues of development and attractiveness of New Caledonia.
On the basis of strategic orientations elaborated by the Strategic Orientation Committee for Research and Innovation, the roadmap of the CRESICA is organized around three specialized areas – focusing on the comparative advantages of the country: valorization of the natural capital (biodiversity, mining and environment); health improvement in link with the environment and societies; support to the institutional, societal and cultural progress.
The CRESICA is an essential part of the Higher education and Research – transfer and innovation continuum, which is one of the public policies of the Planning and Development Plan of New Caledonia by 2025.

BRGM (Bureau de recherches géologiques et minières)

BRGM is France's reference public institution for Earth Science applications in the management of surface and subsurface resources and risks.
BRGM is in partnership with the "Service Géologique de Nouvelle-Calédonie" (SGNC).
This research office also carries out geosciences projects in New Caledonia

Keywords:
Geosciences, cartography, hydrogeology, natural hazards, environment, geophysics

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CIRAD (French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development)

The CIRAD is a French research centre, which addresses, with countries of the South, the main global issues concerning agriculture and development. It was founded by nine specialised institutes which have contributed to the emergence of the French research on tropical agriculture.
The CIRAD comprises three scientific departments and 36 research units.
From its regional headquarters, it leads cooperation activities in more than 90 countries.
The CIRAD rooted in New Caledonia through its founding institutes (IEMVT, CTFT, IRFA, FLHOR…) during the first half of the 20th century. By the will of the territorial institutions, it has become a founding partner of the IAC - New Caledonia Agricultural Institute - (1999), with which it works a close partnership in the field of agriculture science and rural development, through long-term local assignments of its researchers, or by sharing projects with outside-territory teams, supported by missions.

Keywords:
Agronomy, biodiversity, protection and conservation of natural environments, ecosystems, rurality and rural development

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CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research)

The CNRS is a French public research organisation placed under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and Research. In New Caledonia, the CNRS is represented by the medicinal plant Laboratory of the advanced unit of the Chemistry of Natural Substances institute (Research unit: 2301), which has been conducting chemical analysis of natural substances for 40 years, also in the search of new bioactive new molecules, of pharmaceutical and agrochemical interest – from the New Caledonian flora.
The CNRS is also associated to 10 laboratories of the IRD centre in Noumea.

Themes:
- Organic chemistry of complex molecules
- Natural products and medicinal chemistry
- Chemistry and structural biology
- Chemistry and therapeutic targets biology.

Keywords:
Tropical biodiversity, bioactive molecules, medicinal chemistry, chemistry and structural biology, medicinal plants, LABEX Corail

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IAC (New Caledonia Agricultural Institute)

The IAC is an original and unique research organism in New Caledonia, which was created in New Caledonia by will of the local authorities. Its missions are to conduct research activities, to support rural development, environmental protection and preservation of the rural populations of New Caledonia.

Three broad lines of research:

- Knowledge and improvement of agro-ecosystems: this axis includes the study of genetic resources of agricultural interest, of sustainable production systems, and the integrated biological protection;
- Biological and functional diversity of terrestrial ecosystems: characterization of terrestrial biodiversity and of ecosystems behavior in a changing context, and protection of species, habitats and degraded sites restoration;
- New patterns of rural development and common future; evolutions of rural communities, ways in which the transformation of activities contribute to rebuild what is at stake for the population in a common future.

Keywords:
Agriculture, entomology, plant physiology, animal parasitology, biodiversity, preservation of natural resources, ecosystems, agro-systems, rurality and rural communities.

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Ifremer (French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea)

The Ifremer is a public industrial and commercial enterprise (EPIC).
In New Caledonia, the Institute includes a research unit on “Lagoon, ecosystems and sustainable aquaculture in NC” and a financial and administrative unit.
This station also leads researches in the fields of

- Which technical, biological etc. innovations for a sustainable development of marine aquaculture in New Caledonia, as well as for a sustainable management of resources and biodiversity?
- Understanding the biological, ecological and socio-economic processes in order to define the sustainability basis of existing or new aquacultural sectors.
- Understanding and quantifying the relationships between biodiversity and resources, and the pressures from ocean use activities and the policy responses in terms of the management of the marine environment
- Enhance awareness of the geological structure and functioning of the EEZ seabeds, in order to assess the (mineral and energetic) resource exploitable potential.

Keywords:
Shrimp farming, ecosystems, bioprospecting, biodiversity, ecophysiology, mapping, marine geosciences, aquaculture, vibriosis, zootechny, marine protected areas

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IRD (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement)

The IRD (Institut de recherche pour le développement) is a French research organisation, original and unique on the European development research scene.
Emphasizing Interdisciplinarity, the IRD has focused its research for over 65 years on the relationship between man and its environment, in Africa, Mediterranean, Latin America, Asia and the French tropical overseas territories.
Its research, training and innovation activities are intended to contribute to the social, economic and cultural development of southern countries.
The IRD Centre in Noumea (New Caledonia) is the main IRD centre in the French Overseas territories and includes 15 research units.

Themes:

- Ecosystems and natural resources
- Climate change and natural hazards
- Health and societal challenges
- Mining and environment

Keywords:
Biodiversity, human health, population genetics, Mediterranean and tropical symbiosis, geophysics, oceanography, plant communities, ecosystems, ecology, marine environment, infectious diseases and vectors, natural hazards, LABEX Corail, governance of natural resources, environmental management and knowledge, public/development policies.

Research units and laboratories based in New Caledonia :

Spatial oceanography and geophysics studies laboratory (LEGOS)
> http://www.legos.obs-mip.fr/

Land, Ocean, Space (GÉOAZUR)
> http://geoazur.oca.eu/

Plants architecture, functioning and evolution (AMAP)
> http://amap.cirad.fr

Climate and oceanography laboratory: experiments and digital approaches (LOCEAN)
> www.locean-ipsl.upmc.fr

Marine environment sciences laboratory (LEMAR)
> www-iuem.univ-brest.fr/UMR6539/

Mineralogy and physics of condensed environment Institute (IMPMC)
> www.impmc.upmc.fr

Indo-Pacific's coral ecosystems biocomplexity (COREUS)
> http://www.coreus.ird.fr

Development space (ESPACE-DEV)
> www.espace-dev.fr

Diversity adaptation and development of plants (DIADE)
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Mediterranean Institute of Ocean sciences (MIO)
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Mediterranean Institute of biodiversity, continental and marine ecology (IMBE)
> www.imbe.fr

Instrumentations, analytical tools, geophysics observations and oceanography (IMAGO et LAMA)
Governance, risk, environment, development (GRED)
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IPNC (Institut Pasteur of New Caledonia)

The IPNC is a private foundation recognised as a non - profit public benefit organization. The IPNC is a member of the International network of Pasteur Institutes.

Themes:

- Biological monitoring of locally endemic diseases, emerging diseases or diseases with an epidemic risk, on behalf of the Government of New Caledonia for the reportable diseases
- Development of multidisciplinary research applied to local public health issues, mainly arboviroses (dengue, chikungunya, zika) and leptospirosis
- Biomedical analysis and surveillance of food hygiene and environment
- Training of technicians, biologists and researchers

Keywords:

Research, public health, biological monitoring, arboviroses, dengue, chikungunya, zika, medical entomology, leptospirosis, flu, tuberculosis, rheumatic fever, HIV, surveillance of bacterial resistance to antibiotics, biomedical analysis, food and environment hygiene.

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UNC (University of New Caledonia)*

The UNC is a young university, and displays a certain originality of being a French and European public institution for the development of New Caledonia and even beyond the Oceania area. It guarantees a French presence in the domains of higher education and research and contributes to the promotion of French speaking in the region.

**University member of the Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN).*

Themes:

The UNC has five research teams :

Centre for New Studies for the Pacific Region (CNEP)

CNEP is a literature and social science francophone research centre of excellence in the Pacific region.

> **http://cnep.univ-nc.nc/**

Computer Studies and Mathematics Research Team (ERIM)

ERIM approaches rich and diverse research thematics. ERIM could also participate in multidisciplinary projects (environment, eco-management and finances, physics).

> **http://erim.univ-nc.nc/**

School of Economics and Law (LARJE)
LARJE base its research on two main areas:
- Cultural diversity, juridical and institutional status
- Natural resources, rebalancing and emancipation

> http://larje.univ-nc.nc/

Island School of Living Organisms and the Environment (LIVE)
LIVE is a multi-disciplinary team joining biologists and chemists working on terrestrial and marine biodiversity in New Caledonia.

> http://live.univ-nc.nc/

Multidisciplinary Centre for Earth Science and the Environment (PPME)
This laboratory includes three teams focused on three main topics:
- Geology
- Extraction and management of knowledge
- Environment and materials

> http://ppme.univ-nc.nc/

Keywords:
Education, law, letters & languages, arts, geography, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, environment, marine ecology, bio molecules, soils, microorganisms, biodiversity, natural resources, geology, mining, plant species, adaptive mechanism, LABEX Corail

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OTHER RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

ADECAL (Agence de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Calédonie) Technopole de Nouvelle-Calédonie

ADECAL role is to promote the economic potential of New Caledonia, to manage applied terrestrial and marine public scientific research programs with a view to transfer them to the private sector. ADECAL is also in charge of an innovation and exports development program. Technopole ADECAL includes two hubs, the 'marine ecosystem valuation' hub and the 'terrestrial ecosystem valuation' hub, as well as six technological centres.

Themes:

- Terrestrial and marine biological resources valuation
- Promotion of New Caledonia to foreign investors
- Assistance to foreign investors in their economic creation activities process in New Caledonia
- Assistance to New Caledonian companies in their export and innovation processes

Keywords:
Technopole, marine ecosystem, shrimp farming, marine fish farming, micro-algae production, ZoNéCo, sustainable agriculture, technologies & biological materials transfer, scientific & professional collaboration, investment, international development

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The Research Centre of the AQUARIUM

The "Aquarium des Lagons" is a public joint venture between the Government of New Caledonia, the Government of the Southern Province, and the City of Noumea. The statutes of the organization define its major goals and objectives:

- Contribute to the promotion, protection and conservation of New Caledonia's aquatic environments
- Take part in the promotion of tourism in New Caledonia
- Contribute to the distribution of scientific information relating to aquatic flora and fauna
- Develop partnership with other French, European or international institutions engaged in similar activities

Scientific research has been an important facet of the Aquarium's activities from the beginning.
It was first brought to the public attention when our founder, Dr René Catala, presented the newly discovered fluorescent corals, and through the publication of a number of articles. It has made the Aquarium world famous.

Since the opening of the new Aquarium, scientific research has taken a leap forward. The construction of a new experimental platform on the site of the former building (hatchery, grow out and husbandry), opens the way to new research projects, undertaken either by
the Aquarium, or in cooperation with local and international research institutions.
The overall aim is to contribute to a better understanding of New Caledonia's aquatic environments, and by sharing the results of their work with the public.
They foster greater respect and clever conservation of these fragile environments.

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CEN (Conservatoire des Espaces Naturels)

CEN is a cooperation, consultation and animation structure, between public and private partners, acting in the management and conservation of natural environments to serve collectivities defined environmental strategies.

Themes:
- Land and marine natural areas.

Keywords:
Land & marine natural areas, environment, Dry Forest programme (PCFS), inter-institutions collaboration

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CHT (Centre Hospitalier Territorial)

CHT of New Caledonia is a public establishment of a hospital character, consisting of 4 establishments, Gaston-Bourret hospital, Magenta's hospital, the medical centre of Col de la Pirogue and the Raoul-Follereau centre.

Themes:
- Health care
- Education and training of medical and non-medical personnel
- Health prevention and education initiatives
- Research activities in human health (infectious and tropical diseases, toxicology, neoplastic and cardiovascular diseases)

Keywords:
Health, public health, research, training of healthcare workers, health education & prevention, medicine

- Biochemical and haemostasis laboratory:

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CNRT (National Centre for Technological Research Nickel and its Environment)

The objective of this public interest group is the pooling and management of the resources provided for the implementation of research programmes and technological development, with a view to the sustainable exploitation of mining resources that is compatible with the conservation and the enhancement of the natural and human environment of New Caledonia.

Themes:
- Nickel and technology
- Nickel and society
- Nickel and the natural environment

Keywords:
Nickel, Nickel & health, mining environment, biodiversity conservation, nickel & technology, nickel & the natural environment

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http://www.cnrt.nc/

GOPS (South Pacific Integrated Observatory for Environment and Terrestrial and Marine Biodiversity)

The GOPS includes 11 French universities and research organisations.
It is a coordinating system of experimentation and observation to the benefit of research, training, promotion and expertise which aims to strengthen EU's and French position in the South Pacific and to better meet regional needs. It is based on the observation and monitoring on the long run of the environment, the ecosystems and biodiversity, impacted by environmental changes and human-caused pressures.
Its main objectives are to:
- Establish, develop, coordinate and pool systems and observational networks;
- Optimize, consolidate and share sea equipment;
- Support and coordinate the activities of research teams through joint programs, and
- Strengthen international scientific cooperation, especially with universities and research organisations in the region.

Themes addressed by the GOPS:
- Marine ecosystems
- Terrestrial ecosystems
- Climate change and variability and natural hazards
- Environment and health relationships
- «Nature» representations, practices and policies

Keywords:
Environment, biodiversity, education, marine ecosystems, terrestrial ecosystems, climate change & natural hazards, environment & health relationships, data acquisition & transfer, platforms & shared capabilities, research activities support, regional and international partnerships and cooperation, public authorities advising, research programs, research observatories

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IANCP (Institut d'Archéologie de la Nouvelle-Calédonie et du Pacifique)

IANCP purpose is to safeguard, study, preserve and disseminate New Caledonia's archaeological heritage.

Themes:

- Archaeological work in New Caledonia, as well as every inventory operations and rescue excavations.
- Promotion of New Caledonia's archaeological heritage under the establishment's care for, cultural, educative and touristic research purposes.
- Cooperation with other concerned, common collectivities, public or private organizations in New Caledonia.
- Hosting of foreign researchers (working on New Caledonia' archaeological heritage).
- Participation in archaeological program implementation in the Pacific in collaboration with local and/or regional institutions.
- Implementation of partnerships and collaboration with public national or foreign archaeological institutions.

Keywords:
Archeology, archaeological heritage, archaeological impact assessment, scientific collaboration, archaeological programs, promotion of cultural heritage.

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Météo-France (interregional service in New Caledonia)

Météo-France is a public state institution. Its primary mission is to monitor the atmosphere, the ocean surface, to anticipate their evolution and to disseminate the corresponding information. It is also New Caledonia's meteorological service.

Themes:

- Weather observation, weather forecasting and climatology

Keywords:
Meteorology, climatology

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SGNC/Dimenc (Service Géologique de la Nouvelle-Calédonie)

SGNC is a New Caledonian public service in charge of acquiring, hoarding, synthetizing and providing geological infrastructures data, in the country's terrestrial and marine area, in order to guide public politics based on technical and scientific basis.

Themes:

- Geosciences, natural resources, natural hazards, planning and environment

Keywords:
Geology, natural resources, environment, geological data, mapping, regolith, mineral resources, water resources, marine geosciences, natural hazards, environmental asbestos, geomatics, information systems

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SHOM (French Navy's Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department)

The SHOM is a public administrative body.
It is placed under the supervision of the Ministry of Defense.

Three main missions:

- National Hydrographic Office
- Defense Support
- Support to public maritime and coastal policies

Keywords:
Hydrographic data, mapping

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The Tjibaou Cultural Centre and ADCK

As a part of the Matignon Agreements, the French state and Caledonian representatives (Kanak and Socialist National Liberation Front / Rally for Caledonia in the Republic) agreed on Jean Marie Tjibaou's request to create the Agency for the Development of Kanak Culture (ADCK) a French state public institution, with the following missions:

- To promote the Kanak linguistic and archeological heritage
- To support Kanak contemporary forms of expression, especially in the field of handcraft, broadcasting technology and art
- To develop cross regional interaction, especially in the South Pacific
- To plan out courses of study

On the narrow Tina Peninsula of approximately 8 hectares, given by the Noumea Council, the Tjibaou Cultural Centre was inaugurated in May 1998 and was designed by the Italian architect Renzo Piano. The Centre is a place of identical assertiveness and cultural gathering and creation.
Transferred to New-Caledonia in 2012, newly named ADCK-CCT aims to search, collect and promote the kanak cultural heritage, to initiate and develop kanak artistic creation, to provoke the emergence of common cultural practices and references, to be a pole of regional and international exchanges.

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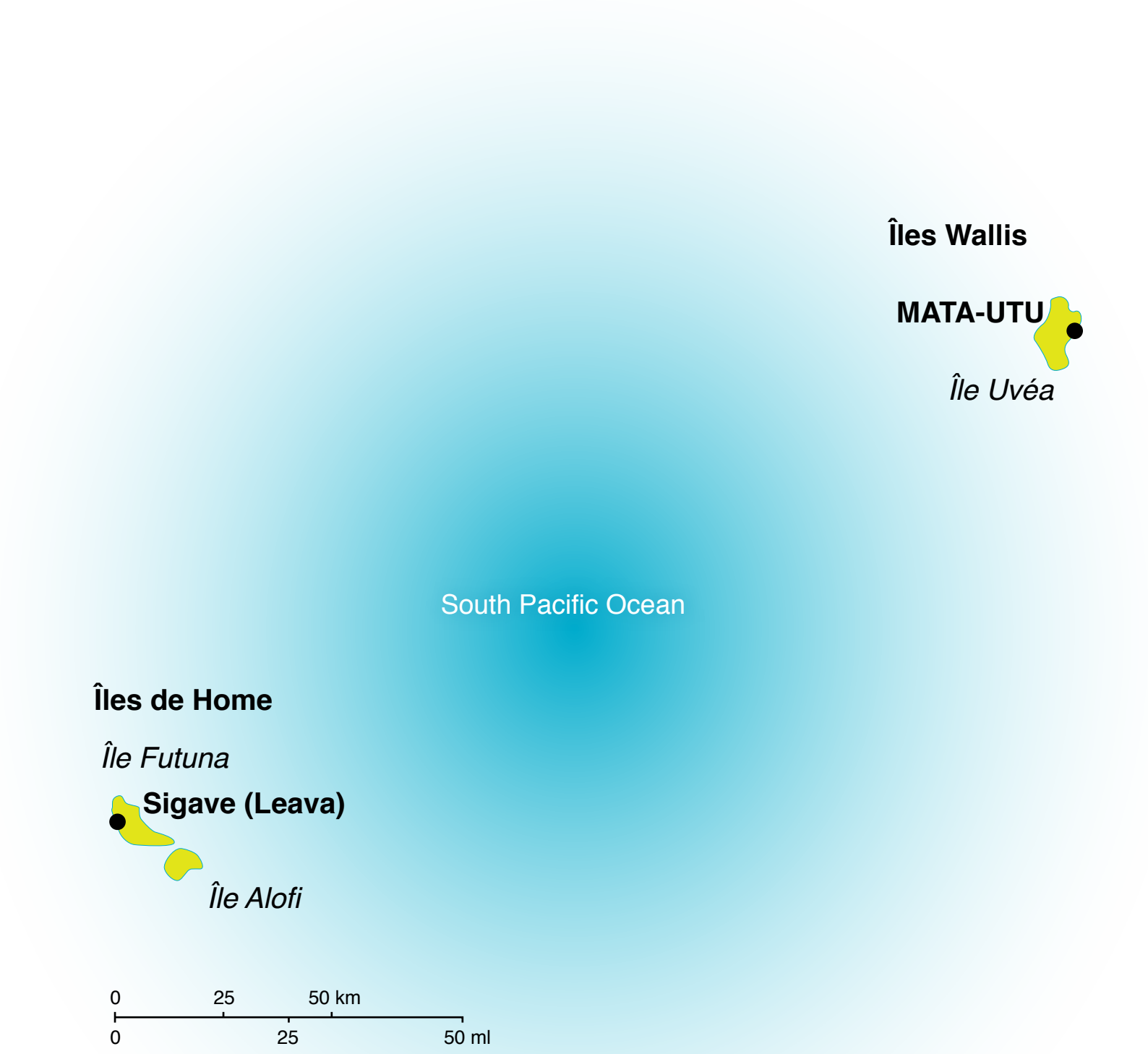

WALLIS AND FUTUNA

GEOGRAPHY

Wallis and Futuna Islands, officially Territory of the Wallis and Futuna Islands, French overseas territory, South Pacific, West of Samoa and North East of Fiji.
Comprising two small groups, the Wallis Islands and the Hoorn (or Horne) Islands, which are c.120 mi (190 km) apart, it is sometimes called Wallis Archipelago.
The main volcanic islands are Uvea (Wallis) and Futuna and Alofi (Hoorn); the capital and chief town is Mata-Utu, on Uvea. The Polynesian inhabitants are Roman Catholic and speak Wallisian, Futunian, and French; more Polynesians of Wallisian and Futunian descent now live on New Caledonia, where they have migrated for employment, than in the two island groups.
The Wallis and Futuna were settled by Polynesian migrants from Tonga and Samoa respectively c.1400 A.D. They were visited by the Dutch (Futuna, 1616) and the English (Wallis, 1767), and came under French control in 1842. They became an overseas territory of France in 1961.
The president of France, represented by the High Administrator, is the head of state. The government is headed by the president of the Territorial Assembly, who is elected by the legislature. Members of the 20-seat Territorial Assembly are elected by popular vote for five-year terms. The territory also elects one deputy to the National Assembly and one member of the Senate of France. The three traditional Polynesian kings advise on traditional affairs.

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Land area	**142.42 km² (54.99 sq mi)**
EEZ	**258,269 km²**
Capital	**Mata-Utu**
Population	**15,561 inhabitants (2014 est.)**
Population growth rate	**The population of this community decreases since 2003, when the census counted 14,944 inhabitants, the archipelago still had 13 445 inhabitants in the 2008 census.**
Age of the population	**Median age 32.2 - 28% under the age of 15 years old**
Infant mortality rate	**4.49/1000 live births**
Life expectancy	**73.3 (male) 76.5 (female)**
Languages	**The official language is French. However two Polynesian languages, Wallisian and Futunan respectively are spoken in Wallis and Futuna**
Time zone	**GMT +12**

> Sources:
www.insee.fr
http://www.infoplease.com/encyclopedia/world/wallis-futuna-islands.html

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**The main economic activities are agriculture (food crops, fruit trees, coconut) and especially pig farming**
Exports	**Crafts and nacre**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**Foreign trade of the Territory is marked by very pronounced imbalance between the in creasing imports and the virtual absence of exports**
Key exchange countries	**Australia, New-Zealand, New-Caledonia**
GDP	**Per capita: 14 000 US $ (2005)**
Monthly minimum wage	**87 401 Cfp; 732.42 € (2013)**

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

The status of Wallis and Futuna is set by Act No. 61814 of 29 July 1961, which gives the islands the status of Overseas Territory (TOM). Specificity of the territory is the customary organization, respected by the Republic, which are three realms: the first is the realm of Uvea in Wallis and the two others are Alo and Sigave in Futuna which merge with the administrative divisions.

Relationships/links with Europe

Wallis and Futuna part OCT 25 countries and territories, not sovereign, that maintain constitutional ties with Denmark, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Although their nationals are in principle EU citizens, these territories do not belong and are not directly subject to EU law. The OCTs to the EU enjoy a special status of "associate" in application of Articles 198 to 204 of Part IV of the Treaty of Rome, designed to promote economic and social development.
Detailed rules and procedures of this association are established by the Council Decision of 27 November 2001 on the association of OCTs with the European Community (2001/822 / EC), hereinafter "Decision Association of Overseas (CAD)
1 which will end on 31 December 2013.

Health organization

The health system is based entirely on Wallis and Futuna Health Agency.
The agency employs over 180 staff working in two hospitals and three clinics.
All treatments are supported by the state. The state's charge came in 2011 to 2.9 billion CFP francs (approximately € 24.3 million).
Health facilities are limited in the area, some operations require the evacuation of patients to New Caledonia or to metropolitan France or Australia.
637 people received medical evacuation from the territory in 2011.

> Source:
http://www.wallis-et-futuna.pref.gouv.fr/Presentation-des-services/Services-de-l-Etat-et-du-Territoire/Agence-de-sante-

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Research organization

There is no research organization in the Territory. Research is conducted mostly from New Caledonia, particularly by the IRD. The University of New Caledonia contributes significantly to strengthening scientific knowledge on the coral reefs of Wallis and Futuna. Various organizations have intervened promptly: South Pacific Commission, MNHN, the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes.

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http://www.wallis-et-futuna.pref.gouv.fr/Presentation-des-services/Services-de-l-Etat-et-du-Territoire/Service-des-Affaires-Culturelles

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Bathurst Island
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Darwin
Kakadu
Arnhem Land
Gulf of Carpentaria
Coral Sea
Cape York Peninsula
Cooktown
South Pacific Ocean
Indian Ocean
Katherine
Kimberley Plateau
Wyndham
Larrimah
Cairns
Derby
Barkly Tableland
Tennant Creek
Georgetown
Halls Creek
Townsville
Great Sandy Desert
Tanami Desert
NORTHERN TERRITORY
Great Dividing Range
Mackay
Port Hedland
QUEENSLAND
Gladstone
Alice Springs
Macdonnell Ranges
Fraser Island
Gibson Desert
Rockhampton
Minilya
Kulgera
Bundaberg
Carnarvon
Barrow Range
Simpson Desert
Charleville
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Belladonia
Port Augusta
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AUSTRALIA

GEOGRAPHY

Lying between the Indian and Pacific oceans, Australia is the earth's largest island and 6th largest country in the world in land area. It has 10% of the world's biodiversity, and a great number of its native plants, animals and birds are unique. Australia is a stable, culturally diverse and democratic society with one of the strongest performing economies in the world. It is ranked as one of the best places to live in the world by all indices of income, human development, healthcare and civil rights. Australia was a founding member of the United Nations and is the 12th largest contributor to the United Nations' regular and peacekeeping budgets.

Land area	**7,692,024 km²**
EEZ	**8,148, 250 km² (excluding the EEZ off the Australian Antarctic Territory)**
Capital	**Canberra**
Population	**23 million (2013)**
Population growth rate	**1.11% (2013 estimate)**
Age of the population	**37 years (median)**
Infant mortality rate	**4.49 per 1,000 live births**
Life expectancy	**Male: 79.5 years, Female: 84 years**
Language	**English**
Time zone	**Eastern: GMT +10, Central: GMT +9.5, Western: GMT +8**

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http://australia.gov.au/about-australia/our-country
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-15674351
http://www.dfat.gov.au/aib/overview.html
http://www.dfat.gov.au/aib/australia-and-the-world.html

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Services (finance, tourism, media & education), mining and agriculture**
Exports	**Iron ores & concentrates, coal, gold, natural gas, minerals, fuels, wheat. Amount: A$ 313.3 billion; € 200.6 billion (2011)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**92.06 (2012 est.)**
Key exchange countries	**China, Japan, Republic of Korea, India, United States (2012)**
GDP	**per capita US $ 64,157; € 46,957 (year 2013)**
Monthly minimum wage	**A$ 16.37; € 10.68 per hour (38 h per week)**

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http://www.abs.gov.au/

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POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

The Commonwealth of Australia was formally established in 1901 when the six Australian colonies agreed to the Australian Constitution, creating a federal system of government. Under this system, powers are distributed between the Federal Government and the six states plus two territories.

Australia has three levels of law making (sometimes referred to as three levels of government). The three levels are:

- the federal Parliament,
- the state/territory Parliaments,
- the local councils.

The six states of Australia are New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia, and the two territories are the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

The Australian Constitution sets out the rules and responsibilities of Government and outlines the powers of the legislative, executive and judicial branches. The Constitution can only be changed by referendum.

Australia is a constitutional monarchy. The head of state is Queen Elizabeth II, who is formally represented by a Governor General whom she appoints on the recommendation of Australia's Prime Minister. The federal executive, which is made up of the Prime Minister and ministers, is the main decision-making body of the Government and is responsible for implementing federal law.

The federal Parliament is bicameral, having two chambers: the Senate and the House of Representatives. Both are responsible for national laws, such as: trade, taxation, immigration, citizenship, social security, industrial relations and foreign affairs. Legislation has to be approved by both houses before it can become law.

State and Territory governments are responsible for those powers not administered by the Commonwealth Government, which include: public health, education, roads, public land use, emergency services and local government.
The judicial branch consists of the High Court of Australia. Each of the States and Territories (plus Norfolk Island) has a Supreme Court, however, the High Court is the final appellate court for each of these. There are also subordinate courts at the federal and state levels.

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Relationships/links with Europe

In 2012 Australia and the EU celebrated 50 years of formal diplomatic relations. Australia and the European Union enjoy a constructive and substantial bilateral relationship built on a shared commitment to freedom and democratic values and a like-minded approach to a broad range of international issues. In support of these shared commitments Australia and the EU work together to support global efforts to combat terrorism and the proliferation of nuclear and conventional weapons, to coordinate their efforts to respond to the challenges of climate change and the global financial crisis and to promote peace, sustainable development, good governance and human rights.
The 28 members of the EU as a bloc constitute one of Australia's largest trading and investment partners. Australia and the EU cooperate increasingly closely in the Asia-Pacific region, including to enhance security, stability and good governance, and to improve the coordination of development cooperation assistance among donors to the region.
The Australia-EU Partnership Framework is an action-oriented document emphasising practical cooperation. Although trade remains an important underpinning for the bilateral relationship, the overall political and economic relationship has over the years matured and developed more broadly to focus on global and regional challenges.

> Sources:

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Health care system

The organization of the public health system is strongly influenced by the federal system, where responsibility and funding for health is shared between the Australian Government and the governments of the states and territories. The system is complex, with delivery provided by both the public and private sectors.
The Australian Government funds medical and pharmaceutical benefits, private health insurance subsidies, hearing services, university training places for health workers, and it shares responsibility with the states and territories for funding of public hospital services. The Australian Government also has a national leadership role in strategies to tackle significant health issues, as well as regulatory responsibilities.
The state and territory governments provide public hospital services and community and public health services, assist with training of health workers through clinical training in public hospitals, and regulate private hospitals.
The aim of the Australian health system is to give universal access to health care under what is known as Medicare. Medicare is a compulsory, universal, health insurance scheme, based on the principle of equal access for all Australians. All Australian citizens are eligible for Medicare. Medicare covers most medical care, including physician and hospital services and prescription drugs. It ensures that all Australians have access to a broad range of quality health services. Funding for Medicare is primarily financed through taxation and it provides funding for public hospitals and primary care services. Approximately half of Australians receive additional coverage through private insurance, which the Government subsidizes and which covers such services as dental care and private hospitals.
Note: One of Australia's key health service is the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), which has been vital to Australia's health care system, flying sick people from rural and remote areas to where they can obtain treatment, and providing them with primary health care.

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Understanding the Australian Health Care System, 2nd edition

Research

Australia's research strengths are in health and medical sciences, marine and earth sciences, defence, energy, as well as climate change and agriculture.
The main institutional components of Australia's science system are the Federal Government, the state and territory governments, schools and universities as well as business, commerce and industry.
The system delivers educational outcomes in the form of a science-literate society and a science-trained general and R&D workforce. Its R&D supports the activities of business, commerce and industry as well as Government activities relating to policy development and regulation.
Australian universities account for much of the R&D activity. Thanks to a relatively high scholarly output in science, the country produces more than 3% of world scientific publications.

An important part of Australia's scientific research is funded by national research funding agencies. The National Health and Medical Research Council and the Australian Research Council are the two most significant agencies that administer competitive research grants on behalf of the Government. The Australian research grant system is the principal and almost sole vehicle by which the country invests in the fundamental research and development that underpins the creation of new technologies.
In 2008/09 gross expenditure on R&D (GERD) in Australia for all sectors and all fields of research reached $27.7 billion (€19.14 billion).
Australia's key government scientific research bodies are:

- The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) is Australia's national science agency and one of the largest and most diverse research agencies in the world;
- The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) is responsible for delivering specialised advice and scientific services and products to Government, industry, academia and other research organisations;
- The Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) is Australia's tropical marine research agency;
- The Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) is the Australian Government's lead agency charged with applying science and technology to protect and defend Australia and its national interests;
- The Australian Antarctic Division leads Australia's Antarctic Program;
- Geoscience Australia is Australia's national geoscience agency;
- The Bureau of Meteorology is Australia's national weather, climate and water agency;
- The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is one of the two most significant agencies that administer competitive research grants on behalf of the Government, and is focussed on health and medical research;
- The Australian Research Council (ARC) provides advice to the Government on research funding and policy, promotes the conduct of research and research training of the highest quality for the benefit of the Australian community, and delivery competitive funding in all areas of research (that are not covered by the NHMRC);
- The Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Program provides funding to build critical mass in significant research ventures.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

Keywords:
Infrastructure, transport, transport security, aviation, aviation safety, maritime environment protection, maritime business, regional development, Australian Maritime Safety Authority

> http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/

DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

Promotes and protects the Australia's interests internationally and contributing to global stability and economic growth.

Keywords:
Foreign affairs, embassies, international issues, trade, aid

> http://www.dfat.gov.au/

Department of Employment

Responsible for national policies and programmes that help Australians find and keep employment and work in safe, fair and productive workplaces.

Keywords:
Employment, workplace authority, work health & safety, job services, worker insurance

> http://www.employment.gov.au/

Ministry for the Arts

Keywords:
Arts, culture, museum

> http://www.arts.gov.au/

Attorney-General's Department

Delivers programs and policies to maintain and improve Australia's law and justice framework, strengthen national security and emergency management.

Keywords:
Law, justice administration, national security, legal services

> http://www.ag.gov.au/

Department of Agriculture

Develops and implements policies and programs that ensure Australia's agricultural, fisheries, food and forestry industries remain competitive, profitable and sustainable.

Keywords:
Agriculture, natural resources, Australian Fisheries Management Authority

> http://www.agriculture.gov.au/

Department of Education

Responsible for national policies and programmes that help Australians access quality and affordable child care, early childhood education, school education, higher education, international education and academic research.

Keywords:
Education, higher education, early childhood, international education, higher education research

> http://www.education.gov.au/

Department of Industry

The department consolidates the Australian Government's efforts to drive economic growth, productivity and competitiveness by bringing together industry, energy, resources, science and skills.

Keywords:
Industry, business, AIMS, ANSTO, energy, science, radioactive waste management, mining, CSIRO, NOPSEMA, ASQA, Geoscience Australia, IP Australia

> http://www.industry.gov.au/

Department of Social Services

Keywords:
Social services, women's safety, age care, housing support, community services, National Disability Insurance Agency

> http://www.dss.gov.au/

Department of Communications

Enhances digital productivity and infrastructure, promotes an efficient communications markets and strengthens Australia ICT capabilities.

Keywords:
Communications

> http://www.communications.gov.au/

Department of Health

Delivers health and wellbeing outcomes for Australians, through strengthening evidence-based policy advice, improving program management, research, regulation and partnerships with other government agencies, consumers and stakeholders.

Keywords:
Health, public health, health care, acute care, health workforce, mental health care, NHMRC, sports

> http://www.health.gov.au/

Department of Environment

Designs and implements the policies and programmes to protect and conserve the environment, water and heritage and promote climate action.

Keywords:
Environment, climate change, meteorology, air quality, biodiversity conservation, renewable energy, water policy & resources, natural & cultural heritage, marine reserves, science & research, national parks, Australian Antarctic Division

> http://www.environment.gov.au/

Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Keywords:
Immigration, Australian Border Force

> http://www.immi.gov.au/

Department of Finance

Keywords:
Finance, financial management, business

> http://www.finance.gov.au/

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESEARCH AND FUNDING AGENCIES

AAD (Australian Antarctic Division)

The Antarctic Division advances Australia's strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean.
> **http://www.antarctica.gov.au/**

AAO (Australian Astronomical Observatory)

The Australian Astronomical Observatory operates the Anglo-Australian and UK Schmidt telescopes on behalf of the astronomical community of Australia. It provides world-class optical and infrared observing facilities enabling Australian astronomers to do excellent science. The AAO is a world leader in astronomical research and in the development of innovative telescope instrumentation.
> **http://www.aao.gov.au/**

ACIAR (Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research)

ACIAR encourages Australia's agricultural scientists to use their skills for the benefit of developing countries and Australia. ACIAR funds research projects that are developed within a framework reflecting the priorities of Australia's aid program and national research strengths, together with the agricultural research and development priorities of partner countries.
> **http://aciar.gov.au/**

AIMS (Australian Institute of Marine Science)

Australia's tropical marine research agency, recognized internationally for its leadership in research into tropical marine environments and their living aquatic resources. AIMS mission is to generate and transfer knowledge to support the protection and sustainable use of the marine environment through innovative, world-class scientific and technological research.
> **http://www.aims.gov.au/**

ANSTO (Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation)

ANSTO is responsible for delivering specialised advice, scientific services and products to Government, industry, academia and other research organisations, in all areas of nuclear technologies.
> **http://www.ansto.gov.au/**

ARC (Australian Research Council)

As Australia's key research funding agency, the ARC provides advice to the Government on research matters, manages the National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP), and administers Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA).
> http://www.arc.gov.au/

ASC (Australian Sports Commission)

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has a central role in the sustained success of Australian sports. The ASC provides this leadership to the sports sector in three core areas: high performance sport (including the Australian Institute of Sport); increasing sports participation, and; building sport capability.
> http://www.ausport.gov.au/

BoM (Bureau of Meteorology)

The Bureau of Meteorology is Australia's national weather, climate and water agency. The Bureau contributes to national social, economic, cultural and environmental goals by providing observational, meteorological, hydrological and oceanographic services and by undertaking research into science and environment related issues in support of its operations and services.
> http://www.bom.gov.au/

CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation)

CSIRO is one of the largest and most diverse scientific research organisations in the world dealing with astronomy and space; energy; environment; farming and food; health and medicine; information and communication technology; manufacturing; materials; mining and minerals; and transport and infrastructure.
Some of the research areas of interest:
- Animal, Food and Health Sciences;
- Materials Science & Engineering;
- Ecosystem Sciences.

> http://www.csiro.au/

DSTO (Defence Science and Technology Organisation)

DSTO is part of Australia's Department of Defence. It is the Australian Government's lead agency charged with applying science and technology to protect and defend Australia and its national interests.
> http://www.dsto.defence.gov.au/

GA (Geoscience Australia)

Geoscience Australia is Australia's national geoscience agency and exists to apply geoscience to Australia's most important challenges. Geoscience Australia provides geoscientific advice and information to the Australian Government to support it to deliver its priorities. It also provides geoscientific information to industry and other stakeholders where it supports achievement of Australian Government objectives.

> http://www.ga.gov.au/

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority works towards the long-term protection, ecologically sustainable use, understanding and enjoyment of the Great Barrier Reef for all, through the care and development of the Marine Park.

> http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/

NHMRC (National Health and Medical Research Council)

The NHMRC is Australia's primary agency for supporting health and medical research; for developing health advice for the Australian community, health professionals and governments; and for providing advice on ethical behaviour in health care and in the conduct of health and medical research.

> http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/

NMI (National Measurement Institute)

NMI is Australia's national measurement body responsible for biological, chemical, legal, physical and trade measurement.

> http://www.measurement.gov.au/

National Museum of Australia

The National Museum of Australia is a social history museum. It explores the land, nation and people of Australia. The museum also focuses on Indigenous histories and cultures, histories of European settlement and Australians interaction with the environment.

> http://www.nma.gov.au/

NRL (National Serology Reference Laboratory)

NRL supports laboratories, in Australia and internationally, that perform testing for the diagnosis and management of human infectious disease. NRL is designated a WHO Collaborating Centre for Diagnostics and Laboratory Support for HIV and AIDS and other Blood-borne Infections.

> http://www.nrl.gov.au/

UNIVERSITIES

ACU (Australian Catholic University)

The Australian Catholic University is a public not-for-profit university funded by the Australian Government. ACU has multiple campuses across Australia.
> http://www.acu.edu.au/

ANU (Australian National University)

The Australian National University is a national asset that connects much of the best Australian thinking, expertise and learning. The University has won wide recognition as a place of intensive research, undergraduate and postgraduate education, and policy engagement. ANU was the top-scoring university in the Excellence in Research for Australia report of 2010.
The University commits around 80% of its operating budget to research activities each year. ANU is a leading contributor to national and international policy discussions.
ANU main campus is located in Canberra, and has numerous colleges, research centres and institutes, including: Arts and Social Sciences; Asia and the Pacific; Business and Economics; Engineering and Computer Science; Law; Medicine, Biology and Environment; Physical and Mathematical Sciences; Science, and; the National Security College.
ANU is a member of the Group of Eight (Go8), the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), and the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU).
> http://www.anu.edu.au/

Bond University

Bond University was Australia's first private, not-for-profit university.
The 2013 Good Universities Guide rates Bond University the most five stars out of any university in Australia for educational experience. It is located in Robina, Queensland.
Bond University has, four faculties (Business, Health Sciences & Medicine, Law, and Society & Design) and numerous research centres and groups.
> http://www.bond.edu.au/

CQUniversity

CQUniversity has one of the largest and fastest-growing footprints of any university in Australia. In 2014, CQUniversity became Queensland's first comprehensive university, offering all levels of post-school qualifications from Certificate to PhD.
The University hosts numerous academic schools, including the School of Business and Law, Education and the Arts, Engineering & Technology, Human, Health and Social Sciences, Medical and Applied Sciences, and Nursing and Midwifery, as well as numerous research groups, centres and institutes.
> http://www.cqu.edu.au/

CDU (Charles Darwin University)

Charles Darwin University is a dual-sector university, which means it offers a full spectrum of education and training opportunities in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training. CDU is one of seven members of Australia's Innovative Research Universities (IRU) network. CDU has a regional focus that prioritises the complex issues facing Northern Australia and the Asia-Pacific. CDU has developed cross-disciplinary research teams, as well as partnerships and collaborative relationships with external agencies to build world-class research capability.
CDU has, three faculties: Engineering, Health, Science and the Environment; Law, Education, Business and Arts, and; Vocational Education and Training. It is also home to numerous research centres and institutes.
> **http://www.cdu.edu.au/**

CSU (Charles Sturt University)

The history of Charles Sturt University dates back to 1895, with the establishment of the Bathurst Experimental Farm, however CSU was formally incorporated in 1989.
As one of Australia's newer universities, CSU has been built on a tradition of excellence in teaching. CSU is committed to making its graduates industry-ready.
CSU has four faculties: Arts, Business, Education, and Science, and is also home to several research institutes and centres.
> **http://www.csu.edu.au/**

Curtin University of Technology

Curtin University is Western Australia's largest university, with around 40,000 students who attend a total of 16 locations, including campuses in Sydney, Singapore and East Malaysia.
Curtin University includes the Faculties of Health Sciences, Humanities, and Science and Engineering and the Curtin Business School, the Centre for Aboriginal studies and several institutes and centres.
> **http://www.curtin.edu.au/**

Deakin University

Deakin is Australia's 9th largest university with over 44,000 students, of whom approximately a fifth are international students from over 100 countries.
Deakin University includes four faculties: Arts and Education, Business and Law, Health, and Science, Engineering and Built Environment. It has several research institutes and centres.
Deakin University campuses are located in Victoria, Australia.
> **http://www.deakin.edu.au/**

ECU (Edith Cowan University)

ECU is a large multi-campus institution serving communities in Western Australia and a significant cohort of international students.
ECU is considered a pioneer in the development of alternative entry pathways to higher education. ECU's Health and Wellness Institute brings together scientists from different disciplines to create Western Australia's largest centre of preventative health research.
The University hosts four faculties: Business and Law; Health, Engineering and Science; Education and Arts, which includes the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), and; Regional Professional Studies. It also includes several research centres and groups.
> **http://www.ecu.edu.au/**

FedUni (Federation University Australia)

Federation University Australia is Australia's newest University. FedUni is the only regional university in Victoria providing Higher Education, technical and vocational programs as well as significant research opportunities, and several hundred programs across many fields of study.
The University hosts four faculties: Business; Education and Arts; Health, and; Science. FedUni's researchers carry out relevant research in multiple areas such as, animal and human health, ecology and biodiversity, energy economics, environment and sustainability, geotechnology, human ageing, information technology, machine learning and bioinformatics, psychology, science, technology and education.
> **http://federation.edu.au/**

Flinders University

Flinders University includes four faculties: Education, Humanities and Law; Science and Engineering; Social and Behavioural Sciences, and; Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences. It is home to numerous research.
Flinders University's main campus is located in Adelaide, South Australia.
> **http://www.flinders.edu.au/**

Griffith University

Griffith University has come to be regarded as one of Australia's most influential universities in the Asia-Pacific region. Griffith is Australia's ninth largest higher education provider.
Griffith University has four academic groups: Arts, Education and Law; Griffith Business School; Griffith Health, and; Griffith Sciences. It also has numerous research institutes and centres.
> **http://www.griffith.edu.au/**

JCU (James Cook University)

James Cook University is ranked in the top 4% of the world's tertiary institutions by the Academic Ranking of World Universities produced by the Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The University conducts nationally significant and internationally recognised research in areas such as marine sciences, biodiversity, tropical ecology and environments, global warming, tourism, and tropical medicine and public health care in under-served populations. JCU includes four faculties: Arts, Education and Social Sciences; Law, Business and Creative Arts; Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences; Science and Engineering. It also has many research centres.

> **http://www.jcu.edu.au/**

La Trobe University

La Trobe University includes five faculties: Business, Economics and Law; Education; Health Sciences; Humanities and Social Sciences, and; Science, Technology and Engineering. It is home to numerous research centres & institutes. Its main campuses are located in Victoria.

> **http://www.latrobe.edu.au/**

Macquarie University

Macquarie is renowned for its interdisciplinary research and teaching, and achieved the maximum 5 rating, in three science disciplines in the recent Australian Government Excellence in Research for Australia evaluation, and 85% of the University's research activity was rated as performing at world standard or higher.
Macquarie University Hospital is "Australia's most technologically advanced private hospital on a university campus which includes the country's only gamma knife for leading-edge treatment of brain cancer."
The University includes four faculties: Arts; Business and Economics; Human Sciences, and; Science. It also has numerous research centres.
Macquarie University is located in Sydney, New South Wales.

> **http://www.mq.edu.au/**

Monash University

Monash University is a member of the Group of Eight (Go8), and is the largest university in Australia, with more campuses across the world than any other Australian university and its alliance with the University of Warwick (UK) is expanding its global network.
Monash has five local campuses throughout the state of Victoria, as well as two international campuses, one in Malaysia and another in South Africa.
It also have international centres in China, Italy and India.
Monash University includes ten faculties: Art, Design and Architecture; Arts; Business and Economics; Education; Engineering; Information Technology; Law; Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and; Science.
It also has numerous research centres and institutes.

> **http://www.monash.edu.au/**

Murdoch University

Murdoch University has numerous academic Schools: Engineering and Information Technology; Management and Governance; Arts; Health Professions; Psychology and Exercise Science; Education; Law; Public Policy and International Affairs, and; Veterinary and Life Sciences.
It also houses several research centres.
Murdoch University campuses are located in Western Australia.
> **http://www.murdoch.edu.au/**

QUT (Queensland University of Technology)

Queensland University of Technology has an applied emphasis in courses and research. QUT is well known as “a university for the real world” because of its close links with industry and its relevant teaching and applied research.
QUT has six faculties: Creative Industries; Education; Health; Law; Science and Engineering, and; the QUT Business School. It has several institutes and research centres.
The main campuses are located in Queensland.
> **http://www.qut.edu.au/**

RMIT (RMIT University)

RMIT is a global university of technology and design and Australia’s largest tertiary institution. The University enjoys an international reputation for excellence in practical education and outcome-oriented research. RMIT is a leader in technology, design, global business, communication, global communities, health solutions and urban sustainable futures.
RMIT has three campuses in Australia and two in Vietnam. RMIT offers programs through partners in Singapore, Hong Kong, mainland China, Malaysia, India and Europe. The University also enjoys research and industry partnerships on every continent.
RMIT has three academic Colleges (Business, Design and Social Context, and Science, Engineering and Health. RMIT also includes numerous research institutes, centres and groups.
> **http://www.rmit.edu.au/**

SCU (Southern Cross University)

SCU has seven academic schools and two colleges covering and Social Sciences, Education, Environment, Science and Engineering, Health and Human Sciences, Business School, Law and Justice, Tourism and Hospitality Management, and Indigenous Australian Peoples, as well as numerous research centres.
The National Marine Science Centre (NMSC), a teaching and research facility in Coffs Harbour, is also part of Southern Cross University.
SCU campuses are located in New South Wales and Queensland.
> **http://www.scu.edu.au/**

Swinburne University of Technology

Swinburne's research strengths are in the areas of advanced manufacturing technologies, astrophysics, biotechnology, cognitive sciences, computing, design, micro and nano-engineering, optics and applied laser technology, and social sustainability and wellbeing.
Swinburne University hosts Swinburne College, three faculties (Business and Enterprise, Health, Arts and Design, and Science, Engineering and Technology), well as several TAFE in numerous areas. The University is also home for several research centres, groups and institutes.
Swinburne University has campuses in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and in Sarawak, Malaysia.
> **http://www.swinburne.edu.au/**

University of Adelaide

The University of Adelaide is consistently ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide and is a member of the Group of Eight (Go8). The University has research strengths in emerging fields such as medical device technology and biotechnology, engineering, information and communications technology, as well as traditional industries such as agriculture and mining.
Adelaide University has five faculties: Engineering, Computer & Mathematical Sciences; Health Sciences; Humanities & Social Sciences; Professions; Sciences. It has several research institutes and centres.
The University of Adelaide has four main campuses in South Australia, and the University also offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Singapore.
> **http://www.adelaide.edu.au/**

University of Canberra

The University of Canberra includes four faculties: Arts and Design; Education, Science, Technology & Mathematics; Business, Government & Law, and; Health. It also has several research centres.
The University of Canberra is located in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.
> **http://www.canberra.edu.au/**

University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne is Australia's top ranked university and a national leader for research income and social impact indicators.
The University includes numerous faculties: Architecture, Building and Planning; Arts; Business and Economics; Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences; Science; Veterinary Science; Victorian College of the Arts and Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.
It also has several schools (Education, Engineering, Land and Environment, and Law) as well as six research institutes and several research centres.
The University of Melbourne is a member of the Group of Eight (Go8), and has several campuses across Victoria.
> **http://www.unimelb.edu.au/**

UNE (University of New England)

The University of New England is Australia's oldest regional university. UNE's reputation for high-quality research is reflected in its involvement, as a partner or participant, in several national Cooperative Research Centres. It has a particular emphasis on inter-disciplinary research for tackling complex problems in rural and regional Australia.
The University of New England has ten academic schools: Arts; Behavioural, Cognitive and Social Sciences; Education; Environmental and Rural Science; Health; Humanities; Law; Rural Medicine; Science and Technology, and; Business. It has numerous research centres and institutes.
> **http://www.une.edu.au/**

UNSW (University of New South Wales)

The University of New South Wales is ranked among the top 60 universities in the world. UNSW is a founding member of the Group of Eight (Go8) and of the prestigious international network Universitas 21. UNSW is also a member of the Global Alliance of Technological Universities and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities. UNSW includes eight faculties: Arts and Social Sciences; Built Environment; Engineering; Law; Medicine; Science; Business, and; Fine Arts. It is also home to several research facilities.
The University of New South Wales has two campuses in Sydney, New South Wales and one campus (located at the Australian Defence Force Academy) in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.
> **http://www.unsw.edu.au/**

UoN (University of Newcastle)

The University of is ranked in the top 3% of universities world-wide. UoN includes five faculties: Business and Law; Education and Arts; Engineering and Built Environment; Health and Medicine, and; Science and Information Technology. It has several research institutes and centres.
University of Newcastle main campuses are located in New South Wales.
The University also offers courses in Singapore.
> **http://www.newcastle.edu.au/**

UNDA (University of Notre Dame Australia)

Notre Dame is an Australian university which has embraced both the modern Australian university tradition and the ancient and esteemed traditions of Catholic universities both in Europe and North America. The University is a leader in the traditional professional disciplines of Health and Education, so long associated with the mission of the Church in Australia. It has also assumed a special role in the education of, and service to, the indigenous people of northern Australia.
The University includes several schools: Arts and Sciences; Business; Education; Health Sciences; Law; Medicine; Nursing; Philosophy and Theology, and; Physiotherapy.
It has several research institutes and centres.
The University of Notre Dame Australia has campuses located in Western Australia and in Sydney, New South Wales.
> **http://www.nd.edu.au/**

UQ (University of Queensland)

UQ is the largest university in Queensland, one of the global Universitas 21, a founding member of the Group of Eight (Go8) universities, and a member of Universities Australia.
Evidence indicates that the University's research excels in both quality and impact.
Many research projects at UkQ have delivered outstanding economic, social and environmental benefits. The University's global research positioning was highlighted by the election of five UQ scientists to the Australian Academy of Science in 2013.
According to the 2012 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) assessment, UQ has more specialised fields of research "well above world standard" than any other Australian university.
UQ includes six faculties: Business, Economics & Law; Engineering, Architecture & Information Technology; Health and Behavioural Sciences; Humanities and Social Sciences; Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and; Science.
It has nine research institutes.
The University of Queensland has teaching and research sites throughout Queensland.
> **http://www.uq.edu.au/**

UniSA (University of South Australia)

UniSA is South Australia's largest university, and is ranked in the top one-third of Australian universities for research income and in the top ten Australian universities for the percentage of academics who hold doctoral qualifications.
UniSA includes numerous academic schools in the fields of: Health Sciences; Business and Law; Education, Arts and Social Sciences, and; Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment. UniSA has numerous research institutes and centres.
The University of South Australia has campuses in South Australia.
> **http://www.unisa.edu.au/**

USQ (University of Southern Queensland)

The USQ includes two faculties (Business, Education, Law and Arts and Health, Engineering and Sciences), as well as numerous research institutes and centres.
USQ's three main campuses are located in Queensland.
> **http://www.usq.edu.au/**

USyd (University of Sydney)

The University of Sydney, founded in 1850, is Australia's first university and has an international reputation for outstanding teaching, as a centre of research excellence and as an active and engaged community leader. In 2013, the University of Sydney was ranked 38th in the QS World University Rankings. The University of Sydney is a member of, the Group of Eight (Go8), the Association of Pacific Rim Universities, and the Worldwide Universities Network. In terms of scientific output, the University of Sydney has been ranked first in Australia and first in the Oceania region in the SCImago Institutions Rankings World Report 2011 and 2010, which measures international research ranking.
The University of Sydney has numerous faculties and school: Agriculture and Environment; Architecture, Design and Planning; Arts and Social Sciences; Business; Dentistry; Education and Social Work; Engineering and Information Technologies; Health Sciences; Pharmacy; Science; Veterinary Science; Law; Medicine, and; Nursing. It is also home to several research centres and institutes.
The University of Sydney has a network of teaching campuses spread throughout the Sydney area, New South Wales.
> **http://www.sydney.edu.au/**

UTas (University of Tasmania)

The University of Tasmania is ranked in the top ten research universities in Australia and in the top 2% of universities in the world. Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA), the nationwide assessment of research quality, rates UTAS as a world-leading research institution in 16 broad fields of research.
UTas has five faculties (Arts, Education, Health, Law, and Science, Engineering & Technology) and one academic school (Business & Economics), as well as several research institutes and centres.
The University of Tasmania's main campus are located in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie, Tasmania.
> **http://www.utas.edu.au/**

UTS (University of Technology Sydney)

UTS is one of the largest universities in Australia, it is a dynamic and innovative university and one of Australia's leading universities of technology, as well as a member of the Australian Technology Network of universities.
UTS has six faculties (Arts and Social Sciences, Design, Architecture and Building, Engineering and Information Technology, Health, Law, and Science) and two academic schools (Graduate School of Health and the UTS Business School), and numerous research institutes and centres.
The University of Technology Sydney is located in Sydney, New South Wales.
> **http://www.uts.edu.au/**

USC (University of the Sunshine Coast)

USC is one of Australia's fastest growing universities, serving the Sunshine Coast and extended region from north Brisbane to the Fraser Coast. It is the only Queensland public university to consistently rate five stars for teaching quality (by the Good Universities Guide 2014), and wins more than its share of national teaching awards. Recent notable research successes have included tuna breeding in captivity, fast-growing tropical hardwoods and climate change adaptation projects.
USC has two faculties (Arts and Business, and Science, Health, Education and Engineering) is also home to a few research centres and clusters.
The University of the Sunshine Coast main campus is located on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland.
> **http://www.usc.edu.au/**

UWA (University of Western Australia)

The University of Western Australia was established in 1911 as Western Australia's first university. UWA is a member of the Group of Eight (Go8), the Worldwide Universities Network and is a foundation member of the Matariki Network of Universities.
UWA includes numerous faculties (Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts, Arts, Education, Engineering, Computing and Mathematics, Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, and Science) and academic schools (UWA Business School, Law School, and the School of Indigenous Studies), and is also home to numerous research institutes and centres.
The University of Western Australia has three campuses (two in Perth and one in Albany), Western Australia.
> **http://www.uwa.edu.au/**

UWS (University of Western Sydney)

The University of Western Sydney is a large, research-led metropolitan university operating over six teaching campuses in the Greater Western Sydney region.
UWS has several educational schools: Business; Computing, Engineering and Mathematics; Education; Humanities and Communication Arts; Law; Medicine; Nursing and Midwifery; Social Sciences and Psychology, and; Science and Health. It is home to numerous research centres, groups and institutes.
> **http://www.uws.edu.au/**

UoW (University of Wollongong)

UoW is among the best modern universities in the world, ranked in the top 2% of universities world-wide. The University has always had a strong research focus and has developed an international reputation for its applied research.
UOW includes five faculties: Business; Science, Medicine and Health; Engineering and Information Sciences; Social Sciences, and; Law, Humanities and the Arts. It is also home for numerous research institutes and centres.
The University of Wollongong has several campuses throughout New South Wales, Australia. The University is also located in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
> **http://www.uow.edu.au/**

VU (Victoria University)

Victoria University is one of the few Australian universities that is a multi-sector institution (higher education and TAFE). Victoria University is one of the largest Australian providers of offshore education. VU currently has an Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) top score in: human movement and sports science, electrical & electronic engineering, pharmacology and pharmaceutical science.
Victoria University includes seven academic colleges: Arts; Business; Education; Engineering & Science; Health & Biomedicine; Law & Justice, and; Sport & Exercise Science. Vocational Education and Training is available across a wide range of areas, plus six research institutes and seven research centres conduct research that is significant to industry and communities locally, nationally and internationally.
Victoria University's primary campuses are in Melbourne, Victoria.
> http://www.vu.edu.au/

MEDICAL RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

ACMD (Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery)

ACMD is a research and academic medical centre focused on biomedical engineering. The Centre's goals are to reduce the burden of chronic disease in the through advances in biomedical engineering, and create new, world-leading industries in device creation, tissue engineering and drug design and delivery.
> http://acmd.org.au/

Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine (at JCU)

The AITHM will drive a research agenda targeted towards improving health in the tropics both within Australia and worldwide.
> http://www.aithm.jcu.edu.au/

ANZAC Research Institute

The ANZAC Research Institute is the only major independent biomedical research institute in Australia with a primary focus on ageing. The Institute aims to co-ordinate the highest quality innovative research at all levels from public and population health, to clinical research, molecular physiology (animal models) as well as cell and molecular biology.
> http://www.anzac.edu.au/

ARMI (Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute)
> http://www.armi.org.au/

Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute

Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute has a focus on diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
> http://www.bakeridi.edu.au/

Bionics Institute

The Bionics Institute is a not-for-profit independent medical research institute undertaking world-class medical bionics research, focussed particularly on neural prostheses.
> http://www.bionicsinstitute.org/

Brien Holden Vision Institute

The Brien Holden Vision Institute is an Australian non-profit company, which works with a global network of partners to advance eye research and translate its discoveries into breakthrough products. Through collaborations with leading research and industry organisations the Institute works to develop innovative vision correction products for the treatment of the most common eye conditions.
> http://www.brienholdenvision.org/

Burnet Institute

Burnet institute is a not-for-profit, unaligned and independent organisation that links medical research with public health action. The Institute includes three main centers: Centre for Biomedical Research; Centre for Population Health, and; Centre for International Health.
> http://www.burnet.edu.au/

Centenary Institute

Scientists and clinicians at Centenary Institute seek to discover improved diagnostics, treatments, and cures for cancer, cardiovascular, immunological and infectious diseases.
> http://www.centenary.org.au/

CERA (Centre for Eye Research Australia)

CERA is Australia's leading eye research institute and ranked among the top five in the world in its field. Research at CERA covers a full spectrum from basic science seeking to understand disease processes at the molecular level through clinical research, including trials of new treatments, to population and health services research.
> http://www.cera.org.au/

CCIA (Children's Cancer Institute Australia for Medical Research)

CCIA is the only independent medical research institute in Australia dedicated to research into the causes, prevention, better treatments and ultimately a cure for childhood cancer.
> http://www.ccia.org.au/

CMRI (Children's Medical Research Institute)

CMRI is a world-leading independent research institute dedicated to discovering how to prevent or treat birth defects and diseases such as cancer, epilepsy, and a range of genetic disorders. CMRI has around a hundred scientists and research students, working in teams that focus on four main areas of research: Embryonic development and birth defects; Cancer; Nerve cell signalling, and; Gene therapy.
In addition, CMRI operates CellBank Australia™, Australia's only national repository of cell cultures available to the entire research community, and a major Biomedical Proteomics facility that will help develop improved medicines.
> http://www.cmri.org.au/

Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health

The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health is one of the world's leading brain research centres. Its teams work on a range of serious diseases including: stroke, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, Huntington's disease, motor neuron disease, traumatic brain and spinal cord injury, depression, schizophrenia, mental illness and addiction. The Institute excels in imaging technology, stroke rehabilitation and epidemiological studies.
> http://www.florey.edu.au/

Garvan Institute of Medical Research

The Garvan Institute of Medical Research is a world leader in biomedical research, pioneering study into some of the most widespread diseases affecting people today. Research at Garvan is focused on understanding the role of genes and molecular and cellular processes in health and disease as the basis for developing future cures.
The Institute has five main divisions: Cancer; Diabetes and Obesity; Immunology; Neuroscience, and; Osteoporosis.
> http://www.garvan.org.au/

George Institute for Global Health

With projects in more than 50 countries, the Institute has raised a quarter of a billion dollars for global health research in the last decade and it has been ranked among the top 10 research institutions in the world for scientific impact by the SCImago Institution Rankings World Report in 2011 - 2013.
> http://www.georgeinstitute.org.au/

Hanson Institute

The Hanson Institute brings together researchers from SA Pathology (including the Centre for Cancer Biology), the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the University of Adelaide. The close proximity of the research facilities to the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the SA Pathology diagnostic laboratories promotes interaction and fosters the translation of basic research findings to clinical application.
> http://www.hansoninstitute.sa.gov.au/

Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

The Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, formerly known as the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research (WAIMR), is Western Australia's premier adult medical research institute, investigating the genetic and environmental causes of a broad spectrum of diseases, but with a particular focus on the genetic basis of disease. It also plays an important role in the Western Australian, Australian and Global research community by housing a number of independent facilities and databases.
> **http://www.perkins.org.au/**

HRI (Heart Research Institute)

The Heart Research Institute is one of Australia's leading research organisations working to detect, prevent and treat heart disease. Their scientists are working across a field of research areas to identify factors which contribute to an increased risk of heart disease.
> **http://www.hri.org.au/**

IHBI (Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation)

The Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation's researchers focus on three broad health areas: prevention; mind and body health, and; recovery.
> **http://www.ihbi.qut.edu.au/**

JCMSR (John Curtin School of Medical Research)

JCMSR is Australia's national medical research institute and has six departments of research: Eccles Institute; Immunology; Pathogens & Immunity; Genome Biology; Molecular Bioscience, and; Translational Medicine.
> **http://jcsmr.anu.edu.au/**

Kolling Institute of Medical Research

The Kolling Institute is jointly affiliated with the University of Sydney, through the Northern Clinical School, and Royal North Shore Hospital in the Northern Sydney Local Health District.
The Institute's research focus is on "lifespan" conditions including: Pregnancy and childbirth; Cancer and genetics; Kidney and heart disease; Pain and neurological disorders; Diseases of bones and joints, and; Tissue regeneration.
> **http://www.kolling.usyd.edu.au/**

Lions Eye Institute

The Lions Eye Institute is a global centre for ophthalmological care and first-class scientific research into the prevention of blindness. The Institute conducts medical research into blinding eye diseases, incorporates one of Australia's largest ophthalmic practices and houses the Lions Eye Bank.
> **https://www.lei.org.au/**

LICR (Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research Ltd)

The Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research is an international not-for-profit organization. The Institute is an international community of distinguished scientists dedicated to preventing and controlling cancer.
The Australian branch of Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research is located in Heidelberg, Melbourne, Victoria.
> http://www.ludwigcancerresearch.org/

MMRI (Mater Medical Research Institute)

Mater Research is a world class institute that is committed to academic medicine and aims to discover, develop, translate, and commercialise medical research that integrates with relevant areas of excellence within clinical practice.
> http://research.mater.org.au/

MIMR (Monash Institute of Medical Research)

The Institute's scientists are working at the forefront of medical research into cancer, inflammation, infectious diseases, stem cells, genetic diseases, neonatal and fetal physiology as well as women's and children's health.
MIMR has four centres: the Ritchie Centre; the Centre for Cancer Research; the Centre for Genetic.
> http://www.monashinstitute.org/

MCRI (Murdoch Children's Research Institute)

Murdoch Children's Research Institute is the preeminent child health research institute in Australia, and is recognised globally for its child health discoveries. MCRI's researchers work side-by-side with doctors and nurse from their campus partners the Royal Children's Hospital and the University of Melbourne's Department of Paediatrics. Their research fields are: Cell biology; Clinical sciences; Population health; Genetics, and; Infection & immunity.
> http://www.mcri.edu.au/

NARI (National Ageing Research Institute)

NARI is a centre of excellence for research into ageing and improving the quality of life and health of older people.
> http://www.nari.unimelb.edu.au/

NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia)

NeuRA is an independent, not-for-profit research institute based in Sydney.
As a leader in brain and nervous system research, their goal is to prevent, treat and cure brain and nervous system diseases, disorders and injuries through medical research.
NeuRA's research fields are: Ageing & Neurodegeneration; Brain Structure & Function; Mental Illness; Neural Injury, and; Sensation, Movement, Balance & Falls.
> http://www.neura.edu.au/

O'Brien Institute

The O'Brien Institute brings together multiple scientific disciplines associated with tissue engineering to develop innovative clinical treatments. The Institute's applied research activities complement the training and education efforts, shaping it into the world's largest training and research centre in surgical tissue engineering.
> http://www.obi.edu.au/

OSMR (Office for Science & Medical Research, New South Wales)

The NSW Office for Science and Research is part of the NSW Trade & Investment and works with the scientific, engineering and research communities, the higher education sector and business to promote growth and innovation to achieve better economic and environmental outcomes for the people of New South Wales.
> http://www.business.nsw.gov.au/innovation-and-research/science-and-research

PHI (Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research)

The Prince Henry's Institute is a not-for-profit centre for translational reproductive health and hormone research. Its researchers have been working to improve understanding of the role of hormones in fertility and the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease. The Institute's research is led by 17 laboratories.
> http://www.princehenrys.org/

QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute

The QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute (formerly the Queensland Institute of Medical Research) is a world leading translational research institute focused on cancer, infectious diseases, mental health and a range of complex diseases.
QIMR Berghofer has three major areas of research: Cancer; Infectious diseases, and; Mental health and
> http://www.qimr.edu.au/

QCMRI (Queensland Children's Medical Research Institute)

QCMRI is a child and adolescent health focused health research institute developed as a partnership between the Queensland Health Children's Health Services, the Children's Health Foundation Queensland and the University of Queensland.
> http://www.qcmri.org.au/

QEI (Queensland Eye Institute)

QEI aims to provide excellence in research, education and clinical care to reduce eye disease, improve eye health, and ultimately eliminate preventable blindness.
> http://www.qei.org.au/

SVI (St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research)

SVI is an independent medical research institute conducting medical research into the cause, prevention and treatment of diseases that are common and have serious effects on health. SVI is affiliated with St Vincent's Hospital and the University of Melbourne and is a member institution of the Mary Aikenhead Ministries.
SVI hosts the National Serology Reference Laboratory and is a member of Bio 21; the NHMRC Centre for Clinical Research Excellence in Diabetes (CCRE), located on the St Vincent's campus; the St Vincent's Diabetes Centre of Excellence, and; the Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes.
> http://www.svi.edu.au/

SA Pathology

SA Pathology is the amalgamation of IMVS Pathology and the public hospital laboratories at Flinders Medical Centre and the Women's and Children's hospital.
SA Pathology continues a long tradition of research excellence, creating outcomes of world-class significance. The revenue created by SA Pathology is used to support its extensive network of services to regional South Australia and medical research.
> http://www.imvs.sa.gov.au/

Schizophrenia Research Institute

The Schizophrenia Research Institute is Australia's only national medical research institute solely dedicated to discovering the ways to prevent and cure schizophrenia. As Australia's first virtual medical research institute, the organisation conducts and supports schizophrenia research in hospitals, universities and research institutes across the country and internationally.
> http://www.schizophreniaresearch.org.au/

Stem Cells Australia

Stem Cells Australia links Australia's leading experts in bioengineering, nanotechnology, stem cell biology, advanced molecular analysis and clinical research.
Stem Cells Australia aims to explore the fundamental mechanisms involved in stem cell regulation and differentiation, and translate this knowledge into innovative biotechnological and therapeutic applications.
> http://www.stemcellsaustralia.edu.au/

SAHMRI (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute)

SAHMRI is a new independent, flagship health and medical research institute. SAHMRI will provide a clear focal point for health and medical research in South Australia.
> http://www.sahmri.com/

ICHR (Telethon Institute for Child Health Research)

The Telethon Institute for Child Health Research is one of the largest, and most successful medical research institutes in Australia. The Institute's vision is to improve the health and wellbeing of children through excellence in research.
> http://www.childhealthresearch.org.au/

TRI (Translational Research Institute)

TRI is a ground breaking, industry leading initiative in the Australian medical research field, bringing four of the country's pinnacle research facilities together with the aim of improving and accelerating medical research and translating that research into greater palliative care. TRI will allow biopharmaceuticals and treatments to be discovered, produced, clinically tested and manufactured in one location.
TRI is a joint venture between the University of Queensland's Diamantina Institute, the Queensland University of Technology's Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, Mater Research and the Princess Alexandra Hospital's Centres for Health Research.
> http://www.tri.edu.au/

VCCRI (Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute)

The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute is an independent, not-for-profit research facility. Over the years the institute has grown to become a world-class cardiac research and research training facility.
The VCCRI has five main research divisions: Cardiac Physiology & Transplantation; Developmental and Stem Cell Biology; Molecular Cardiology & Biophysics; Vascular Biology, and; Molecular, Structural & Computational Biology.
> http://www.victorchang.edu.au/

WEHI (Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research)

The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute is the oldest medical research institute in Australia. The Institute is affiliated with the University of Melbourne and the Royal Melbourne Hospital and offers postgraduate training as the Department of Medical Biology of the University of Melbourne.
> http://www.wehi.edu.au/

WRI (Wesley Research Institute)

The Wesley Research Institute is an independent, not-for-profit medical research institute located in the grounds of the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane. WRI aims to be a leader in medical research acknowledged for achieving excellence and innovation in patient care.
> http://www.wesleyresearch.org.au/

Westmead Millennium Institute for Medical Research

The Westmead Millennium Institute is one of the largest medical research institutes in Australia conducting research into a wide range of important human disorders affecting both adults and children. The Institute is closely affiliated with both Westmead Hospital and the University of Sydney.
The Institute has five research divisions: Infection and Immunity; Cancer; Liver and Metabolic; Neuroscience and Vision, and; Cardio-respiratory.
> **http://www.wmi.usyd.edu.au/**

WCHRI (Women & Children's Health Research Institute)

WCHRI is an independent research institute committed to improving the health of women and children.
> **http://www.wchri.com.au/**

WIMR (Woolcock Institute of Medical Research)

Woolcock Institute of Medical Research aims to improve respiratory and sleep health through research, clinical management and education.
> **http://woolcock.org.au/**

HOSPITALS

Children's Hospital at Westmead

The Children's Hospital at Westmead is the highly respected, largest paediatric centre in New South Wales, providing high quality care for children from New South Wales, Australia and across the Pacific Rim.
> **http://www.chw.edu.au/**

Flinders Medical Centre

Flinders Medical Centre is a public teaching hospital and medical school, co-located with Flinders University and Flinders Private Hospital.
> **http://www.flinders.sa.gov.au/**

Fremantle Hospital and Health Service

Fremantle Hospital is a 450-bed major acute-care teaching hospital with important tertiary links and a 24-hour emergency department. It is the State referral hospital for diving and hyperbaric medicine, and has a cardiothoracic surgery centre and nuclear medicine department.
> **http://www.fhhs.health.wa.gov.au/**

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre is Australia's only public hospital solely dedicated to cancer treatment, research and education.
> http://petermac.org/

TQEH (Queen Elizabeth Hospital)

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital provides health services by means of inpatient, outpatient and emergency services. In addition to the main hospital services, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital provides community based services. TQEH is one of South Australia's leading acute referral, teaching and research centres affiliated with the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia.
> http://www.tqeh.sa.gov.au/

RAH (Royal Adelaide Hospital)

RAH is South Australia's largest accredited teaching hospital, providing the people of South Australia and nearby states and territories with outstanding medical care and rehabilitation.
> http://www.rah.sa.gov.au/

RBWH (Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital)

RBWH is the largest tertiary referral hospital in Queensland, providing state-of-the-art medical care and the best possible outcomes to more than one tenth of all patient services to Queensland, as well as serving patients from northern New South Wales and the Pacific Rim.
> http://www.health.qld.gov.au/rbwh/

RCH (Royal Children's Hospital)

RCH provides a full range of clinical services, tertiary care and health promotion and prevention programs for children and young people. It is a major specialist paediatric hospital in Victoria and its care extends to children from Tasmania, southern New South Wales and other states around Australia and overseas.
RCH is a key member of the Victorian Paediatric Clinical Network.
> http://www.rch.org.au/

Royal Melbourne Hospital

The Royal Melbourne Hospital is one of Victoria's leading public teaching hospitals, and operates across two campuses. The Royal Melbourne Hospital is a privileged member of Melbourne's world-leading Parkville Precinct, and enjoys strong relationships with many of the city's major universities and research institutes.
> http://www.rmh.mh.org.au/

RPH (Royal Perth Hospital)

Royal Perth Hospital is one of Australia's largest and busiest hospitals. The Hospital has the second biggest trauma workload in the country and one of the busiest emergency departments in Australasia.
> **http://www.rph.wa.gov.au/**

RPA (Royal Prince Alfred Hospital)

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital is one of Australia's premier tertiary referral hospitals and is part of a network of hospitals within the Sydney Local Health District.
It is the principal teaching hospital of the University of Sydney.
> **http://www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/rpa/**

Women's and Children's Hospital

The Women's and Children's Hospital is a specialist facility for women's and children's health. The Hospital is the leading provider of specialist care for children with acute and chronic conditions in South Australia, as well as the State's largest maternity and obstetric service.
> **http://www.wch.sa.gov.au/**

OTHER RESEARCH AND RELATED ORGANISATIONS

ASSA (Academy of Social Sciences in Australia)

The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia promotes excellence in the social sciences in Australia and in their contribution to public policy.
It coordinates the promotion of research, teaching and advice in the social sciences, promote national and international scholarly cooperation across disciplines and sectors, comment on national needs and priorities in the social sciences, and provide advice to Government on issues of national importance.
> **http://www.assa.edu.au/**

AAMRI (Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes)

AAMRI is the body representing Australia's pre-eminent independent medical research institutes. All members of AAMRI are internationally recognized as leaders in health and medical research.
> **http://www.aamri.org/**

ARMS (Australasian Research Management Society)

ARMS is an international organisation dedicated to the professional development of research managers and administrators, the promotion of the profession of research management and the enhancement of the research enterprise. Since its founding, the ARMS network has grown to involve numerous people from universities, research agencies and institutes, medical research institutes, R&D corporations, research centres, Government departments, funding bodies, industrial R&D teams, service providers, commercialisation bodies and consultancies.

> http://researchmanagement.org.au/

Australian Academy of the Humanities

The Australian Academy of the Humanities advances knowledge of, and the pursuit of excellence in, the humanities in Australia for the benefit of the nation. It is constituted by a body of more than 500 elected Fellows who are leaders and experts in the broad disciplinary groups which share a common and central concern with human behaviour and culture. The Academy embraces new and emerging fields in the humanities. It also promotes the crucial role of the humanities in interdisciplinary collaboration, for the key challenges and opportunities facing Australia in the twenty-first century.

> http://www.humanities.org.au/

Australian Academy of Science

The objectives of the Academy are to promote science through a range of activities. It has defined four major program areas: Recognition of outstanding contributions to science; Education and public awareness; Science policy, and; International relation.

> http://www.science.org.au/

ATSE (Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering)

ATSE is made up of some of Australia's leading thinkers in technology and engineering. It's an eclectic group, drawn from academia, Government, industry and research. ATSE advocates for a future in which technological sciences and engineering and innovation contribute significantly to Australia's social, economic and environmental wellbeing.

> http://www.atse.org.au/

AGSM (Australian Graduate School of Management)

The Australian Graduate School of Management is the section of the Australian School of Business at the University of NSW in Sydney that offers global top tier general management, executive and leadership development programs.

> http://www.asb.unsw.edu.au/research/

AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare)

The AIHW was established to report to the nation on the state of its health.
The role and functions of the then Australian Institute of Health were expanded to include welfare related information and statistics, making it the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.
One of its more recent key roles has been to develop, build and improve performance indicators and targets for national agreements between the Commonwealth and State and Territory governments; particularly in the areas of health care and hospitals, housing and homelessness, disability services and Indigenous health and welfare reform.
> http://www.aihw.gov.au/

AMC (Australian Maritime College)

The Australian Maritime College at the University of Tasmania is Australia's national institute for maritime and maritime-related education, training and research. AMC is one of the seven founding members of the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU), which represents five continents.
> http://www.amc.edu.au/

Australian Synchrotron

The Australian Synchrotron is a source of highly intense light ranging from infrared to hard x-rays used for a wide variety of research purposes. Since commencing operations the Australian Synchrotron has demonstrated that it is Australia's largest and arguably most successful scientific user facility, benefitting over 3,000 researchers from academia, medical research institutes, Government and other research organisations, and industry. Scientific research and innovation at the Australian Synchrotron spans a huge diversity of activities from medical and life sciences to advanced materials and engineering, and from earth and environmental sciences to accelerator science and synchrotron research methods.
> http://www.synchrotron.org.au/

ATN (Australian Technology Network of Universities)

The Australian Technology Network brings together five universities in the nation.
ATN is focussed on research in partnership with industry and the professions which has an impact and makes a difference in the community, opening up new research fields and disciplines such as in the creative industries and bringing together diverse areas of academic research to work on practical problems.
> http://www.atn.edu.au/

AWRI (Australian Wine Research Institute)

AWRI's mission is to support the Australian grape and wine industry through world class research, practical solutions and knowledge transfer.
> http://www.awri.com.au/

Cambia

Cambia is an independent non-profit institute creating new technologies, tools and paradigms to promote change and enable innovation. Cambia envisions a situation in which the broadest community of problem solvers are empowered with new technologies to become innovators in developing their own solutions to the challenges they face – as solutions for which they feel ownership.
> http://www.cambia.org/

CRC (Cooperative Research Centres)

The Cooperative Research Centres bring together researchers and research users. They emphasise the importance of collaborative arrangements to maximise the benefits of research through utilisation, commercialisation and technology transfer.
> http://www.crc.gov.au/

CHASS (Council for the Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences)

Supporting numerous member organisations in their relationships with policy makers and the broader community, this organisation is an important network for knowledge and skills. CHASS helps its members to contribute to public debate through programs for knowledge exchange and media awareness. It promotes and provides advocacy services for the humanities, arts and social sciences. CHASS also serves as a coordinating forum for teachers, researchers, professionals and practitioners in the sector.
> http://www.chass.org.au/

Go8 (Group of Eight)

The Group of Eight is a coalition of Australia's leading research universities. Go8 universities are distinguished by the intensity and breadth of the research they perform, the research-informed nature of the education they offer, and the leadership they bring to community consideration of complex issues.
> http://go8.edu.au/

IRU (Innovative Research Universities)

IRU is a network of seven research intensive, progressive universities established in the outer urban areas of Australia's capitals and in major provincial cities to stimulate economic, social and personal advancement.
> http://www.iru.edu.au/

Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences

The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences currently comprises the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Observatory and the Powerhouse Discovery Centre.
The collection spans history, science, technology, design, industry, decorative arts, music, transport and space exploration. It is also home to the material heritage and stories of Australian culture, history and lifestyle.
> http://www.powerhousemuseum.com/

NICTA (National Information Communications Technology Australia)

NICTA is Australia's Information Communications Technology (ICT) Research Centre of Excellence and the nation's largest organisation dedicated to ICT research.
> http://www.nicta.com.au/

NSCFA (National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia)

The NSCFA was established by the Australian Stem Cell Centre (ASCC) to carry on the work that the Centre started. Its mission is to promote the study and use of stem cells in the prevention or control of disease in human beings and to enhance public education in this field.
> http://www.stemcellfoundation.net.au/

Queensland Museum

Queensland Museum is a museum of natural history, cultural heritage, science and human achievement that tells the changing story of Queensland.
> http://www.southbank.qm.qld.gov.au/

RUN (Regional Universities Network)

The Regional Universities Network (RUN) is a network of six universities.
The members of the Regional Universities Network deliver educational programs across regional Australia, the nation and internationally to over 110,000 students each year, including over 45,000 students studying externally.
> http://www.run.edu.au/

Research Australia

Research Australia is an alliance of 160 members and supporters advocating for health and medical research in Australia. Independent of Government, Research Australia's activities are funded by its partners, donors and supporters from leading research organisations, academic institutions, philanthropy, community special interest groups, peak industry bodies, biotechnology, medical technology and pharmaceutical companies, small businesses and corporate Australia.
Research Australia has a diverse alliance representing the interests of the broader community.
> http://www.researchaustralia.org/

Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust

The Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust is responsible for the management and stewardship of the Royal Botanic Garden, the Domain, the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan and the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mount Tomah.
> http://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/

Science in Public

Science in Public is a science communication company. It helps scientists and science organisations present their ideas in public space.
> http://www.scienceinpublic.com.au/

STA (Science & Technology Australia)

Science & Technology Australia (previously the Federation of Australian Scientific and Technological Societies – FASTS) is Australia's peak body in science and technology. Its goal is to work with member organisations to promote public understanding of science in the community and influence policy for the economic, environmental and social benefit of Australia.
> http://scienceandtechnologyaustralia.org.au/

South Australian Museum

The South Australian Museum has been committed to making Australia's natural and cultural heritage accessible, engaging and fun. It is a leader in remote and regional community engagement, and in Australian Aboriginal heritage and scientific research.
> http://www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/

SARDI (South Australian Research and Development Institute)

SARDI delivers robust scientific solutions to support sustainable and internationally competitive primary industries. Scientists create knowledge platforms, technologies and products to promote the growth, productivity and adaptability of food, aquatic and bioscience industries, while ensuring they remain ecologically sustainable. SARDI's values centre on scientific excellence, pushing boundaries in the discovery domain of science, a collaborative spirit and a contemporary outlook to constantly evolve to meet client needs.
> http://www.sardi.sa.gov.au/

TIAR (Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research)

The Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture is a joint venture between the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government.
> http://www.tia.tas.edu.au/

UA (Universities Australia)

Universities Australia is the peak body representing the university sector. Universities Australia represents Australian universities in the public interest, both nationally and internationally.
> http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/

WAMSI (Western Australian Marine Science Institution)

WAMSI is a leading Australian marine research organisation. Its structure is like no other because it is a collaboration of State, Federal, industry and academic entities cooperating to create benchmark research and independent, quality scientific information. It carries out research into climate change, biodiversity, the iconic Ningaloo Marine Park, sustainable fisheries, biotechnology and oceanography, and has overseen the development of a marine bioresources library that will store thousands of marine samples collected by researchers.

> **http://www.wamsi.org.au/**

Western Research Institute

Western Research Institute is an economic, social and business research organisation. The Institute provides quality, customized research services to a diverse range of industry, business, non-Government and Government clients.

> **http://www.wri.org.au/**

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GEOGRAPHY

New Zealand is a wealthy Pacific nation dominated by two cultural groups: New Zealanders of European descent and the Māori, the descendants of Polynesian settlers. New Zealand comprises two main narrow and mountainous islands, the North Island
(Te Ika-a-Maui in Māori) and the South Island (Te Waipounamu), separated by Cook Strait, and a number of smaller outlying islands. Its maritime EEZ is the fifth largest in the world. New Zealand has a close relationship with Australia.
This relationship encompasses close cooperation, on trade and economic issues, defence and foreign policy, but also extends across the range of government activities. New Zealand also plays an active role in Pacific affairs due in part to its constitutional ties with the Pacific territories of Niue, the Cook Islands and Tokelau.

Land area	**269, 652 km²**
EEZ	**4, 000,000 km²**
Capital	**Wellington**
Population	**4, 242, 048 (2013 census)**
Population growth rate	**0.7% (2013)**
Age of the population	**Median age: 38 years; 20.4% under the age of 15 years old (2013)**
Infant mortality rate	**4.8/1,000 live births (2007)**
Life expectancy	**Male: 78.4 years; Female: 82.4 years (2006)**
Language	**English, Māori**
Time zone	**GMT +12-13**

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www.stats.govt.nz/~/media/Statistics/Census/2013%20Census/profile-and-summary-reports/quickstats-about-national-highlights/quickstats-national-highlights.pdf
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http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-15357770
http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/new_zealand/nz_country_brief.html

ECONOMY

Main economic activities	**Agricultural (the largest), manufacturing and service sectors**
Exports	**Farm products (wool, dairy goods…), timber, fish, wine, crude oil. Amount: NZ $ 46.68 billion; € 28.29 billion (2012)**
Imports/exports coverage ratio	**98.39 (2012)**
Key exchange countries	**Australia, China, United States, Japan (2012)**
GDP	**per capita NZ $ 47,675; US $ 40,465; € 29,653 (2013)**
Monthly minimum wage	**NZ $ 14.25; € 8.96 per hour (adult minimum wage)**

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http://www.dol.govt.nz/er/pay/minimumwage/

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Legal status

New Zealand is a constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy.
The head of state is Queen Elizabeth II, who is formally represented by a Governor General, who can summon, prorogue or dissolve the Parliament. The Head of Government is the Prime minister who is appointed by the Governor General.
There is a unicameral House of Representatives (Parliament), directly elected on a three-year term, with universal suffrage. The number of Members of Parliament (MP) rose from 99 to 120 in 1996, under the new electoral system when the country moved to a form of proportional representation known as MMP (mixed member proportional).
The MMP system is designed to prevent domination by a majority group and to give voice to minorities, under-represented in Westminster (first-past-the-post) systems.
It is also intended to encourage voting on the basis of policies rather than a party bloc.
Voters have an electorate vote and a party vote.
The former is used to select the local MP, while the latter is used to select a party and determine the total number of seats for each party in parliament.
The judicial branch consists of the Supreme Court and other subordinate courts (Court of Appeal, High Court, district courts…).

> Sources:
http://www.commonwealthofnations.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/new_zealand_country_profile.pdf
http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/new_zealand/nz_country_brief.html
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/nz.html

Relationships/links with Europe

New Zealand's relationship with the European Union is one of the most important, diverse and cooperative that New Zealand maintains. Shared values underpin close governmental and private sector contacts across a broad range of bilateral, regional and multilateral activities.
The European Union is one of New Zealand's most important export markets and a major source of New Zealand imports and investment. Trade remains very important but the wider political and economic relationship has broadened considerably in scope over the last years.
Areas of cooperation and common concern include climate change, openness of world trade, security and development in the Asia and Pacific regions, and promotion of human rights. In all these areas, the EU and New Zealand endeavour to help reinforce one another's positions at international meetings and fora.

> Sources:
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http://eeas.europa.eu/new_zealand/index_en.htm

Health care system

New Zealand has both a public and private healthcare system, and both offer high standards of care. Essential healthcare services are provided free for all citizens, residents and work visa holders who have been issued with a work visa for a minimum of two years.
The government-funded public health system works on a community-oriented model, with three key sectors:

- The District Health Boards (DHBs), which are the largest funders and providers of health services. DHBs are responsible for planning, managing, providing and purchasing services for the populations in their districts and regions, including services delivered in communities such as primary health care, residential services, home support and community care services.
- The primary health care covers a broad range of out-of-hospital services, although not all of them are government funded. Primary health care includes first level services such as general practice, mobile nursing and community health services.
- The Primary Health Organisations (PHOs), which are the local structures for delivering and co-ordinating primary health care services. PHOs bring together doctors, nurses and other health professionals in the community to serve the needs of their enrolled patients.

Alongside the public system, private healthcare in New Zealand includes specialist services, primary care and private hospitals which provide non-urgent and elective treatments that complement the public health service's focus on urgent and essential treatments.

> Sources:
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Research

The research system in NZ is comprised of numerous researchers employed by a range of research-oriented institutions including universities, government departments, city and regional councils, research associations and private firms, and the government-owned Crown Research Institutes (CRIs). Also included in the system are the various government bodies that set up or manage the range of legislation, regulations and policy relating to science and innovation (S&I), and provide and manage S&I investments.

- The Science and Innovation group within the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is the Government's lead agency charged with driving the science and innovation sector in New Zealand. It is also tasked with directing knowledge and technology transfer from the science and innovation sector to businesses and other research users.
- The Science Board is responsible for making independent, fair and transparent decisions for MBIE's contestable science funding. This includes funding for the National Science Challenges. Funding allocated by the Science Board enables New Zealand research organisations to conduct high-quality research that creates economic, social and environmental benefits for New Zealand.

Other government bodies include:

- The Health Research Council of New Zealand (HRC), which is the Crown agency responsible for the management of the NZ government's investment in public good health research and,
- The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC), which is a crown entity responsible for managing relationships with the tertiary sector and for policy development.

As mentioned above, New Zealand's government owns several research institutes, The Crown Research Institutes. They were formed in 1992 from existing government-owned research bodies. CRIs are collectively, the largest dedicated providers of science research in New Zealand. They are also some of New Zealand's most significant commercial users of science and technology, and often the largest integrated providers in their sectors in the world.

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RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

Callaghan Innovation

Callaghan Innovation is a government agency whose mission is to accelerate the commercialisation of innovation by businesses in New Zealand.
Callaghan Innovation has a key coordination role in New Zealand's innovation system, providing a single front door to the skills, advice, support and technical services that businesses need to turn ideas into internationally marketable products and services faster and more successfully.

Contact

Callaghan Innovation has offices in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.
Online form:
http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/contact-us
http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/

Crown Research Institutes (CRIs)

CRIs are the largest providers of science research in New Zealand.
CRIs undertake basic and applied science, and technology research and development, in many instances from the idea through to the commercial outcome.

> **Source:**
http://www.msi.govt.nz/get-connected/science-and-innovation-in-nz/

AgResearch Limited

AgResearch is New Zealand's largest Crown Research Institute and partners with the pastoral sector to identify and deliver the innovation needed to create value for New Zealand. AgResearch's purpose is to enhance the value, productivity and profitability of New Zealand's pastoral, agri-food and agri-technology sector value-chains to contribute to economic growth and beneficial environmental and social outcomes for New Zealand.

Contact

AgResearch largest campus, Ruakura is located in Hamilton city.
It also has campuses near Christchurch, Mosgiel and Palmerston North.
Online form:
http://www.agresearch.co.nz/about-us/contact-us/Pages/default.aspx
http://www.agresearch.co.nz/

**The best option is to contact one of the staff listed for the appropriate topic area on their website.*

The Institute of Environmental Science and Research Limited (ESR)

ESR provides operational science and research services which underpin New Zealand's health, justice and biosecurity systems. ESR's mission is to protect people and their environment through science, and to provide independent scientific advice and services to clients so they can deliver evidence-based policy and services.
ESR has internationally recognised capabilities in infectious diseases, forensic science and science-based services, and is a valued advisor on reference science in health and forensics.

Contact

ESR has science centres in Auckland, Wellington, Wallaceville and Christchurch.
Email: enquiries@esr.cri.nz
http://www.esr.cri.nz
Or Dr Chris Litten (Business Development Manager - Forensic and Environmental Science)
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The Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Limited (GNS Science)

GNS Science is New Zealand's leading provider of Earth, geoscience and isotope research and consultancy services. GNS Science's purpose is to understand natural Earth system processes and resources, and to translate these into economic, environmental and social benefits.

Contact

GNS Science has centres in Wellington, Dunedin and Wairakei.
Email: info@gns.cri.nz
http://www.gns.cri.nz
Or Ms. Sarah Wiremu (Research Office Coordinator)
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Landcare Research New Zealand Limited (Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research)

Landcare Research's purpose is to drive innovation in New Zealand's management of terrestrial biodiversity and land resources through the provision of research and transfer of technology and knowledge, in order to both protect and enhance the terrestrial environment and grow New Zealand's prosperity.

Contact

Landcare Research offices are located in Lincoln, Alexandra, Auckland, Dunedin, Gisborne, Hamilton, Nelson, Palmerston North and Wellington.
Online form: http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/about/contact-us/contact
www.landcareresearch.co.nz
Or Ms. Jane Lattimore (International Business Manager)
Email: LattimoreJ@landcareresearch.co.nz
Or Ms. Cynthia Cripps (Research Office Advisor)
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NIWA (The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research)

NIWA's purpose is to enhance the economic value and sustainable management of New Zealand's aquatic resources and environments, to provide understanding of climate and the atmosphere and increase resilience to weather and climate hazards to improve the safety and wellbeing of New Zealanders.

Contact

NIWA has numerous offices throughout New Zealand (Bream Bay, Auckland, Hamilton, Rotorua, Turangi, Napier, Wanganui, Wellington, Nelson, Greymouth, Christchurch, Tekapo, Lauder, Alexandra and Dunedin)
Email: enquiries@niwa.co.nz
www.niwa.co.nz

New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited (Scion)

Scion specialises in research, science and technology development for the forestry, wood product and wood-derived materials and other biomaterial sectors.
It is the lead crown research institute in sustainable forest management and tree improvement; forestry biosecurity and risk management and mitigation; wood processing, wood-related bioenergy, waste streams and other biomaterials; forestry and forestry-based eco-system services.

Contact

Scion's Head office is in Rotorua and a small team is based in Christchurch
Email: enquiries@scionresearch.com
http://www.scionresearch.com/

The New Zealand Institute for Plant and Food Research Limited (Plant & Food Research)

Plant & Food Research provides research and development that adds value to fruit, vegetable, crop and food products. Plant & Food Research science supports the sustainable production of high quality produce that earns a premium in international markets, as well as driving the design and development of new and novel functional foods that offer benefits to human health and wellbeing.

Contact

Plant & Food Research's head office is located in Auckland. It also has numerous sites throughout New Zealand (Kerikeri, Pukekohe, Ruakura, Te Puke, Hawke's Bay, Palmerston North, Motueka, Nelson, Marlborough, Lincoln, Clyde, Dunedin and Gore) as well as international sites in Australia and the United States of America.
For more contact details:
http://www.plantandfood.co.nz/page/about-us/contact/join-science/
www.plantandfood.co.nz

Science New Zealand

Science New Zealand represents the seven Crown Research Institutes. Its purpose is to foster appreciation of the value of science and technology in creating economic, environmental and social wealth for New Zealand. This will be done by providing examples of new science, new thinking and new value from the Crown Research Institutes, and engaging with the public and others."

Contact

Science New Zealand Inc.
Wellington - New Zealand
Email: pa@sciencenewzealand.org
http://www.sciencenewzealand.org/

COMMERCIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

IRANZ (Independent Research Association of NZ)

IRANZ is an association of independent research organisations. IRANZ represents the collective interests of members by undertaking activities aimed at creating a positive operating environment for Independent Research Organisations in New Zealand.

Contact

Email: information@iranz.org.nz
http://www.iranz.org.nz/

NZBIO

NZBIO's activities include member events, seminars and conferences, policy advocacy, national and international outreach and promotion. Its membership base ranges from start-up bioscience companies, to mature corporates and major multinationals. NZBIO also represent New Zealand research institutes and universities, specialist service professionals, corporate, institutional, individual and student members from New Zealand and around the world.

Contact

NZBIO
PO Box 5580 - Wellington 6145 - New Zealand
Online form:
http://www.nzbio.org.nz/page/contact-us.aspx
http://www.nzbio.org.nz/

COMMERCIAL RESEARCH PROVIDERS

Aqualinc Research Limited

Aqualinc's core purpose is to equip New Zealand for world-class water management through scientific and policy research, technology development and deployment, and water management advisory services. Its research contribution to the body of knowledge required for managing the sustainable use of water is focused on groundwater, irrigation, and strategic water management.

Contact

Aqualinc Research Limited has offices in Christchurch and Hamilton
Email: admin@aqualinc.co.nz
http://www.aqualinc.co.nz/

Cawthron Institute

Cawthron Institute is New Zealand's largest independently-owned science organisation, employing almost 200 scientists, laboratory professionals and specialist staff.
It is recognised internationally for its world-leading science, particularly in aquaculture, marine biosecurity, coastal, estuarine and freshwater ecology, and analytical chemistry.
Its facilities include bio-secure and fully-accredited laboratories, and an aquaculture research and development facility.

Contact

Cawthron Institute's Head Office is located in Nelson
Email: info@cawthron.org.nz
http://www.cawthron.org.nz/
Or Mr. Robert Matheson (Investment and Contract Manager)
Email: Robert.Matheson@cawthron.org.nz

Clinical Trials New Zealand Limited

Clinical Trials New Zealand Limited (formerly Waikato Clinical Research) is a well-established clinical trials unit. It has performed a wide range of studies from Phase II to post marketing studies including post-operative medical device studies and numerous pharmacokinetic studies.

Contact

Clinical Trials New Zealand Limited is based at Braemar Hospital in Hamilton
Email: eileen@clinicaltrialsnz.com
http://www.waikatoclinicalresearch.com/

CRL Energy Limited

CRL Energy Limited is an energy, minerals, and environmental research and consulting company. It offers technical services in minerals exploration programme management, geological mapping and 3D modelling, resource evaluation and certification, hydrogeology, coal seam gas content analysis, mine drainage treatment and site remediation, combustion carbonisation and gasification, and air emissions and stack testing.

Contact

CRL Energy Limited Head Office is located in Lower Hutt, its other offices are located in Hamilton, Christchurch, Greymouth and Westport
Email: crl@crl.co.nz
http://www.crl.co.nz/

Lincoln Agritech Limited

Lincoln Agritech is a research and development company that applies innovative engineering and science technologies to support agriculture, industry and the environment. Lincoln Agritech areas of expertise include: smart sensor and measurement technologies utilising microwave sensing, machine vision and biosensors; ground water research to understand ground water processes and supply tools/models for effectively managing ground water quality and allocation; chemical application research and training for the development of best management of pesticide use, sustainable primary production and environmental protection; Irricad - a computer software system for designing all types of pressurized irrigation systems.

Contact

Lincoln Agritech Limited Head Office is located in Christchurch, the company also has an office in Hamilton
Email: info@lincolnagritech.co.nz
http://www.lincolnagritech.co.nz/

Malaghan Institute of Medical Research

The Malaghan Institute, located at the Victoria University of Wellington, is New Zealand's leading medical research institute focused on finding cures for cancer, asthma and allergy, arthritis, multiple sclerosis and infectious disease.

Contact

Malaghan Institute of Medical Research is located in a purpose-built facility at Victoria University's Kelburn campus in Wellington
Email: info@malaghan.org.nz
http://www.malaghan.org.nz/

MRINZ (The Medical Research Institute of New Zealand)

The Medical Research Institute of New Zealand is an independent medical research organisation dedicated to investigating the causes of important public health problems in New Zealand and internationally, to use this knowledge to improve the prevention and treatment of diseases, and to provide a base for specialist training in medical research. MRINZ's particular focus is on research which has the potential to lead to improvements in clinical management.

Contact

The Medical Research Institute of New Zealand main offices are at the Wellington Regional Hospital, and its clinical research programmes are supported by three general practice networks in Wellington, Tauranga and Auckland.
For more contact details: http://www.mrinz.ac.nz/contact/
http://www.mrinz.ac.nz/

Motu

Motu Economic and Public Policy Research is a non-profit research institute that carries out high quality, long-term, socially beneficial research programmes. Motu aims to promote well-informed debate on public policy issues, placing special emphasis on issues relevant to New Zealand policy. Ongoing areas of research include environmental regulation, particularly around emissions trading and water quality, housing and homeownership, labour and population economics, infrastructure and economic geography, national savings, and the evaluation of national wellbeing and sustainability.

Contact

Motu
PO Box 24390 - Wellington 6142 - New Zealand
Email: info@motu.org.nz
http://www.motu.org.nz/

NZBRI (New Zealand Brain Research Institute)

NZBRI carries out research, provides outpatient clinics and drug trials in Parkinson's and other brain-related disorders.

Contact

New Zealand Brain Research Institute
Christchurch - New Zealand
Email: enquiries@nzbri.org
http://www.nzbri.org/

CoREs (Centres of Research Excellence)

CoREs, funded by the Ministry for Tertiary Education, are inter-institutional research networks, with researchers working together on commonly agreed work programmes. CoREs make a contribution to New Zealand's development and link to user groups. They also build research capacity and capabilities through post-graduate programmes and the training of new researchers.

> Source:
http://www.tec.govt.nz/Funding/Fund-finder/CoREs/

Current CoREs

Six Centres of Research Excellence (CoREs) were selected in 2014 for funding from 1 January 2015 to 2020:

- The Maurice Wilkins Centre, hosted by University of Auckland
- MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology, hosted by Victoria University of Wellington
- The Medical Technologies CoRE, hosted by University of Auckland
- The Dodd-Walls Centre for Photonic and Quantum Technologies, hosted by University of Otago
- Te Pūnaha Matatini – The Centre for Complex Systems and Networks, hosted by University of Auckland
- Brain Research New Zealand – Rangahau Roro Aotearoa, co-hosted by University of Otago and University of Auckland

The following five CoREs are funded to 31 December 2015:

- Gravida: National Research Centre for Growth and Development, hosted by University of Auckland
- Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga – New Zealand's Indigenous Centre of Research Excellence, hosted by University of Auckland
- Bio-Protection Research Centre, hosted by Lincoln University
- Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, hosted by Massey University
- Riddet Institute, hosted by Massey University.

UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY

AUT (Auckland University of Technology)

AUT is the third largest university in New Zealand and it's also New Zealand newest university. AUT has a distinctive approach to teaching and learning, focused on providing student-centred, innovative and responsive learning experiences.
AUT also has excellent research facilities and a strong research culture.
AUT has four campuses and five faculties. It is also home to numerous research institutes and centres, including:
- The Institute for Applied Ecology New Zealand (AENZ);
- The Institute of Biomedical Technologies (IBTec);
- The Centre for Biomedical Materials;
- The Engineering Research Institute (ERI);
- The Health and Rehabilitation Research Institute (HRRI);
- The National Institute for Public Health and Mental Health Research (NIPHMHR);
- The National Institute for Stroke and Applied Neurosciences (NISAN);
- The Centre for Pacific Health and Development Research;
- The Taupua Waiora Centre for Māori Health Research.

**AUT also owns AUT Enterprises Limited (AUTEL), established in 2005 as the commercialisation arm of the University.*

Contact

AUT University has three campuses located in Auckland Central, Manukau City and Northcote and one institute located in Mairangi Bay
For more contact details:
http://www.aut.ac.nz/about-aut/Phone-numbers,-contacts-and-campuses/general-contacts
http://www.aut.ac.nz/

Lincoln University

Lincoln University is one of New Zealand's oldest tertiary education institutions and the only specialist university in New Zealand. With a focus on agriculture and sustainable development, it aims to improve New Zealand's land-based knowledge, wealth and productivity.
The University has three faculties and numerous research centres including:
- Agribusiness and Economics Research
- Bio-Protection Research Centre (a CoRE);
- Centre for Advanced Computational Solutions
- Centre for Food Research and Innovation;
- Lincoln University Centre for International Development (LUCID);
- Centre for Land, Environment and People
- Centre for Soil and Environmental Research (CSER);
- Centre for Viticulture and Oenology
- Centre for Wildlife Management and Conservation
- Seed Research Centre
- WaterWays Centre for Freshwater Management (a joint partnership with Canterbury University).

**Lincoln University also owns Lincoln Agritech Limited, which provides research, development and consultancy services to industry as well as local and regional government.*

Contact

Lincoln University is located in Lincoln - Canterbury - New Zealand
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http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/
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Massey University

Massey University ranks in the nation's top three universities for engineering and technology, physics, sport science, and statistics. Massey University is also one of the world's leading agri-food universities, has five academic colleges and is home to numerous research centres, including:

- The Centre for Agribusiness Policy & Strategy
- The Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution (a CoRE);
- The Animal Welfare Science and Bioethics Centre (AWSBC);
- The New Zealand Biochar Research Centre (NZBRC);
- The IFS Biomedical Research centre;
- The EpiCentre;
- The Centre for Ergonomics, Occupational Safety and Health (CErgOSH);
- The Research Centre for Māori Health & Development;
- The Centre for Structural Biology;
- The Centre for Public Health Research (CPHR);
- The Riddet Institute (a CoRE).

** Massey University owns the Massey University Foundation and Massey Ventures Limited. The University also partially owns the New Zealand School of Music Limited with Victoria University of Wellington.*

Contact

Massey University has campuses in Albany, Palmerston North and Wellington
Email: contact@massey.ac.nz
http://www.massey.ac.nz/
Or Ms. Emma Hughes (Team Leader, Research Development, Research & Enterprise)
Email: E.L.Hughes@massey.ac.nz

University of Auckland

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's largest university, and largest research organisation. The University has eight faculties and is home to several research centres and institutes including:

- The Auckland Bioengineering Institute;
- The Liggins Institute;
- The Institute for Earth Science and Engineering;
- The Institute for Innovation in Biotechnology;
- The James Henare Māori Research Centre;
- The Polymer Electronics Research Centre;
- The Maurice Wilkins Centre for Molecular Bio-Discovery;
- The Centre for Addiction Research;
- The Centre for Advanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging;
- The Centre for Medical and Health Sciences Education;
- The Centre for Brain Research;
- The Invasive Species Research Centre.

**The University of Auckland owns the Auckland UniServices Limited (the university's research commercialisation company).*

Contact

The University of Auckland has campuses in Auckland (Auckland city, Glen Innes, Epsom, Grafton), Whangarei, a marine laboratory located in Leigh, a health campus in Takapuna, two clinical school (Hamilton and Auckland) and another facility in Manukau.
Email: researchoffice@auckland.ac.nz (Research Office)
For more contact details:
https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/about/the-university/uoa-contact-us.html
https://www.auckland.ac.nz/
Or Dr Tracey Swift (Director of Research Management)
Email: t.swift@auckland.ac.nz

University of Canterbury

The University of Canterbury has seven faculties and is also home to several research centres and institutes including,

- The Centre for Bioengineering;
- The Centre for Integrated Research on Biosafety (INBI);
- The Centre of Excellence in Aquaculture and Marine Ecology (CEAME);
- The Health Sciences Centre;
- The HITLabNZ (an annex of the HitLab of the University of Washington);
- The Natural Hazards Research Centre;
- The Spatial Engineering Research Centre;
- The Wood Technology Research Centre;
- The Biomolecular Interaction Centre.

Contact

University of Canterbury is located in Christchurch
Email: enrol@canterbury.ac.nz or info@canterbury.ac.nz
http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/
Or Research & Innovation contact details
Email: admin@research.canterbury.ac.nz

University of Otago

The University of Otago has several campuses and numerous research centres and institutes including,
- The Brain Health Research Centre (BHRC);
- The Centre for Neuroendocrinology (CNE);
- The Centre for Translational Cancer Research;
- The Christchurch Heart Institute;
- The Edgar National Centre for Diabetes and Obesity Research (ECDOR);
- Genetics Otago;
- The Webster Centre for Infectious Diseases;
- The Centre for Bioengineering and Nanomedicine;
- The Centre for International Health;
- The Centre for Nutrition, Activity and Health;
- The Centre for Translational Research in Chronic Diseases (CTRCD).

**The University of Otago also owns, Otago Innovation Limited (in charge of commercialising all aspects of intellectual property arising from research discoveries at the University and developing them to an investor-or-market-ready stage).*

Contact

University of Otago main campus is located in Dunedin.
The University also has campuses in Christchurch, Invercargill, Auckland and Wellington.
Email: university@otago.ac.nz
http://www.otago.ac.nz/

University of Waikato

The University of Waikato has several academic schools and faculties. It is also home to numerous research centres and institutes, including:
- The Environmental Research Institute (ERI);
- The National Institute of Demographic and Economic Analysis (NIDEA);
- Te Kotahi Research Institute;
- The Centre for Biodiversity and Ecology Research (CBER);
- The Centre for Māori and Pacific Development Research (CMPDR);
- The Technology, Environmental, Mathematics and Science Education Research Centre (TEMS);
- The Waikato Centre for Advanced Materials.

** The University also owns WaikatoLink Limited, which is its commercialisation and technology transfer company.*

Contact

The University of Waikato main campus is in Hamilton. Another campus is located in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty.
For more contact details:
http://www.waikato.ac.nz/contacts/
http://www.waikato.ac.nz/
Or The Research Office
Email: research@waikato.ac.nz (Research, Innovation and Commercialisation Offices)

Victoria University of Wellington

Victoria University has nine faculties and hosts numerous research centres and institutes including:
- The Ferrier Research Institute;
- The Robinson Research Institute;
- The Centre for Biodiversity and Restoration Ecology;
- The Centre for Biodiscovery;
- The Health Services Research Centre;
- The Malaghan Institute of Medical Research;
- The New Zealand Climate Change Institute.

**It also owns Viclink which is Victoria University's commercialisation office.*

Contact

Victoria University of Wellington has several campuses across Wellington (Kelburn, Te Aro, Pipitea and Karori)
For more contact details:
https://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/contacts
https://www.victoria.ac.nz/
Or The Research Office
Email: research-office@vuw.ac.nz

CPIT (Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology)

CPIT is the largest Institute of applied sciences in the South Island and offers a comprehensive range of programmes, which cover almost all subject areas. CPIT also has several fields of research, technology and service capabilities, and "the Zone", a sports science and wellness centre.

Contact

CPIT has two main campuses located in Christchurch.
Email: info@cpit.ac.nz
http://www.cpit.ac.nz/

EIT (Eastern Institute of Technology)

The Eastern Institute of Technology offers more than 130 programmes at postgraduate, degree, diploma and certificate level, across an wide range of subject areas.
It also offers services to the public including, industry training, sports science services, counselling clinic and more.

Contact

EIT has two main campuses, one in Taradale, Napier, Hawkes Bay and two in Gisborne.
EIT also has learning centres throughout Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti (Gisborne).
Email: info@eit.ac.nz
http://www.eit.ac.nz/

MIT (Manukau Institute of Technology)

Manukau Institute of Technology is a leader in technical and vocational education, delivering a range of academic qualifications from certificate to degree level.
The Institute also has many research projects carried out in collaboration with other organisations, including practitioners in the field and other tertiary providers.

Contact

Manukau Institute of Technology has six campuses across Auckland (Otara, Manukau, Auckland City, Newmarket and Mangere).
Email: info@manukau.ac.nz
http://www.manukau.ac.nz/

NMIT (Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology)

NMIT provides courses and qualifications that have been developed in consultation with industry, the community and other education providers to ensure that they will provide students with the skills, knowledge and experience that they need for their chosen career or for further education. NMIT is also passionate about innovation and research.

Contact

NMIT has campuses in Nelson, Blenheim and Richmond.
Email: info@nmit.ac.nz
http://www.nmit.ac.nz/

SIT (Southern Institute of Technology)

SIT is a tertiary institution with several campuses across New Zealand as well as a distance learning faculty "SIT2LRN", and provides education and training across a wide range of subjects and a variety of levels, including postgraduate study.

Contact

SIT has campuses in Invercargill, Christchurch, Queenstown and Gore.
Email: info@sit.ac.nz
http://www.sit.ac.nz/

UNITEC Institute of Technology

Unitec Institute of Technology has a comprehensive portfolio of programmes extending from certificates and diplomas through to degrees and doctorates, across a wide range of professional and vocational areas. Applied research is an integral part of Unitec, providing real value and impact for its local community, stakeholders and its wider industry partners.

Contact

Unitec Institute of Technology has three campuses across Auckland (Mt Albert, Henderson and Albany)
For more contact details:
http://www.unitec.ac.nz/about-us/contact-us/general-enquiries
http://www.unitec.ac.nz/
Or Ms. Katie Jones (Research Advisor)
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Wintec (Waikato Institute of Technology)

Wintec is one of New Zealand's largest Institutes of Technology/Polytechnics (ITPs) and a provider of high quality, vocational and professional education.

Contact

Waikato Institute of Technology
Wintec's three main campuses are located in Hamilton, New Zealand.
Email: info@wintec.ac.nz; research@wintec.ac.nz (Research office)
Online form: http://www.wintec.ac.nz/about/SitePages/contact-us.aspx
http://www.wintec.ac.nz

Waiariki Institute of Technology

Waiariki Institute of Technology has five campuses and provides applied vocational and relevant learning and programmes to meet the needs of individuals, communities and regions.

Contact

Waiariki Institute of Technology has five campuses located in Rotorua, Waipa, Taupo, Tokoroa, and Whakatane.
Email: enquiries@waiariki.ac.nz
Online form: https://www.waiariki.ac.nz/about-us/contact-us/enquiry-form
http://www.waiariki.ac.nz/

WelTec (Wellington Institute of Technology)

WelTec delivers practical, relevant qualifications designed to enhance its students career and employment options.

Contact

WelTec has campuses located in Petone, Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch.
Email: information@weltec.ac.nz
http://www.weltec.ac.nz/

WITT (Western Institute of Technology at Tanariki)

WITT offers courses from certificate to degree level across a wide range of areas, with a focus on vocational outcomes.

Contact

WITT main campus is in New Plymouth, New Zealand
Email: info@witt.ac.nz
http://www.witt.ac.nz/

POLYTECHNICS

New Zealand polytechnics offer qualifications to suit students of all ages, backgrounds and experience. Most qualifications found at polytechnics are vocational.
They also have certificates, diplomas, and short courses that are all highly regarded nationally and internationally. All polytechnic (and Wānanga) programmes are subject to external quality assurance by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA).

> Source:
http://www.studyzone.co.nz/polytechnics/

Aoraki Polytechnic

Aoraki Polytechnic has campuses in Timaru, Christchurch, Ashburton, Dunedin and Oamaru.

Contact

Email: study@aoraki.ac.nz
http://www.aoraki.ac.nz/

Auckland Institute of Studies

AIS has two campuses in Auckland (Western Springs and Mt Albert).

Contact

Email: enquiry@ais.ac.nz
Online form: http://www.ais.ac.nz/contact/
http://www.ais.ac.nz/

Bay of Plenty Polytechnics

BoP Polytechnics has several academic schools, and one research centre:
- The Pacific Coast Applied Research Centre - Taiorangahau

Contact

Bay of Plenty Polytechnic campuses are located in Tauranga and Edgecumbe.
Email: info@boppoly.ac.nz
https://www.boppoly.ac.nz/

IPC (International Pacific College)

Contact

IPC is located in Palmerston North.
Email: info@ipc.ac.nz
Online form: http://ipc.ac.nz/contact-us/
http://ipc.ac.nz/

NorthTec (Northland Polytechnic)

Contact

North Tec main campus is located in Whangarei, other locations are Kerikrei, Kaitaia, Rawene, Kaikohe, Auckland and Rodney.
Email: enquiries@northtec.ac.nz
Online form:
http://www.northtec.ac.nz/Contact.aspx
http://www.northtec.ac.nz/

Open Polytechnic of New Zealand

New Zealand's specialist provider of open and distance learning at tertiary level and the only nationally focused polytechnic. It has a focus on investigating open and distance learning paradigms and is involved in joint research projects with other polytechnics, universities, industry and professional organisations.

Contact

Open Polytechnic Central Office is locates in Lower Hutt, Wellington
Email: customerservices@openpolytechnic.ac.nz
http://www.openpolytechnic.ac.nz/

Otago Polytechnic

Has a broad and holistic approach to health and well-being, and many research Centres of Research Expertise dealing with four broad research "themes" (innovation, sustainability, health and well-being and business improvement).

Contact

Otago Polytechnic campuses are located in Dunedin, Central Otago and Auckland.
Email: info@op.ac.nz
http://www.op.ac.nz/

TPP (Tai Poutini Polytechnic)

Contact

Tai Poutini Polytechnic campuses are located in Auckland, Christchurch, Greymouth, Westport, Wanaka, and has two learning outposts in Hokitika and Reefton.
Email: info@tpp.ac.nz
http://tpp.ac.nz/

Tairawhiti Polytechnic

Contact

Tairawhiti Polytechnic
Tairawhiti - Gisborne - New Zealand
Email: tairawhiti@eit.ac.nz
http://www.eit.ac.nz/tairawhiti/

UCOL (Universal College of Learning)

Contact

UCOL has three campuses located in Palmerston North, Whanganui and Masterton.
Email: enquiry@ucol.ac.nz
https://www.ucol.ac.nz/

Whitireia Polytechnic (Whitireia Community Polytechnic)

Contact

Whitireia Polytechnic has campuses in Porirua, Wellington, Auckland, and Kāpiti.
Online form:
http://www.whitireia.ac.nz/Pages/ContactUs.aspx
http://www.whitireia.ac.nz/

WĀNANGA

Are Crown-funded Māori tertiary education institutions. Their purpose is to create a significant entry point for Māori into tertiary education by providing education services and curriculum tailored toward Māori aspirations and needs.
Like Polytechnics Wānanga programmes are subject to external quality assurance by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

> Sources:
http://www.msi.govt.nz/get-connected/science-and-innovation-in-nz/
http://www.studyzone.co.nz/polytechnics/)

Te Wānanga-o-Aotearoa

Contact

Te Wānanga-o-Aotearoa is located in numerous places throughout New Zealand–Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, East Coast/Poverty Bay, Central North Island, Wellington and South Island District
For more contact details:
ttp://www.twoa.ac.nz/Te-Whare/Contact-us.aspx
http://www.twoa.ac.nz/

Te Wānanga-o-Raukawa

Contact

Te Wānanga-o-Raukawa is located in Ōtaki, Aotearoa, New Zealand
Email: tetomonga@twor-otaki.ac.nz
Online form:
http://www.wananga.com/index.php/contact-us
http://www.wananga.com/

Te Whare Wānanga-o-Awanuiārangi

Contact

Te Whare Wānanga-o-Awanuiārangi has sites in Auckland, Northland, Rotorua and Whakatāne
Email: enquiries@wananga.ac.nz
Online form:
http://www.wananga.ac.nz/contact-us
http://www.wananga.ac.nz/
Or The Research Manager
Email: rawiri.tinirau@wananga.ac.nz

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Beef + Lamb New Zealand Inc.

Beef + Lamb New Zealand Inc is responsible for the promotion of beef and lamb within New Zealand and is jointly funded by farmers (Beef + Lamb New Zealand Limited), New Zealand retailers and New Zealand processors. Beef + Lamb New Zealand Inc works closely with the foodservice industry in order to encourage excellence in beef and lamb cuisine, and manages the New Zealand Beef and Lamb Quality Mark.

Contact

Beef + Lamb New Zealand is located in Takapuna, North Shore City, Auckland.
Email: enquiries@beeflambnz.co.nz
http://www.beeflambnz.co.nz/

BDG Synthesis

BDG Synthesis is a privately owned New Zealand corporation specialised in the custom synthesis of milligram to gram quantities of stable isotope labelled materials, metabolites and reference standards, for clients in the United States, EU and Asia Pacific. BDG Synthesis mainly works for the bioanalytical departments of CROs and pharma companies.

Contact

BDG Synthesis
Wellington - New Zealand
Email: info@bdg.co.nz
http://bdg.co.nz/

BDNZ (BioDiscovery New Zealand Limited)

BioDiscovery New Zealand Limited is a privately owned company investigating New Zealand's unique land and marine organisms as a source of new microbes that can destroy plant pests and crop diseases.

Contact

BioDiscovery New Zealand Limited
Auckland - New Zealand
Email: info@biodiscovery.co.nz
http://www.biodiscovery.co.nz/

BRANZ (Building Research Association of New Zealand)

BRANZ is an independent and impartial research, testing, consulting and information company providing services and resources for the building industry. Its two main areas of activity are:

- To research and investigate the construction and design of buildings that impact the built environment in New Zealand and,
- To enable the transfer of knowledge from the research community into the commercial building and construction industry.

Contact

BRANZ is located in Porirua city, Wellington
Email: branz@branz.co.nz
http://www.branz.co.nz/

CCANZ (The Cement & Concrete Association of New Zealand)

CCANZ's vision is to be the leading organisation developing and defending the market for concrete, and positioning concrete as the sustainable material of choice for the built environment.

Contact

CCANZ
Wellington - New Zealand
Email: admin@ccanz.org.nz
http://www.ccanz.org.nz/

DairyNZ

DairyNZ represents New Zealand's dairy farmers. Its purpose is to secure and enhance the profitability, sustainability and competitiveness of New Zealand dairy farming by leading innovation in world-class dairy farming and by working always in the best interests of New Zealand's dairy farmers.

Contact

DairyNZ Head Office is located in Hamilton. Dairy NZ also has offices in Whangarei, Morrinsville, Te Awamutu, Rotorua, Hawera, Palmerston North, Wellington, Nelson, Lincoln and Invercargill.
Email: info@dairynz.co.nz
http://www.dairynz.co.nz/

The Fertiliser Association

To promote best management practices, the Fertiliser Association develops training programmes, funds research, participates in government and local body working groups, and works closely with other organisations in the agricultural sector.

Contact

The Fertiliser Association is based in Wellington.
Email: info@fertiliser.org.nz
http://www.fertiliser.org.nz/

HERA (Heavy Engineering Research Association)

The New Zealand Heavy Engineering Research Association is an industry owned, non-profit research organisation dedicated to serving the needs of metal-based industries in New Zealand.

Contact

HERA's office is located in Manukau, Auckland.
Email: admin@hera.org.nz
https://www.hera.org.nz/

KiwiNet (The Kiwi Innovation Network)

KiwiNet is a consortium of Universities, Crown Research Institutes and Crown Entities dedicated to taking a collaborative approach to research commercialisation, and empowering New Zealand's public research organisations to better commercialise their ideas, intellectual property and capability.

Contact

Kiwi Innovation Network Limited
Hamilton - New Zealand.
Email: admin@kiwinet.org.nz
https://www.kiwinet.org.nz/

LASRA (Leather and Shoe Research Association of NZ)

LASRA has facilities, expertise and experience to deliver focused industry-specific research and analysis to provide solutions to industry challenges. The LASRA analytical laboratory is accredited worldwide (ILAC-MRA) for performing testing in accordance with ISO, EN, ASTM and other internationally recognised standards.

Contact

Leather & Shoe Research Association of New Zealand is located at Fitzherbert Science Centre, Dairy Farm Road, Palmerston North
Email: info@lasra.co.nz
www.lasra.co.nz

NZPBRA (NZ Plant Breeding and Research Association)

The members of the NZPBRA are a group of seed companies substantially involved in the development and marketing of improved plant varieties for the New Zealand arable and pastoral sectors. NZPBRA members invest in breeding and research to deliver plant varieties with attributes that meet changing needs in agriculture.

Contact

NZPBRA
PO Box 8605 - Christchurch
Mr. Thomas Chin (General Manager)
Email: thomas.chin@seedindustrynz.co.nz
http://www.nzpbra.org/

OSPRI, TBFree New Zealand Limited and NAIT Limited

OSPRI New Zealand is a not-for-profit limited company. Its shareholders are DairyNZ, Beef+Lamb New Zealand and Deer Industry New Zealand. TBfree New Zealand Limited and NAIT Limited are wholly-owned subsidiaries of OSPRI New Zealand Limited.
TBfree New Zealand's primary role is to manage the implementation of the National Pest Management Plan for Bovine TB, with the aim of eradicating the disease from New Zealand.
The National Animal Identification and Tracing (NAIT) scheme links people, property and livestock in New Zealand. Under the scheme, cattle and deer are traced using NAIT approved radio frequency identification device (RFID) ear tags. This provides traceability for individual animals, to enhance New Zealand's ability to respond quickly if there is a biosecurity incursion such as a disease outbreak.

Contact

TBfree New Zealand Limited national office and NAIT Limited head office are both located in Wellington.
Online form:
http://www.ospri.co.nz/Contactus.aspx
http://www.ospri.co.nz/

TERNZ

TERNZ's focus is on improving the safety, fuel efficiency, environmental sustainability and productivity of road transport both in New Zealand and overseas. It undertakes research for both government and industry on driver behaviour, road design, vehicle performance, fleet management and how these factors interrelate, including how the transport system affects communities.

Contact

TERNZ
Ellerslie - Auckland
Email: m.depont@ternz.co.nz (Office and Information Manager)
http://www.ternz.co.nz/

TiDA (Titanium Industry Development Association)

TiDA's key roles are:
- To introduce titanium powder technology to the wider New Zealand industry;
- To help companies improve their technology and techniques by providing the best possible product options;
- To manage a prototype and testing facility;
- To implement and run a national research development programme;
- To attract and manage skills to the industry;
- To strengthen existing international links and help forge new ones.

Contact

TiDA
Tauranga - New Zealand
Email: info@tida.co.nz
www.tida.co.nz/

DEPARTMENTS/MINISTRIES

MBIE (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment)

The Ministry contributes to the Government's goals of building a more competitive and productive economy, delivering better public services, rebuilding Christchurch and creating more affordable housing. MBIE integrates the functions of four former agencies – the Department of Building and Housing, the Ministry of Economic Development, the Department of Labour and the Ministry of Science and Innovation.

Contact

The Ministry's head office is located in Wellington, New Zealand
www.med.govt.nz

Ministry of Defence

The Ministry's role is to, advise the Government on the defence of New Zealand and its interests, acquire military equipment, and assess and audit the New Zealand defence force functions, duties and projects.

Contact

Ministry of Defence
Wellington - New Zealand
Email: info@defence.govt.nz
www.defence.govt.nz

Ministry of Health

The Ministry is the Government's principal advisor on health and disability: improving, promoting and protecting the health of all New Zealanders.

Contact

The Ministry's main office is located in Wellington. Its district offices are located in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, New Zealand
Email: info@health.govt.nz
www.health.govt.nz

Ministry of Justice

The New Zealand Ministry of Justice delivers court and tribunal services including collection of fines and reparation, provides policy advice and negotiates Treaty of Waitangi claims on behalf of the Government. The Ministry of Justice is the lead justice sector agency and also supports the judiciary.

Contact

Ministry of Justice
Wellington - New Zealand
Email: info@justice.govt.nz
www.justice.govt.nz

Ministry of Transport

The Ministry is the government's principal transport adviser. The Ministry aims to improve the overall performance of the transport system, improve the performance of transport Crown entities and, achieve better value for money for the government from its investment in the transport system.

Contact

The Ministry has offices located in Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand
Email: info@transport.govt.nz
www.transport.govt.nz

Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education is the Government's lead advisor on the education system, shaping direction for education agencies and providers and contributing to the Government's goals for education.

Contact

The Ministry's national office is located in Wellington, New Zealand
Email: info@minedu.govt.nz
www.minedu.govt.nz

Ministry of Social Development

The Ministry's goal is to help building successful individuals, and in turn building strong, healthy families and communities.

Contact

The Ministry's national office is located in Wellington, New Zealand
www.msd.govt.nz

Ministry of the Environment

The Ministry is the Government's principal adviser on the environment in New Zealand and on international environmental matters.

Contact

The Ministry has offices located in Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand
Email: info@mfe.govt.nz
www.mfe.govt.nz

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The Ministry is the Government's lead source of advice on foreign and trade policy, on international climate change negotiations, diplomatic and consular issues, and on international development assistance.
The Ministry also provides legal advice on international issues and are the formal channel for the Government's communications to and from other countries and international organisations.

Contact

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Wellington - New Zealand
www.mfat.govt.nz

Ministry of Primary Industries

The Ministry is helping maximise export opportunities for New Zealand primary industries, improve sector productivity, ensure the food the country produce is safe, increase sustainable resource use, and protect New Zealand from biological risk.

Contact

The Ministry's head office is located in Wellington, New Zealand
Email: info@mpi.govt.nz
www.mpi.govt.nz

Ministry of Civil Defence

At the national level, the Ministry provides policy advice to government, supports civil defence and emergency management (CDME) planning and operations, ensures there is coordination at local, regional and national levels, and manages the central government response for large scale civil defence emergencies that are beyond the capacity of local authorities.

Contact

Ministry of Civil Defence
Wellington - New Zealand
Email: emergency.management@dpmc.govt.nz
www.civildefence.govt.nz

Ministry of Youth Development

The Ministry has three key roles, 1) to encourage and support a youth development approach, 2) to support and facilitate youth involvement and input into decision-making processes and, 3) As a funder of youth development services.

Contact

The Ministry's national office is located in Wellington, New Zealand
Email: mydinfo@myd.govt.nz
www.myd.govt.nz

Inland Revenue (Department)

Inland Revenue plays a critical role in improving the economic and social wellbeing of New Zealanders. Inland Revenue collects 85% of the Crown's revenue as well as collecting and disbursing social support programme payments and providing the government with policy advice.

Contact

Inland Revenue
Lower Hutt - New Zealand
www.ird.govt.nz

Department of Corrections

The Department to make New Zealand a better, safer place by, protecting the public from those who can cause harm and reducing re-offending.

Contact

Department of Corrections
Wellington - New Zealand
Email: info@corrections.govt.nz
www.corrections.govt.nz

Office of Ethnic Affairs

The Office of Ethnic Affairs works to promote the benefits of ethnic diversity to develop prosperity for every New Zealander.

Contact

The Office of Ethnic Affairs has offices located in Wellington, Auckland, Hamilton and Christchurch - New Zealand
Email: ethnic.affairs@dia.govt.nz
www.ethnicaffairs.govt.nz

Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs

The Ministry is Government's premier adviser on policies and interventions to promote the social, economic and cultural development of Pacific peoples in New Zealand.

Contact

The Ministry has offices located in Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch, New Zealand
Email: contact@mpia.govt.nz
www.mpia.govt.nz

Ministry of Culture and Heritage

The Ministry provides advice on arts, culture, heritage and broadcasting issues in consultation with government ministers.

Contact

Ministry of Culture and Heritage
Wellington - New Zealand
Email: info@mch.govt.nz or media@mch.govt.nz
www.mch.govt.nz

Department of Conservation

The Department of Conservation manages all New Zealand's conservation land and waters, including recreational opportunities in these areas.

Contact

Whare Kaupapa Atawhai / Conservation House has many offices throughout New Zealand
Email: Enquiries@doc.govt.nz
www.doc.govt.nz

Department of Statistics

Statistics New Zealand Tatauranga Aotearoa is a government department and New Zealand's national statistical office.

Contact

The Department has offices located in Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch, New Zealand
www.stats.govt.nz

Customs Service

The New Zealand Customs Service is the government agency with the job of ensuring the security of New Zealand's borders.

Contact

Customs has a presence at locations throughout New Zealand, covering the main air and sea ports and also has offices in Bangkok, Beijing, Brussels, Canberra and Washington DC.
Email: feedback@customs.govt.nz
www.customs.govt.nz

Office Disability Issues

The Office for Disability Issues is the focal point within government on disability issues. We promote and monitor implementation of the New Zealand Disability Strategy and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Contact

Office for Disability Issues
Wellington - New Zealand
Email: odi@msd.govt.nz
www.odi.govt.nz

Department of Land Information

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is a New Zealand government department. Its responsibilities cover land titles, geodetic and cadastral survey systems, topographic information, hydrographic information, managing Crown property and a variety of other functions.

Contact

LINZ has offices located in Wellington, Hamilton and Christchurch, New Zealand
Email: customersupport@linz.govt.nz
www.linz.govt.nz

Ministry of Women Affairs

The Ministry is the Government's principal advisor on achieving better outcomes for women in New Zealand. The Ministry has three priority areas: greater economic independence, more women in leadership and increased safety from violence.

Contact

Ministry of Women's Affairs
Wellington - New Zealand
Email: mwa@mwa.govt.nz
www.mwa.govt.nz

Ministry of Internal Affairs

The Department of Internal Affairs serves and connects people, communities and government to build a safe, prosperous and respected nation.

Contact

Department of Internal Affairs
Wellington - New Zealand
Email: info@dia.govt.nz or webmaster@dia.govt.nz
www.dia.govt.nz

Ministry of Māori Development

TePuni Kōkiri leads Māori Public Policy and advises on policy affecting Māori wellbeing. It is the principal advisor on Government-Māori relationships.

Contact

The Ministry's national office is located in central Wellington, New Zealand
Email: info@tpk.govt.nz
www.tpk.govt.nz

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