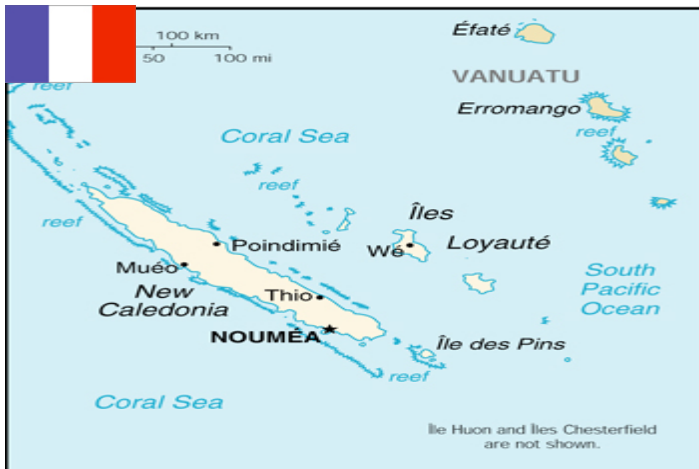


NEW CALEDONIA

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Capital: Noumea **Time:** GMT + 11

Background: Settled by both Britain and France during the first half of the 19th century, the island was made a French possession in 1853. It served as a penal colony for four decades after 1864. Agitation for independence during the 1980s and early 1990s seems to have dissipated.

Location: Oceania, islands in the South Pacific Ocean, east of Australia

Map References: Oceania

Area: total: 19,060 sq km land: 18,575 sq km water: 485 sq km

Climate: tropical; modified by southeast trade winds; hot, humid

Terrain: coastal plains with interior mountains

Natural Resources: nickel, chrome, iron, cobalt, manganese, silver, gold, lead, copper

Population: 201,816 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: noun: New Caledonian(s) adjective: New Caledonian

Ethnic Groups: Melanesian 42.5%, European 37.1%, Wallisian 8.4%, Polynesian 3.8%, Indonesian 3.6%, Vietnamese 1.6%, other 3%

Religions: Roman Catholic 60%, Protestant 30%, other 10%

Languages: French (official), 33 Melanesian-Polynesian dialects

Economy: New Caledonia has more than 20% of the world's known nickel resources. In recent years, the economy has suffered because of depressed international demand for nickel, the principal source of export earnings. Only a negligible amount of the land is suitable for cultivation, and food accounts for about 20% of imports. In addition to nickel, the substantial financial support from France and tourism are keys to the health of the economy. The situation in 1998 was clouded by the spillover of financial problems in East Asia and by lower prices for nickel. Nickel prices jumped in 1999, and large additions were made to capacity.

Industries: nickel mining and smelting

Currency: 1 Comptoirs Français du Pacifique franc (CFPF) = 100 centimes

Highways: total: 5,562 km paved: 975 km unpaved: 4,587 km (1993)

Ports and Harbors: Mueo, Noumea, Thio

Airports: 28 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 5 over 3,047 m: 1 914 to 1,523 m: 3 under 914 m: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 23 914 to 1,523 m: 12 under 914 m: 11 (1999 est.)

Heliports: 6 (1999 est.)

Visa: requirements are constantly

Duty Free: goods permitted: 100 cigarettes or 250g cigars or 2kg of tobacco, 1 bottle of alcohol, a reasonable quantity of perfume

Health: a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travelers over one year of age coming from infected areas

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