# https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/b/b9/Flag_of_Australia.svg/1280px-Flag_of_Australia.svg.png08. Australia, New Zealand

Official Name: Commonwealth of Australia

20 million inhabitants

## Geography

Between Indian and Pacific; Smallest continent, 6th largest country

One of the smallest density in the world

Centre = flat

Mountains – Uluru (Ayers Rock), Australian Alps (Mt. Kosciusko – 2230m)

Deserts – Great Sandy Desert, Victoria Desert

River – Murray – only large river; Darling

Great Barrier Reef – biggest coral reef in the world

## Climate

Driest inhabited continent in the world

The Northern part – tropical climate

South-east, South West – moderate climate

Two thirds of the country are arid or semi-arid (vyprahlý)

## Political System

Part of the British Commonwealth 🡪 head: Queen Elizabeth II

Governor-General (prime minister)

Federation of 6 states (*Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Northern Australia, Tasmania*) and 2 territories (*Northern territory, Capitol territory*)

## History

1770; James Cook mapped eastern coast 🡪 claim country for Britain 🡪 penal (trestanecký; vězení) colony 🡪 Aborigines (original inhabitants) died because new illnesses

## Cities

Canberra – Capital; between Sydney and Melbourne; build because of argument which city will be capital (S || M)

Sydney – largest, oldest city; Opera house, Harbour Bridge

Melbourne – art, entertainment

Darwin, Perth, Hobart, Brisbane, Adelaide…

## Other

### Flag

In left Union Jack; stars in constellation of Southern Cross; seven pointed star (6 states, 1 represent territories)

# https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/3e/Flag_of_New_Zealand.svg/2000px-Flag_of_New_Zealand.svg.pngNew Zealand

4,6 million inhabitants

Official languages: English, Maori

## Geography

In the south Pacific

Two large islands (South, North)

Southern Alps – Mount Cook (3754 m)

## Climate

North Island – warm climate; volcanic activity

South Island – cooler; higher rainfall

## Political System

Head: Queen Elizabeth II

Democratic country; own parliament

## History

1642; Abel Tasman 🡪 1769; James Cook

## Cities

Wellington – Capital

Auckland – Largest

Christchurch, Hamilton…

## Other

### Flag

In left Union Jack; 4 red (white borders) star in constellation of Crux

### Interest

First country to give the vote to women in 1893

Tuatara – reptile; survived from the era of the dinosaurs

The Weta – largest, heaviest insect in the world

The Kiwi – symbol; cannot fly

Haka – Maori war dance