# Wallis and Futuna

# No Assessment

For the 2014 reporting period, no assessment has been made regarding Wallis and Futuna’s efforts to advance the prevention of the worst forms of child labor, because there is no evidence of a worst forms of child labor problem and the country has a good legal and enforcement framework on child labor.

# Prevalence and Sectoral Distribution of Child Labor

Research found no evidence that child labor, including its worst forms, exists in Wallis and Futuna. Wallis and Futuna has a total population of 12,200 inhabitants, 3,430 of whom are children.([1](#_ENREF_1)) The population has decreased by 18 percent since 2003.([1](#_ENREF_1))

# Legal Framework for the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Wallis and Futuna is considered a French “Overseas Collectivity.” As such, Wallis and Futuna cannot ratify international conventions; however, France’s ratification of such conventions applies to Wallis and Futuna.([2](#_ENREF_2)) France has ratified all key international conventions concerning child labor (Table 1).

**Table 1. Ratification of International Conventions on Child Labor**

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| **Convention** | **Ratification** |
| ILO C. 138, Minimum Age | ✓ |
| ILO C. 182, Worst Forms of Child Labor | ✓ |
| UN CRC | ✓ |
| UN CRC Optional Protocol on Armed Conflict | ✓ |
| UN CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography | ✓ |
| Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons | ✓ |

French law applies in Wallis and Futuna.([1](#_ENREF_1), [3](#_ENREF_3)) The Government of France has established laws and regulations related to child labor, including its worst forms. These laws and regulations apply to Wallis and Futuna (Table 2).

**Table 2. Laws and Regulations Related to Child Labor**

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| **Standard** | **Yes/No** | **Age** | **Related Legislation** |
| Minimum Age for Work | Yes | 16 | Articles L4153-1 of the Labor Code ([4-6](#_ENREF_4)) |
| Minimum Age for Hazardous Work | Yes | 18 | Article R234-6 of the Labor Code ([6](#_ENREF_6)) |
| Prohibition of Hazardous Occupations or Activities for Children | Yes |  | Article R234-6 of the Labor Code; Decree No. 2013-915, Relative to Work That Is Prohibited and Regulated for Young People Less Than 18 Years ([6](#_ENREF_6), [7](#_ENREF_7)) |
| Prohibition of Forced Labor | Yes |  | Article 431-1 of the Penal Code ([8](#_ENREF_8)) |
| Prohibition of Child Trafficking | Yes |  | Articles 225-4-1 to 225-4-2- 5 and Article 225‑4‑2-6 of the Penal Code ([5](#_ENREF_5), [8](#_ENREF_8)) |
| Prohibition of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children | Yes |  | Article 225-7, Article 225-7-1, and Article 225-8, Article 225-9, Article 225-10, Article 225-10-1 of the Penal Code ([8](#_ENREF_8)) |
| Prohibition of Using Children in Illicit Activities | Yes |  | Article 227-18 of the Penal Code ([8](#_ENREF_8)) |
| Minimum Age for Compulsory Military Recruitment | N/A\* |  |  |
| Minimum Age for Voluntary Military Service | Combat: Yes | 18 | Article L121-1 and Book II, Article L5 of Law on National Service Reform ([9](#_ENREF_9)) |
| Noncombat: Yes | 17 |
| Compulsory Education Age | Yes | 16 | Articles L131-1 to L131-12 of the Education Code ([10](#_ENREF_10)) |
| Free Public Education | Yes |  | Articles L132-1 to L132-2 of the Education Code ([10](#_ENREF_10)) |

\* No conscription ([11](#_ENREF_11), [12](#_ENREF_12))

# Enforcement of Laws on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Even though there is no evidence of a problem, the Government of France has established institutional mechanisms for the enforcement of laws and regulations on child labor, including its worst forms (Table 3).

**Table 3. Agencies Responsible for Child Labor Law Enforcement**

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| **Organization/Agency** | **Role** |
| Service of Labor and Social Affairs Inspection of Wallis and Futuna | Enforce labor laws and report violations involving children to local social assistance personnel.([1](#_ENREF_1)) |
| Defender of Rights | Promote children’s rights, including through the prohibition of child labor.([4](#_ENREF_4)) |
| French National Police | Oversee the health and safety of children.([1](#_ENREF_1)) |

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for enforcement actions to address child labor, including its worst forms.

# Coordination of Government Efforts on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for mechanisms to coordinate efforts to address child labor, including its worst forms.

# Government Policies on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for policies to address child labor, including its worst forms.

# Social Programs to Address Child Labor

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for social programs to address child labor, including its worst forms.

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4. U.S. Embassy- Paris. *reporting, January 17, 2014*.

5. Library of Congress. *Children's Rights: France*, Library of Congress, [online] [cited March 5, 2013]; <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/child-rights/france.php>.

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7. Government of France. *Décret n° 2013-915 du 11 Octobre 2013 Relatif aux Travaux Interdits et Réglementés pour les Jeunes Agés de Moins de Dix-Huit Ans* enacted October 11, 2013. <http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000028057273&dateTexte=&categorieLien=id>.

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9. Government of France. *Law on National Service Reform* enacted October 1997. <http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000000368950&dateTexte=19971108>.

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11. Child Soldiers International. "Wallis and Futuna," in *Louder Than Words: An Agenda for Action to End State Use of Child Soldiers*. London; 2012; <http://www.child-soldiers.org/global_report_reader.php?id=562>.

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