# Wallis and Futuna

# No Assessment

For the 2013 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 exists in Wallis and Futuna.([1](#_ENREF_1))

# Legal Framework on 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, ratifications of such conventions by France apply to Wallis and Futuna.([2](#_ENREF_2)) (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 has established relevant laws and regulations related to child labor, including its worst forms (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 | Labor Code ([1](#_ENREF_1), [4](#_ENREF_4)) |
| Minimum Age for Hazardous Work | Yes | 18 | Labor Code ([4](#_ENREF_4), [5](#_ENREF_5)) |
| List of Hazardous Occupations Prohibited for Children | Yes |  | Labor Code ([5](#_ENREF_5)); Decree No. 2013-915, Relative to work that is prohibited and regulated for young people less than 18 years ([6](#_ENREF_6)) |
| Prohibition of Forced Labor | Yes |  | Penal Code ([7](#_ENREF_7)) |
| Prohibition of Child Trafficking | Yes |  | Penal Code ([4](#_ENREF_4), [7](#_ENREF_7)) |
| Prohibition of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children | Yes |  | Penal Code ([7](#_ENREF_7)) |
| Prohibition of Using Children in Illicit Activities | Yes |  | Penal Code ([7](#_ENREF_7)) |
| Minimum Age for Compulsory Military Recruitment | N/A\* |  |  |
| Minimum Age for Voluntary Military Service | Combat:  Yes | 18 | Defense Code ([8](#_ENREF_8), [9](#_ENREF_9)) |
| Non-Combat: Yes | 17 |
| Compulsory Education Age | Yes | 16 | Education Code ([4](#_ENREF_4), [10](#_ENREF_10)) |
| Free Public Education | Yes |  | Education Code ([4](#_ENREF_4), [10](#_ENREF_10)) |

\* No conscription or no standing military.

# Enforcement of Laws on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Even though there is no evidence of a problem, the Government 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** |
| Ministry of Labor Inspectors | Enforce labor laws and report violations involving children to local social assistance personnel. Nominated to serve 2-year terms in Wallis and Futuna.([1](#_ENREF_1)) |
| Defender of Rights | Promote children’s rights, including through the prohibition of child labor.([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 coordinating mechanisms 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, in Wallis and Futuna.

# Social Programs to Address the Worst Forms of 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, in Wallis and Futuna.

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