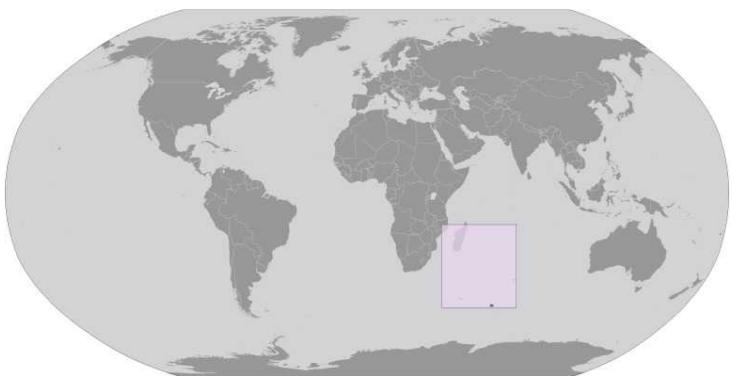
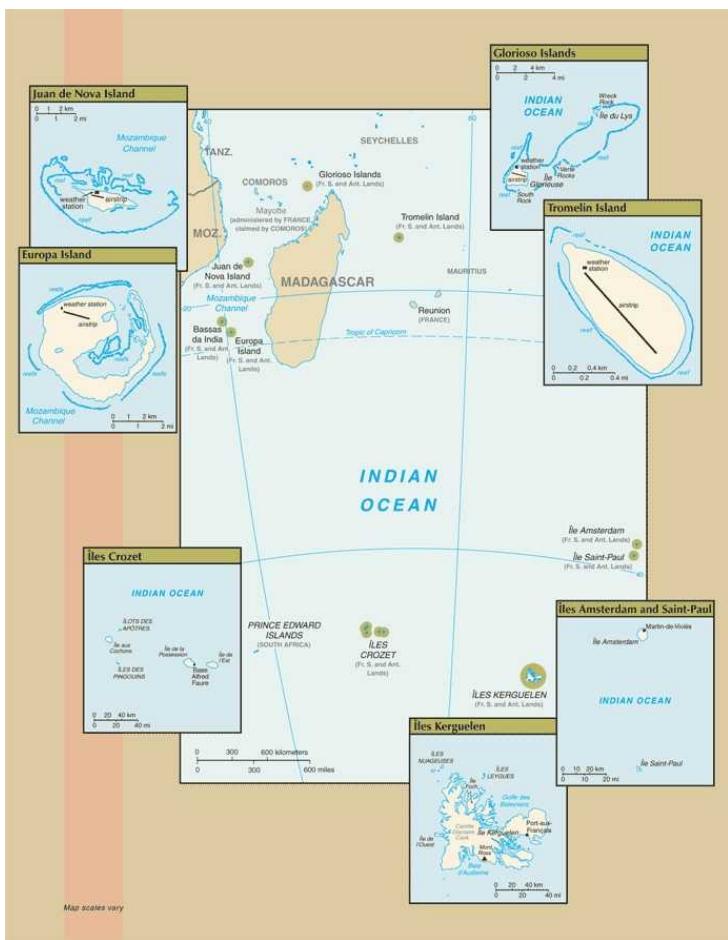




French Southern and Antarctic Lands



Background	The Southern Lands are now divided into five administrative districts, two of which are archipelagos, the Iles Crozet and Iles Kerguelen. The third is a district composed of two volcanic islands, Ile Saint-Paul and Ile Amsterdam. The fourth, Iles Eparses, consists of five scattered tropical islands around Madagascar. They contain no permanent inhabitants and are visited only by researchers studying the native fauna, scientists at the various scientific stations, fishermen, and military personnel. The fifth district is the Antarctic portion, which consists of "Adelie Land."
Climate	Ile Amsterdam et Ile Saint-Paul: oceanic with persistent westerly winds and high humidity; Iles Crozet: windy, cold, wet, and cloudy; Iles Kerguelen: oceanic, cold, overcast, windy; Iles Eparses: tropical
Natural resources	fish, crayfish, note, Glorioso Islands and Tromelin Island (Iles Eparses) have guano, phosphates, and coconuts
Executive branch	chief of state: President Emmanuel MACRON (since 14 May 2017), represented by Prefect Florence JEANBLANC-RISLER (since 5 October 2022)
Economic overview	very small, fishing-based, domestic economic activity; military base servicing
Exports - partners	France 80%, Singapore 5%, Belgium 5%, Poland 3%, Czechia 2% (2022)
Exports - commodities	fish, shellfish, measuring instruments, aluminum products, trunks and cases (2022)
Imports - partners	France 23%, US 13%, Netherlands 12%, Poland 11%, Germany 9% (2022)
Imports - commodities	refined petroleum, surveying equipment, gas turbines, tractors, trucks (2022)