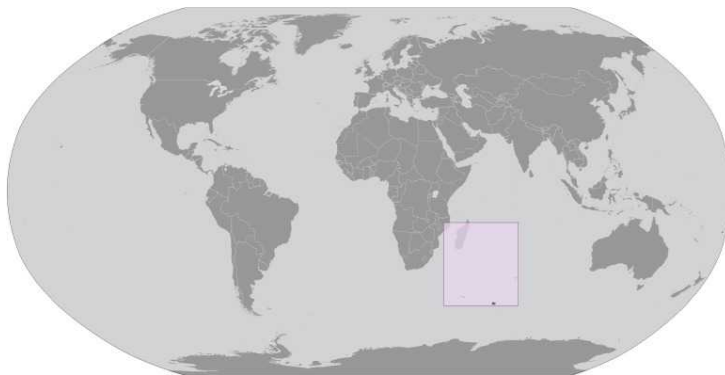
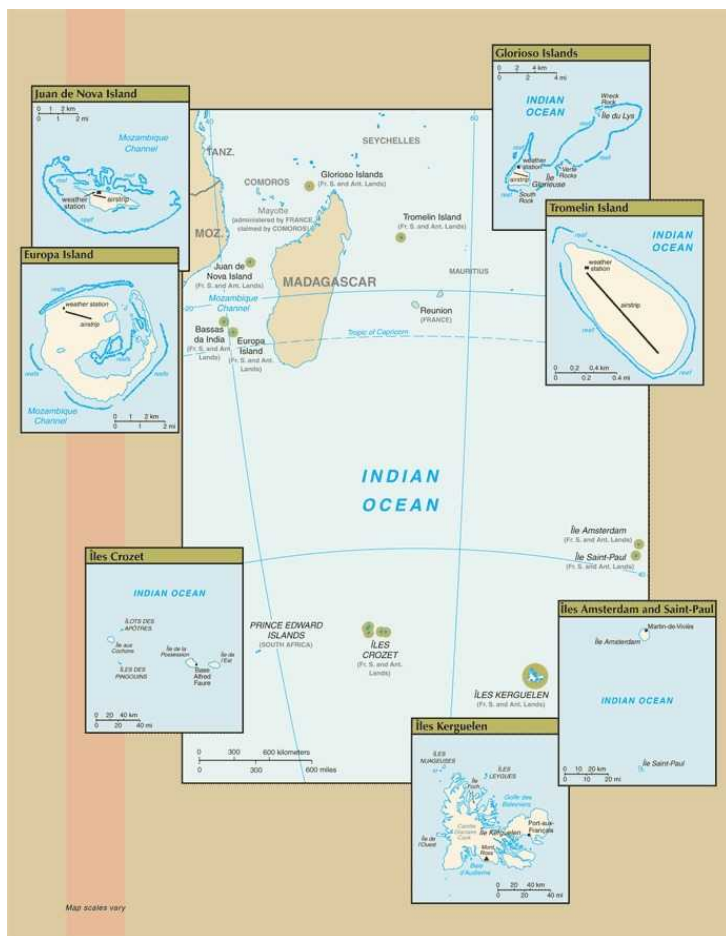




French Southern and Antarctic Lands



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)