

FRENCH SOUTHERN AND ANTARCTIC LANDS



INTRODUCTION

The Southern Lands are now divided into five administrative districts, two of which are archipelagos, 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."

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Emmanuel MACRON

Head of Government

represented by Prefect Charles GIUSTI

Government Type

overseas territory of France

Capital

none (overseas territory of France)

Legislature

none (overseas territory of France)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

see WFB for areas of each island

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

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

very small, fishing-based, domestic economic activity; military base servicing

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

NA

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

NA

Exports

NA

Imports

NA

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

Ile Amsterdam (Ile Amsterdam et Ile Saint-Paul):

uninhabited but has a meteorological station

Ile Saint-Paul (Ile Amsterdam et Ile Saint-Paul): uninhabited but is frequently visited by fishermen and has a scientific research cabin for short stays

Iles Crozet: uninhabited except for 18 to 30 people staffing the Alfred Faure research station on Ile del la Possession

Iles Kerguelen: 50 to 100 scientists are located at the main base at Port-aux-Francais on Ile Kerguelen

Bassas da India (Iles Eparses): uninhabitable

Europa Island, Glorioso Islands, Juan de Nova Island (Iles Eparses): a small French military garrison and a few meteorologists on each possession; visited by scientists

Tromelin Island (Iles Eparses): uninhabited, except for visits by scientists

Population Growth

NA

Ethnicity

no indigenous inhabitants

Language

NA

Religion

NA

Urbanization

NA

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