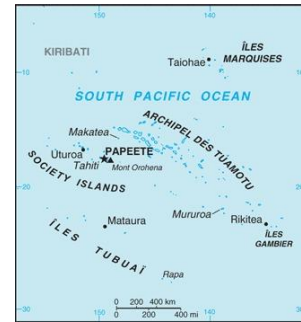


FRENCH POLYNESIA



INTRODUCTION

The French annexed various Polynesian island groups during the 19th century. In 1966, the French Government began testing nuclear weapons on the uninhabited Mururoa Atoll. In September 1995, France stirred up widespread protests by resuming nuclear testing after a three-year moratorium. The tests were halted in January 1996. In recent years, French Polynesia's autonomy has been considerably expanded.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Emmanuel MACRON

Head of Government

President of French Polynesia Edouard FRITCH

Government Type

parliamentary democracy (Assembly of French Polynesia); an overseas collectivity of France

Capital

Papeete

Legislature

unicameral Assembly of French Polynesia or Assemblée de la Polynésie française (57 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 4,167 sq km
Land: 3,827 sq km
Water: 340 sq km

Climate

tropical, but moderate

Natural Resources

timber, fish, cobalt, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

small, territorial-island tourism-based economy; large French financing; lower EU import duties; Pacific Islands Forum member; fairly resilient from COVID-19; oil-dependent infrastructure

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$5.49 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$17,000 (2015 est.)

Industries - tourism, pearls, agricultural processing, handicrafts, phosphates

Agricultural products - coconuts, fruit, roots/tubers, pineapples, cassava, sugarcane, eggs, tropical fruit, tomatoes

Exports \$1.245 billion (2014 est.)

cultured pearls, coconut products, mother-of-pearl, vanilla, shark meat

partners: Japan 23%, Hong Kong 22%, Kyrgyzstan 16%, US 16%, France 12% (2017)

Imports \$2.235 billion (2014 est.)

fuels, foodstuffs, machinery and equipment

partners: France 28%, South Korea 12%, US 10%, China 7%, NZ 7% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

297,150 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.75% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Polynesian 78%,
Chinese 12%, local
French 6%, metropolitan French 4%

Language

French (official) 70%, Polynesian (official) 28.2%, other 1.8% (2012 est.)

Religion

Protestant 54%, Roman Catholic 30%, other 10%, no religion 6%

Urbanization

urban population: 62.1% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 0.65% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

