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Chapter 1

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1.1 257.guide

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Wallis and Futuna

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Header (Wallis and Futuna)
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Affiliation:
 (overseas territory of France)

1.4 257.guide/Geography (Wallis and Futuna)

Geography (Wallis and Futuna)
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Location:
 in the South Pacific Ocean, 4,600 km southwest of Honolulu, about two- thirds
 of the way from Hawaii to New Zealand
 Map references:
 Oceania
 Area:
 total area:
 274 km²
 land area:
 274 km²
 comparative area:
 slightly larger than Washington, DC
 note:
 includes Ile Uvea (Wallis Island), Ile Futuna (Futuna Island), Ile Alofi,
 and 20 islets
 Land boundaries:
 0 km
 Coastline:
 129 km
 Maritime claims:
 exclusive economic zone:
 200 nm
 territorial sea:

12 nm
International disputes:
none
Climate:
tropical; hot, rainy season (November to April); cool, dry season (May to October)
Terrain:
volcanic origin; low hills
Natural resources:
negligible
Land use:
arable land:
5%
permanent crops: 20%
meadows and pastures:
0%
forest and woodland:
0%
other:
75%
Irrigated land:
NA km2
Environment:
both island groups have fringing reefs

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People (Wallis and Futuna)
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Population:
14,175 (July 1993 est.)
Population growth rate:
1.15% (1993 est.)
Birth rate:
26.42 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
Death rate:
5.38 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
Net migration rate:
-9.5 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
Infant mortality rate:
27.59 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
Life expectancy at birth:
total population:
71.2 years
male:
70.54 years
female:
71.9 years (1993 est.)
Total fertility rate:
3.34 children born/woman (1993 est.)
Nationality:
noun:

Wallisian(s), Futunan(s), or Wallis and Futuna Islanders
 adjective:
 Wallisian, Futunan, or Wallis and Futuna Islander
 Ethnic divisions:
 Polynesian
 Religions:
 Roman Catholic
 Languages:
 French, Wallisian (indigenous Polynesian language)
 Literacy:
 all ages can read and write (1969)
 total population:
 50%
 male:
 50%
 female:
 51%
 Labor force:
 NA
 by occupation:
 agriculture, livestock, and fishing 80%, government 4% (est.)

1.6 257.guide/Government (Wallis and Futuna)

Government (Wallis and Futuna)

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Names:
 conventional long form:
 Territory of the Wallis and Futuna Islands
 conventional short form:
 Wallis and Futuna
 local long form:
 Territoire des Iles Wallis et Futuna
 local short form:
 Wallis et Futuna
 Digraph:
 WF
 Type:
 overseas territory of France
 Capital:
 Mata Utu (on Ile Uvea)
 Administrative divisions:
 none (overseas territory of France)
 Independence:
 none (overseas territory of France)
 Constitution:
 28 September 1958 (French Constitution)
 Legal system:
 French legal system
 Political parties and leaders:
 Rally for the Republic (RPR); Union Populaire Locale (UPL); Union Pour la
 Democratie Francaise (UDF); Lua kae tahi (Giscardians); Mouvement des

Radicaux de Gauche (MRG)

Suffrage:
18 years of age; universal

Elections:

Territorial Assembly:
last held 15 March 1987 (next to be held NA March 1992); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (20 total) RPR 7, UPL 5, UDF 4, UNF 4

French Senate:
last held 24 September 1989 (next to be held by NA September 1998); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (1 total) RPR 1

French National Assembly:
last held 21 and 28 March 1992 (next to be held by NA September 1996); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (1 total) MRG 1

Executive branch:
French president, chief administrator; note - there are three traditional kings with limited powers

Legislative branch:
unicameral Territorial Assembly (Assemblée Territoriale)

Judicial branch:
none; justice generally administered under French law by the chief administrator, but the three traditional kings administer customary law and there is a magistrate in Mata Utu

Leaders:

Chief of State:
President Francois MITTERRAND (since 21 May 1981)

Head of Government:
Chief Administrator Robert POMMIES (since 26 September 1990)

Member of:
FZ, SPC

Diplomatic representation in US:
as an overseas territory of France, local interests are represented in the US by France

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Government (Wallis and Futuna 2. usage)

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US diplomatic representation:
none (overseas territory of France)

Flag:
the flag of France is used

1.8 257.guide/Economy (Wallis and Futuna)

Economy (Wallis and Futuna)

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Overview:

The economy is limited to traditional subsistence agriculture, with about 80% of the labor force earning its livelihood from agriculture (coconuts ← and vegetables), livestock (mostly pigs), and fishing. About 4% of the population is employed in government. Revenues come from French Government subsidies, licensing of fishing rights to Japan and South Korea, import taxes, and remittances from expatriate workers in New Caledonia. Wallis and Futuna imports food, fuel, clothing, machinery, and transport equipment, ← but its exports are negligible, consisting of copra and handicrafts.

National product:

GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$25 million (1991 est.)

National product real growth rate:

NA%

National product per capita:

\$1,500 (1991 est.)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

NA%

Unemployment rate:

NA%

Budget:

revenues \$2.7 million; expenditures \$2.7 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (1983)

Exports:

negligible

commodities:

copra, handicrafts

partners:

NA

Imports:

\$13.3 million (c.i.f., 1984)

commodities: foodstuffs, manufactured goods, transportation equipment, ← fuel

partners:

France, Australia, New Zealand

External debt:

\$NA

Industrial production:

growth rate NA%

Electricity:

1,200 kW capacity; 1 million kWh produced, 70 kWh per capita (1990)

Industries:

copra, handicrafts, fishing, lumber

Agriculture:

dominated by coconut production, with subsistence crops of yams, taro, bananas, and herds of pigs and goats

Economic aid:

Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), \$118 million

Currency:

1 CFP franc (CFPF) = 100 centimes

Exchange rates:

Comptoirs Francais du Pacifique francs (CFPF) per US\$1 - 99.65 (January 1993), 96.24 (1992), 102.57 (1991), 99.0 (1990), 115.99 (1989), 108.30 (1988); note - linked at the rate of 18.18 to the French franc

Fiscal year:

NA

1.9 257.guide/Communications (Wallis and Futuna)

Communications (Wallis and Futuna)

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Highways:

100 km on Ile Uvea, 16 km sealed; 20 km earth surface on Ile Futuna

Inland waterways:

none

Ports:

Mata-Utu, Leava

Airports:

total:

2

useable:

2

with permanent-surface runways:

1

with runways over 3,659 m:

0

with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

0

with runways 1,220-2,439 m:

1

Telecommunications:

225 telephones; broadcast stations - 1 AM, no FM, no TV

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Defense Forces (Wallis and Futuna)

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Note:

defense is the responsibility of France