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Chapter 1

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1.1 202.guide

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1.2 202.guide/Saint Helena

Saint Helena

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1.3 202.guide/Header (Saint Helena)

Header (Saint Helena)
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Affiliation:
(dependent territory of the UK)

1.4 202.guide/Geography (Saint Helena)

Geography (Saint Helena)
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Location:
in the South Atlantic Ocean, 1,920 km west of Angola, about two-thirds of
the way between South America and Africa
Map references:
Africa
Area:
total area:
410 km²
land area:
410 km²
comparative area:
slightly more than 2.3 times the size of Washington, DC
note:
includes Ascension, Gough Island, Inaccessible Island, Nightingale Island,
and Tristan da Cunha
Land boundaries:
0 km
Coastline:
60 km
Maritime claims:
exclusive fishing zone:
200 nm
territorial sea:
12 nm
International disputes:

none
 Climate:
 tropical; marine; mild, tempered by trade winds
 Terrain:
 rugged, volcanic; small scattered plateaus and plains
 Natural resources:
 fish; Ascension is a breeding ground for sea turtles and sooty terns, no
 minerals
 Land use:
 arable land:
 7%
 permanent crops:
 0% meadows and pastures:
 7%
 forest and woodland:
 3%
 other:
 83%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 very few perennial streams
 Note:
 Napoleon Bonaparte's place of exile and burial; harbors at least 40 species
 of plants unknown anywhere else in the world

1.5 202.guide/People (Saint Helena)

People (Saint Helena)
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Population:
 6,720 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 0.32% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 9.82 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 6.67 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 0 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 38.39 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 74.43 years
 male:
 72.36 years
 female:
 76.27 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 1.16 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:

noun:
 Saint Helenian(s)
 adjective:
 Saint Helenian
 Ethnic divisions:
 NA
 Religions:
 Anglican (majority), Baptist, Seventh-Day Adventist, Roman Catholic
 Languages:
 English
 Literacy:
 age 15 and over can read and write (1987)
 total population:
 98%
 male:
 97% female:
 98%
 Labor force:
 2,516
 by occupation:
 professional, technical, and related workers 8.7%, managerial,
 administrative, and clerical 12.8%, sales people 8.1%, farmer, fishermen,
 etc. 5.4%, craftspersons, production process workers 14.7%, others 50.3%
 (1987)

1.6 202.guide/Government (Saint Helena)

Government (Saint Helena)
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Names:
 conventional long form:
 none
 conventional short form:
 Saint Helena
 Digraph:
 SH
 Type:
 dependent territory of the UK
 Capital:
 Jamestown
 Administrative divisions:
 1 administrative area and 2 dependencies*; Ascension*, Saint Helena, ↵
 Tristan, da Cunha*,
 Independence:
 none (dependent territory of the UK)
 Constitution:
 1 January 1989
 Legal system:
 NA
 National holiday:
 Celebration of the Birthday of the Queen, 10 June 1989 (second Saturday in
 June)

Political parties and leaders:

Saint Helena Labor Party; Saint Helena Progressive Party

note:

both political parties inactive since 1976

Suffrage:

NA

Elections:

Legislative Council:

last held October 1984 (next to be held NA); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (15 total, 12 elected) number of seats by party NA

Executive branch:

British monarch, governor commander-in-chief, Executive Council (cabinet)

Legislative branch:

unicameral Legislative Council

Judicial branch:

Supreme Court

Leaders:

Chief of State:

Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952) Head of Government:

Governor A. N. HOOLE (since NA)

Member of:

ICFTU

Diplomatic representation in US:

none (dependent territory of the UK)

US diplomatic representation:

none (dependent territory of the UK)

Flag:

blue with the flag of the UK in the upper hoist-side quadrant and the Saint Helenian shield centered on the outer half of the flag; the shield features a rocky coastline and three-masted sailing ship

1.7 202.guide/Economy (Saint Helena)

Economy (Saint Helena)

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Overview:

The economy depends primarily on financial assistance from the UK. The local ←

population earns some income from fishing, the raising of livestock, and sales of handicrafts. Because there are few jobs, a large proportion of the work force has left to seek employment overseas.

National product:

GDP \$NA

National product real growth rate:

NA%

National product per capita:

\$NA

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

-1.1% (1986)

Unemployment rate:

NA%

Budget:

revenues \$3.2 million; expenditures \$2.9 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (1984)

Exports:

\$23,900 (f.o.b., 1984)

commodities:

fish (frozen and salt-dried skipjack, tuna), handicrafts

partners:

South Africa, UK

Imports:

\$2.4 million (c.i.f., 1984)

commodities:

food, beverages, tobacco, fuel oils, animal feed, building materials, motor vehicles and parts, machinery and parts

partners:

UK, South Africa

External debt:

\$NA

Industrial production:

growth rate NA%

Electricity:

9,800 kW capacity; 10 million kWh produced, 1,390 kWh per capita (1989)

Industries:

crafts (furniture, lacework, fancy woodwork), fishing

Agriculture:

maize, potatoes, vegetables; timber production being developed; crawfishing on Tristan da Cunha

Economic aid:

Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), \$198 million

Currency:

1 Saint Helenian pound (#S) = 100 pence

Exchange rates:

Saint Helenian pounds (#S) per US\$1 - 0.6527 (January 1993), 0.5664 (1992), 0.5652 (1991), 0.5603 (1990), 0.6099 (1989), 0.5614 (1988); note - the ← Saint Helenian pound is at par with the British pound

Fiscal year:

1 April - 31 March

1.8 202.guide/Communications (Saint Helena)

Communications (Saint Helena)

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Highways:

87 km paved roads and 20 km earth roads on Saint Helena; 80 km paved roads on Ascension; 2.7 km paved roads on Tristan da Cunha

Ports:

Jamestown (Saint Helena), Georgetown (Ascension)

Airports:

total:

1

useable:

1
with permanent-surface runways:
1
with runways over 3,659 m:
0
with runways 2,440-3,659 m:
1
with runways 1,220-2,439 m:
0
Telecommunications:
1,500 radio receivers; broadcast stations - 1 AM, no FM, no TV; 550
telephones in automatic network; HF radio links to Ascension, then into
worldwide submarine cable and satellite networks; major coaxial submarine
cable relay point between South Africa, Portugal, and UK at Ascension; 2
Atlantic Ocean INTELSAT earth stations

1.9 202.guide/Defense Forces (Saint Helena)

Defense Forces (Saint Helena)
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Note:
defense is the responsibility of the UK