

# Norfolk Island

(territory of Australia)

## Geography

Location: Oceania, island in the South Pacific Ocean, east of Australia

Area:

total area: 34.6 sq km

land area: 34.6 sq km

Land boundaries: 0 km

Coastline: 32 km

Maritime claims:

exclusive fishing zone: 200 nm

territorial sea: 3 nm

Climate: subtropical, mild, little seasonal temperature variation

Terrain: volcanic formation with mostly rolling plains

Natural resources: fish

Land use:

arable land: 0%

permanent crops: 0%

meadows and pastures: 25%

forest and woodland: 0%

other: 75%

Environment:

natural hazards: typhoons (especially May to July)

## People

Population: 2,756 (July 1995 est.)

Population growth rate: 1.69% (1995 est.)

Nationality:

noun: Norfolk Islander(s)

adjective: Norfolk Islander(s)

Ethnic divisions: descendants of the Bounty mutineers, Australian, New Zealander

Religions: Anglican 39%, Roman Catholic 11.7%, Uniting Church in Australia 16.4%, Seventh-Day Adventist 4.4%, none 9.2%, unknown 16.9%, other 2.4% (1986)

Languages: English (official), Norfolk a mixture of 18th century English and ancient Tahitian

## Government

Names:

conventional long form: Territory of Norfolk Island

conventional short form: Norfolk Island

Type: territory of Australia

Capital: Kingston (administrative center); Burnt Pine (commercial center)

Administrative divisions: none (territory of Australia)

Independence: none (territory of Australia)

National holiday: Pitcairners Arrival Day Anniversary, 8 June (1856)

Constitution: Norfolk Island Act of 1979

Suffrage: 18 years of age; universal

Flag: three vertical bands of green (hoist side), white, and green with a large green Norfolk Island pine tree centered in the slightly wider white band

## Economy

Overview: The primary economic activity is tourism, which has brought a level of prosperity unusual among inhabitants of the Pacific islands. Revenues from tourism have given the island a favorable balance of trade and helped the agricultural sector to become self-sufficient in the production of beef, poultry, and eggs.

Industries: tourism

Agriculture: Norfolk Island pine seed, Kentia palm seed, cereals, vegetables, fruit, cattle, poultry

Transportation

Railroads: 0 km

Highways:  
total: 80 km

Ports: none; loading jetties at Kingston and Cascade

Airports:  
total: 1

Defence Forces

Note: defence is the responsibility of Australia