

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Capital: Port Moresby

GEODATA

Area

462,840 km²

Major languages

English, pidgin English, Motu

Major religious groups

Indigenous beliefs (34%), Roman Catholic (22%), Lutheran (16%)

Surrounding country

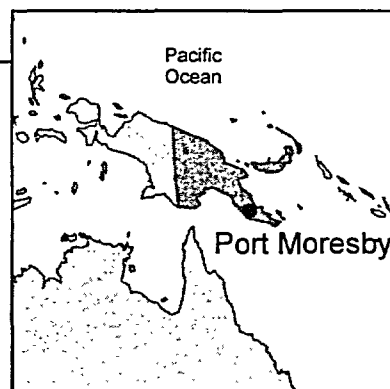
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Population

5.3 million (2001 est.)

Population growth rate

2.4% (2001 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

National legislature

Single chamber: National Parliament; multiparty

Leaders

Governor General Silas Atopare

Prime Minister Michael Somare

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Rabbie Namaliu

Minister for Trade and Industry

Alla Marat

UN Human Development Index (2002)

Papua New Guinea ranks 133rd among 173 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$1.07 million (2001-02)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$3 billion US (2001)

GDP growth rate

-3.5% (2001)

GDP per capita

\$2,150 US (2001, PPP)

Main exports

Crude oil, gold, copper, coffee, palm oil, forest products, copra oil, cocoa, copra

Main imports

Machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, food, live animals, mineral fuel and lubricants, chemicals

Canadian imports from Papua New Guinea

\$7.9 million (2001), including ores, coffee, cocoa, machinery

Canadian exports to Papua New Guinea

\$2.3 million (2001), including machinery, paper products, tools

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