

INDONESIA  
FACT SHEET

1. **PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

	<u>Indonesia</u>	<u>Canada</u>
Area:	1,904,000 sq. km.	9,203,054 sq. km.
Land Use:	64% forests; 24% inland water; 12% small holding	7.3% agriculture; 35% forest; 54% wilderness (including 8.2% water); 2.8% other

2. **DEMOGRAPHY** (1982 estimates unless otherwise indicated)

Population:	147 million	24.625 million
Average Annual Growth:	2.3%	1%
Population Density:	79 inhabitants per sq. km.	2.6 inhabitants (1981) per sq. km.
Population Distribution:	83% rural	75.7% urban
Birth Rate per 1,000:	35	15.5 (1980)
Infant Mortality per 1,000:	91	10.4 (1980)
Life Expectancy:	50 years	74 years
Doctors per 1,000:	0.74	1.86
Refugees:	5,900 Vietnamese boat people	

3. **SOCIETY**

Ethnic Composition:

Native Indonesians (of Malay stock) comprise the overwhelming majority of the populace on all major islands, except West Irian where Papuans predominate. Ethnic Chinese comprise the largest non-indigenous ethnic group (est. 3%)

Religion:

90% of the population is Muslim. There are over 3 million Christians, over 70% of whom are Protestant. The Hindu population (centred on Bali) is a little over 2 million.

Language:

Bahasa Indonesia--based on Malay--is the official language. Other languages (e.g. Javanese, Sundanese, Balinese) are also spoken locally. No single Chinese dialect predominates in the Chinese community.

4. **GOVERNMENT**

Head of State & Government: President Soeharto

Vice President: Adam Malik

Minister of Foreign Affairs: Professor Dr. Mochtar Kusumaatmadja

Type of Government:

The Republic of Indonesia proclaimed its independence from the Netherlands on August 17, 1945, which formally transferred sovereignty to the new state on December 27, 1949. On August 15, 1962, the Netherlands also agreed to transfer Irian Jaya (West Irian, the western part of the island of New Guinea) to Indonesia. On July 17, 1976 East Timor was incorporated into Indonesia becoming the country's 27th province. On July 5, 1959 a presidential decree restored the original Constitution of August 1945, which had been replaced by provisional