VANUATU

Capital: Port Vila

GEODATA

Area

12,190 km²

Major languages

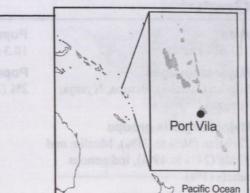
English, French (both official), Bislama

Major religious groups

Presbyterian (37%), Anglican (15%), Roman Catholic (15%), indigenous beliefs (8%), Seventh-Day Adventist (6%), Church of Christ (4%)

Surrounding countries

Fiji, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Single chamber: Parliament; multiparty

Leaders

President John Bani

Prime Minister Edward Nipake Natapei

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Jean-Alain Mahe

Minister of Trade, Tourism and Economic Cooperation

Serge Vohor, Deputy Prime Minister

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Not listed

Population

1.7% (2000 est.)

192,910 (July 2001 est.)

Population growth rate

Canadian official development assistance

\$1.77 million (2000-01)

Unemployment rate

Inflation rate

Not available

2.5% (1999 est.)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$228.3 million US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

2.8% (2000)

GDP per capita

\$1,200 US (2000 est.)

Main exports

Copra, beef, cocoa, kava, timber, coffee

Main imports

Machines and vehicles, food and beverages, manufactured goods, raw materials and fuels, chemicals

Main exports to Canada

\$149,000 (2000), including fish and seafood, spices, coffee, tea, knit apparel, animal-based products

Main imports from Canada

\$12,000 (2000), including machinery, wire and rods for soldering, vehicles (not railway), plastic, electrical machinery

Canadian Representative

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