

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

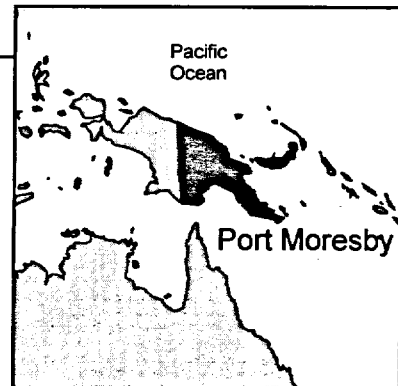
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Population

5.1 million (2001 est.)

Population growth rate

2.5% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

National legislature

Single chamber: National Parliament; multiparty

Leaders

Governor General Silas Atopare

Prime Minister Mekere Morauta

Minister for Foreign Affairs

John Pundari

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Papua New Guinea ranks 122nd among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$930,000 (1999-2000)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$5 billion US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

3.9% (1999 est.)

GDP per capita

\$946 US (2000 est.)

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

Main exports to Canada

\$500,000 (2000), including spices, coffee, tea, electrical machinery, fish and seafood, art and antiques, aircraft

Main imports from Canada

\$2.4 million (2000), including machinery, cardboard boxes, electrical machinery, tools, base metal cutlery, meat

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