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Fact Sheet

General Information

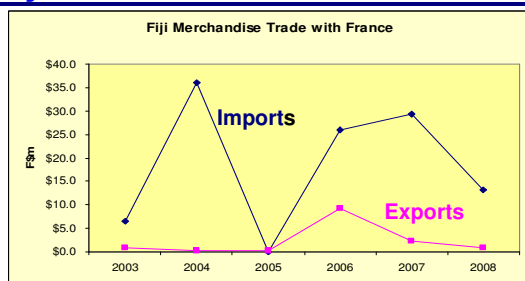
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Capital	Paris	Official Language	French
Surface Area	552 thousand sq km	Literacy Rate	99%
Head of State	President H.E Mr Nicolas Sarkozy	Natural Resources	Coal, Iron ore, bauxite, Zinc, uranium, antimony, arsenic, potash, feldspa, fluorspar, gypsum, timber, fish.
Head of Government	Prime Minister Mr Francois Fillon	Export Commodities	Machinery and transportation equipment, aircraft, plastics, chemicals, pharmaceutical products, iron and steel, beverages.
Population	64.1 million (2008)	Import Commodities	Machinery and equipment, vehicles, crude oil, aircraft, plastics, chemicals.
Exchange Rate	1 FJD = 0.345158 EUR (June09)	Agriculture Products	Wheat, cereals, sugar beets, potatoes, wine grapes, beef, dairy products, fish.
		Major Industries	Machinery, chemicals, automobiles, metallurgy, aircraft, electronics; textiles, food processing; tourism.

Economic Indicators

	2009 ¹	2008 ²	2007	2006	2005	2004
GDP (US\$bn) current prices	2,499.1	2,843.1	2,401.4	2,127.2	2,127.2	2,059.7
GDP per Capita (US\$)	39,922	45,858	37,899	35,404	33,925	33,048
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) ³	33,334	34,208	33,424	32,059	30,542	29,257
Real GDP growth (% change YOY)	-3.0	1.4	1.9	2.0	1.7	2.5
Current Account Balance (US\$m)	-8,891	-66,999	-51,972	-46,304	-33,577	-6,966
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	-0.4	-2.4	-2.2	-2.1	-1.6	-0.3
Goods & Services Exports (% of GDP)	22.2	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.1	25.8
Inflation (% change YOY)	0.5	2.5	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.3

Fiji's Merchandise Trade with France



Fiji/France Balance on Trade (BOT) (F\$ million)

Yr	Total Imports	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	BOT
2003	\$6.5	\$0.9	\$0.010	\$0.9	(\$5.6)
2004	\$36.0	\$0.2	\$0.004	\$0.2	(\$35.8)
2005	\$0.1	\$0.2	\$0.003	\$0.2	\$0.1
2006	\$25.9	\$8.9	\$0.3	\$9.2	(\$16.7)
2007	\$29.3	\$2.1	\$0.2	\$2.3	(\$27.0)
2008	\$13.2	\$0.5	\$0.4	\$0.9	(\$12.30)

Fiji Merchandise Trade with France, 2008

Fiji's Major Domestic Exports to France (\$Fm)		Major Imports from France (\$Fm)	
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (mainly Tunas)	\$0.2	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	\$4.3
Articles of apparels and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted.	\$0.1	Plastics and articles thereof	\$3.0
Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.	\$0.06	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	\$1.9
Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers.	\$0.03	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	\$1.2
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks of base metal; parts thereof of base metal.	\$0.03	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	\$0.9

France's Global Merchandise Trade Relationship 2008

Major French Exports (% of total exports (US\$598.2bn))		France's main export destination (%)		Major French Imports (% of total imports (US\$690bn))		France's main import source (%)	
1. Intermediate goods	30.6	1. Germany	14.8	1. Intermediate goods	29.0	1. Germany	16.0
2. Investment goods	24.1	2. Italy	8.5	2. Investment goods	19.2	2. Italy	8.2
3. Consumer goods	15.4	3. Spain	8.4	3. Energy	17.3	3. Spain	6.7
4. Motor vehicles & transport equipment	11.3	4. UK	8.0	4. Consumer goods	15.2	4. Belgium	6.6

[June 09]: All data are subject to revision. Compiled using the latest data from Reserve Bank of Fiji, IMF, FIBOS and other various international sources.

¹ IMF forecast;

² All recent data subject to revision.

³ PPP is purchasing power parity.