



VANUATU

Fact Sheet

General Information

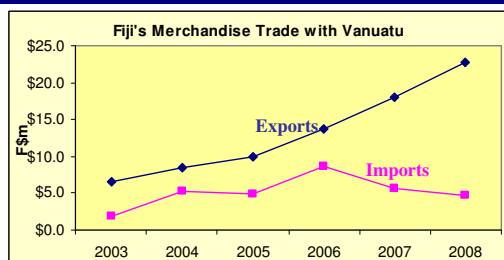
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Capital	Vila	Export Commodities	Copra, beef, cocoa, timber, kava, coffee
Surface Area	12.2 thousand sq km	Import Commodities	Machinery and equipment, foodstuffs, fuels
Head of State	H.E. President Kalkot Matas Kelekele	Natural Resources	Manganese, hardwood forests, fish
Head of Government	Prime Minister The Hon Edward Naipaka Natapei	Agriculture Products	Copra, coconuts, cocoa, coffee, taro, yams, taro, fruits, vegetables, beef, fish
Official Language	Bislama, English, French	Industries	food and fish freezing, wood processing, meat canning
Population	235,000 (2008)		
Exchange Rate	1 FJD = 49.3760 Vatu (June 08)		

Economic Indicators

	2009 ¹	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices)	554	573	507	416	370	329
GDP per Capita (US\$)	2,301	2,442	2,218	1,865	1,701	1,555
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	3.0	6.6	6.8	7.4	6.5	5.5
Current Account Balance (US\$m)	-29	-36	-30	-17	-27	-16
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	-5.3	-6.2	-5.9	-4.1	-7.4	-5.0
Goods & Services Exports (% GDP)	n.a	44.6	43.3	44.1	47.8	48.8
Inflation (% CHANGE YOY)	4.3	4.8	3.9	2.0	1.2	1.4

Fiji Merchandise Trade relationship with Vanuatu



These figure do not include re-exports

Fiji/Vanuatu Balance of Trade(BOT) (F\$m)

	Total Imports	Domestic Exports	Re-exports	Total Exports	BOT
2003	\$1.8	\$6.6	\$2.5	\$9.1	\$7.3
2004	\$5.2	\$8.4	\$1.3	\$9.7	\$4.5
2005	\$4.9	\$9.9	\$9.5	\$19.4	\$14.5
2006	\$8.6	\$13.7	\$2.0	\$15.7	\$7.1
2007	\$5.6	\$18.1	\$3.0	\$21.1	\$15.5
2008	\$4.7	\$22.8	\$22.0	\$44.8	\$40.1

Source: Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics (FBOS)

Fiji Merchandise Trade relationship with Vanuatu, 2008

Fiji's Major Domestic Exports to Vanuatu (F\$ million)		Fiji's Major Imports from Vanuatu (F\$)	
Sweet biscuits	\$4.0	Kava	\$4.3
Wheat or meslin flour	\$2.5	Personal and household effects	\$0.3
Portland cement	\$2.4	Telephone sets, including telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks:	\$0.08
Corned Meat	\$1.4	Pigments (including metallic powders and flakes in liquid or paste form, of a kind used in the manufacture of paints	\$0.06
Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products (for example, corn flakes); cereals, other than maize (corn) in grain form or in the form of flakes or other worked grains (except flour, groats and meal)	\$1.0	Metal furniture of a kind used in offices	\$0.04

Vanuatu's Global Merchandise Trade, 2007

Major Vanuatu Exports	Vanuatu's main merchandise export destination (%)	Major Vanuatu Imports	Vanuatu's main merchandise import source, (%)
• Copra	1. Thailand 58.3	• Machinery & Equipment	1. Australia 20.7
• Beef	2. India 18.5	• Foodstuffs	2. Singapore 11.6
• Cocoa	3. Japan 11.3	• Fuel	3. New Zealand 11.2

[June09]: All data are subject to revision

Compiled using the latest data from the IMF, Market Information & Analysis Section, DFAT, RBF, CIA & FIBOS

¹ IMF April 09 forecast