GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Emmanuel MACRON

Head of Government
represented by Prefect Cecile POZZO DI BORGO

Government Type
overseas territory of France

Capital
none (overseas territory of France); the Southern Lands are now divided into five administrative districts, two of which are archipelagos, Iles Crozet and Iles Kerguelen; the third is a district composed of two volcanic islands, Ile Saint-Paul and Ile Amsterdam; the fourth, Iles Eparses, consists of five scattered tropical islands around Madagascar

Legislature
none (overseas territory of France)

Judiciary
the laws of France, where applicable, apply

Ambassador to US
none (overseas territory of France)

US Ambassador
none (overseas territory of France)

GEOGRAPHY

Area
see WFB for areas of each island

Climate
Ile Amsterdam et Ile Saint-Paul: oceanic with persistent westerly winds and high humidity;
Iles Crozet: windy, cold, wet, and cloudy;
Iles Kerguelen: oceanic, cold, overcast, windy; Iles Eparses: tropical

Natural Resources
fish, crayfish, note, Glorioso Islands and Tromelin Island (Iles Eparses) have guano, phosphates, and coconuts

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
economic activity is limited to servicing meteorological and geophysical research stations, military bases, and French and other fishing fleets; the fish catches landed on Iles Kerguelen by foreign ships are exported to France and Reunion

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
NA

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
NA

Exports
NA

Imports
NA

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
Ile Amsterdam (Ile Amsterdam et Ile Saint-Paul): uninhabited but has a meteorological station
Ile Saint-Paul (Ile Amsterdam et Ile Saint-Paul): uninhabited but is frequently visited by fishermen and has a scientific research cabin for short stays
Iles Crozet: uninhabited except for 18 to 30 people staffing the Alfred Faure research station on Ile de la Possession
Iles Kerguelen: 50 to 100 scientists are located at the main base at Port-aux-Francais on Ile Kerguelen
Bassas da India (Iles Eparses): uninhabitable
Europa Island, Glorioso Islands, Juan de Nova Island (Iles Eparses): a small French military garrison and a few meteorologists on each possession; visited by scientists
Tromelin Island (Iles Eparses): uninhabited, except for visits by scientists

Population Growth
NA

Ethnicity
no indigenous inhabitants

Language
NA

Religion
NA

Urbanization
NA