INTRODUCTION
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. They contain no permanent inhabitants and are visited only by researchers studying the native fauna, scientists at the various scientific stations, fishermen, and military personnel. The fifth district is the Antarctic portion, which consists of “Adelie Land.”

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Emmanuel MACRON
Head of Government
represented by Prefect Charles GIUSTI
Government Type
overseas territory of France
Capital
none (overseas territory of France)
Legislature
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

as of March 2022

Economy
Economic Overview
very small, fishing-based, domestic economic activity; military base servicing
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