

COOK ISLANDS

Fact Sheet

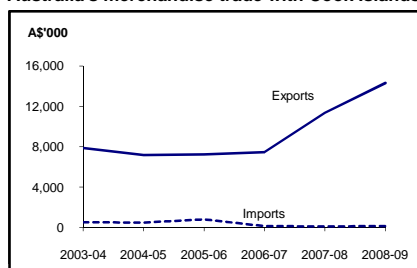
General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

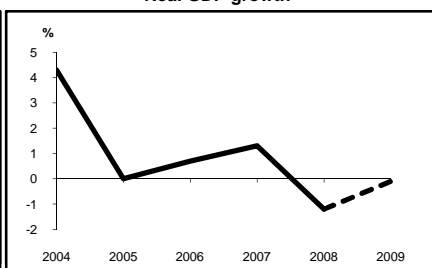
Capital:	Avarua	Head of State:	HM Queen Elizabeth II represented by the
Surface area:	240 sq km		Governor-General HE Sir Frederick Goodwin
Official language:	English	Head of Government:	Prime Minister The Hon Jim Marurai
Population:	12,400 (2009)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = NZ\$ 1.2354 (Aug 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices):	171.6	184.1	180.3	202.1	206.8	na
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	na	na	na	na	na	na
GDP per capita (US\$):	13,838	15,601	12,974	15,310	16,809	na
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	na	na	na	na	na	na
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	4.3	0.0	0.7	1.3	-1.2	-0.1
Current account balance (US\$m):	12	21	19	13	10	12
Current account balance (% GDP):	7.0	11.5	10.4	6.2	4.5	5.0
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	68.4	73.3	80.9	97.9	92.1	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	0.9	2.5	3.4	2.5	7.8	6.5

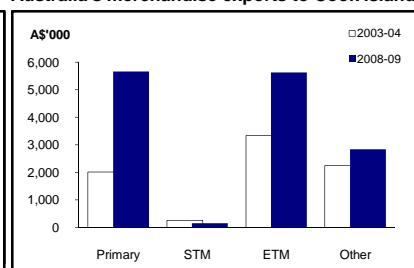
Australia's merchandise trade with Cook Islands



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Cook Islands



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Cook Islands (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Cook Islands, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Cook Islands (A\$'000):	14,288	0.0%	111th	26.0%
Imports from Cook Islands (A\$'000):	104	0.0%	177th	30.0%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	14,392	0.0%	134th	26.0%

Major Australian exports, 2008-09* (A\$'000):

Liquefied propane & butane	3,162
Rotating electric plant & parts	2,225
Tobacco, manufactured	825
Alcoholic beverages	655

Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$'000):

Gold coin & legal tender coin	61
Artwork & antiques	11
Pearls & gems	10
Ships & boats (incl hovercraft)	8

*Includes A\$2.8m of confidential items and special transactions, 20% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Cook Islands, 2008-09:

		Total share:
Exports of services to Cook Islands (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Cook Islands (A\$m):	na	na

Australia's investment relationship with Cook Islands, 2008 (e):

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Cook Islands (A\$m):	28	28
Cook Islands' investment in Australia (A\$m):	np	np

Cook Islands' global merchandise trade relationships:

Cook Islands' principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Japan	48.4%
2	New Zealand	12.5%
3	Australia	2.4%

Cook Islands' principal import sources, 2008:

1	New Zealand	66.8%
2	Fiji	17.1%
3	Australia	5.4%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) ADB forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding; (e) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published.