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Chapter 1

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1.1 53.guide

Texified version of data for Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

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Cocos (Keeling) Islands

1.2 53.guide/Cocos (Keeling) Islands

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1.3 53.guide/Header (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

Header (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

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Affiliation:
 (territory of Australia)

1.4 53.guide/Geography (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

Geography (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

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Location:
 in the Indian Ocean, 1,070 km southwest of Indonesia, about halfway between
 Australia and Sri Lanka

Map references:
 Southeast Asia

Area:
 total area:
 14 km²
 land area:
 14 km²
 comparative area:
 about 24 times the size of the Mall in Washington, DC

note:
 includes the two main islands of West Island and Home Island

Land boundaries: 0 km

Coastline:
 2.6 km

Maritime claims:
 exclusive fishing zone:
 200 nm
 territorial sea:
 3 nm

International disputes:
 none

Climate:
 pleasant, modified by the southeast trade wind for about nine months of the
 year; moderate rain fall

Terrain:
 flat, low-lying coral atolls

Natural resources:

fish
 Land use:
 arable land:
 0%
 permanent crops:
 0%
 meadows and pastures:
 0%
 forest and woodland:
 0%
 other:
 100%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 two coral atolls thickly covered with coconut palms and other vegetation

1.5 53.guide/People (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

People (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

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Population:
 593 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 -0.53% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 NA births/1,000 population
 Death rate:
 NA deaths/1,000 population
 Net migration rate:
 NA migrant(s)/1,000 population
 Infant mortality rate:
 NA deaths/1,000 live births
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 NA years
 male:
 NA years
 female:
 NA years
 Total fertility rate:
 NA children born/women
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Cocos Islander(s)
 adjective:
 Cocos Islander
 Ethnic divisions:
 West Island:
 Europeans
 Home Island:
 Cocos Malays

Religions:
 Sunni Muslims
 Languages:
 English
 Literacy:
 total population:
 NA%
 male:
 NA%
 female:
 NA%
 Labor force:
 NA

1.6 53.guide/Government (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

Government (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

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Names:
 conventional long form:
 Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
 conventional short form:
 Cocos (Keeling) Islands
 Digraph:
 CK
 Type:
 territory of Australia
 Capital:
 West Island
 Administrative divisions:
 none (territory of Australia)
 Independence:
 none (territory of Australia)
 Constitution:
 Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act of 1955
 Legal system:
 based upon the laws of Australia and local laws
 National holiday:
 NA
 Political parties and leaders:
 NA
 Suffrage:
 NA
 Elections: NA
 Executive branch:
 British monarch, governor general of Australia, administrator, chairman of
 the Islands Council
 Legislative branch:
 unicameral Islands Council
 Judicial branch:
 Supreme Court
 Leaders:

Chief of State:
 Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952)
 Head of Government:
 Administrator B. CUNNINGHAM (since NA); Chairman of the Islands Council ↔
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 WAHIN bin Bynie (since NA)
 Member of:
 none
 Diplomatic representation in US:
 none (territory of Australia)
 US diplomatic representation:
 none (territory of Australia)
 Flag:
 the flag of Australia is used

1.7 53.guide/Economy (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

Economy (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

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Overview:
 Grown throughout the islands, coconuts are the sole cash crop. Copra and fresh coconuts are the major export earners. Small local gardens and ↔ fishing contribute to the food supply, but additional food and most other necessities must be imported from Australia.
 National product:
 GDP \$NA
 National product real growth rate:
 NA%
 National product per capita:
 \$NA
 Inflation rate (consumer prices):
 NA%
 Budget:
 revenues \$NA; expenditures \$NA, including capital expenditures of \$NA
 Exports:
 \$NA
 commodities:
 copra
 partners:
 Australia
 Imports:
 \$NA
 commodities:
 foodstuffs
 partners:
 Australia
 External debt:
 \$NA
 Industrial production:
 growth rate NA%
 Electricity:

1,000 kW capacity; 2 million kWh produced, 2,980 kWh per capita (1990)
 Industries:
 copra products
 Agriculture:
 gardens provide vegetables, bananas, pawpaws, coconuts
 Economic aid:
 none
 Currency:
 1 Australian dollar (\$A) = 100 cents
 Exchange rates:
 Australian dollars (\$A) per US\$1 - 1.4837 (January 1993), 1.3600 (1992),
 1.2836 (1991), 1.2799 (1990), 1.2618 (1989), 1.2752 (1988)
 Fiscal year:
 1 July - 30 June

1.8 53.guide/Communications (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

Communications (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

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Ports:
 none; lagoon anchorage only
 Airports:
 total:
 1
 useable:
 1
 with permanent-surface runways:
 1
 with runways over 3,659 m:
 0
 with runways 2,440-3,659 m:
 0
 with runways 1,220-2,439 m:
 1
 Telecommunications:
 250 radios (1985); linked by telephone, telex, and facsimile communications
 via satellite with Australia; broadcast stations - 1 AM, no FM, no TV

1.9 53.guide/Defense Forces (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

Defense Forces (Cocos (Keeling) Islands)

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Note:
 defense is the responsibility of Australia