

# Republic of Fiji



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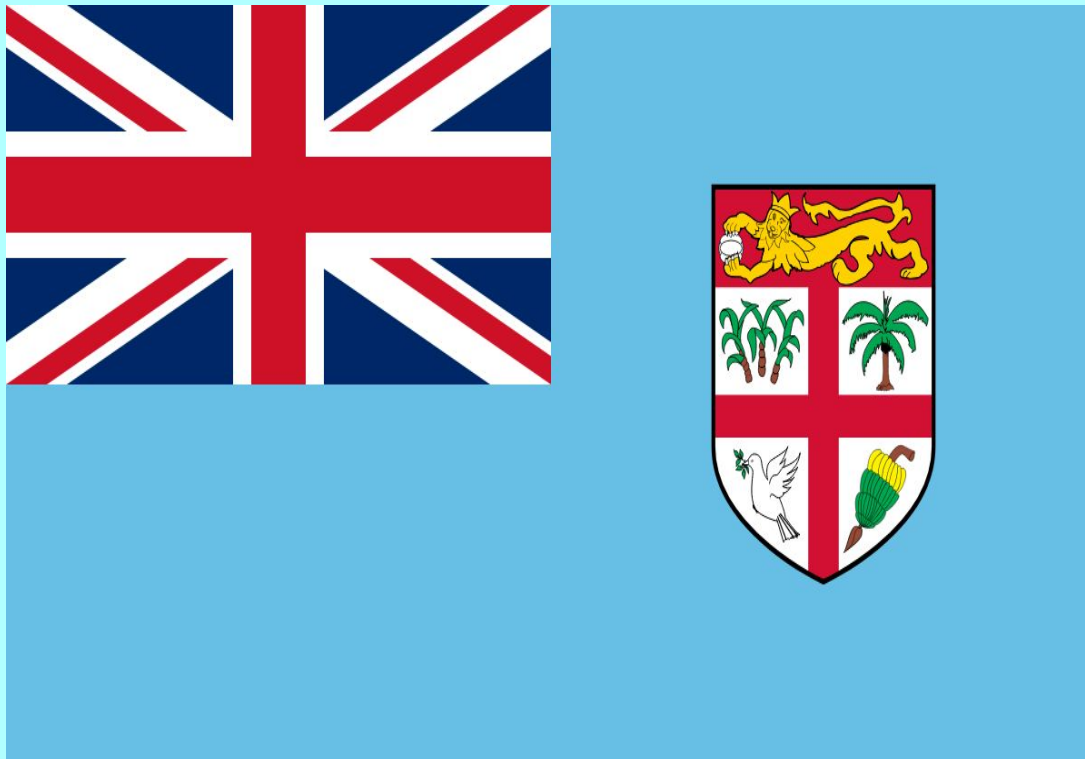
**FIJI** is an independent state in Oceania.  
Located on the Fiji archipelago in the  
southwest Pacific.



**Fiji** is ranked 156 in the world in terms of population. This is about 849,000 people. The capital of the country is Suva.



**The state flag of Fiji** - adopted on October 10, 1970. Designed by the British Roby Wilcock and Murray McKenzie.



- The flag of Great Britain symbolizes the historical connection of the country with its former metropolis.
- Sugarcane, bananas, coconut palms form the basis of Fiji's economy.
- Dove symbolizes the world.
- The blue color of the flag symbolizes the Pacific Ocean.

The country is located on 332 islands, of which only a third of the islands are inhabited.





The highest point in Fiji is Mount Tomanivi, whose summit reaches 1324 meters above sea level. This is an extinct volcano.

In the old days it was called Victoria. Mountain slopes are covered with dense forests.





Fiji was a British colony of 96 years old and gained independence in 1970.



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Sunglasses and hats are forbidden in Fijian villages. They can be worn only the leader of the village.





Europeans discovered the islands of Fiji in the 17th century, but until the second half of the 19th century they did not establish colonies here.



One of the reasons for this was the widespread use of cannibalism among Aboriginal people. The ritual greeting of the common man to the leader was “Eat me!”

**Fiji has a huge amount of rainforest. This means that the animal world is vast and multifaceted.**

Spread a huge number of reptiles. One of them is the comb iguana, the appearance of which in Fiji is still a mystery to scientists, because its habitat is South America.



The native is a bat.

