

## Fiche

### 1. Basic facts

<b>Capital city</b>	Wellington
<b>Currency</b>	New Zealand dollar
<b>Population</b>	4,405,200
<b>Area</b>	268,000 km <sup>2</sup>

### 2. Significant characteristics

New Zealand consists of 2 major islands: North Island and South Island, 1,600 km in total length. Is part of the Commonwealth.

### 3. Key dates

<b>pre 1200</b>	Maoris migrated from Polynesia and settled in New Zealand.
<b>late 18<sup>th</sup> century</b>	Europeans began to settle in New Zealand.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> century</b>	The British imposed their presence in spite of fierce resistance on the part of the Maoris.
<b>1840</b>	The Treaty of Waitangi: gave the Maoris the same rights as British citizens and guaranteed their possession of certain areas of land.
<b>1841</b>	The British government annexed New Zealand.
<b>1907</b>	New Zealand became a British dominion.