

Nations of the PALM8 Summit

Solomon Islands



- The Solomon Islands was a major site of conflict during the Pacific War of World War II and many historical weapons remain on the islands today

Area: 27,990km² (2nd)
 Number of Islands: 1000
 Population: 599,000 (3rd)
 Capital: Honiara
 Head of Government: Prime Minister
 Language: English, Solomons Pidgin
 Currency: Solomon Islands Dollar
 Exports: Wood, Fish, Cocoa

Vanuatu



- A traditional rite of passage ceremony in Vanuatu is considered to be the origin of bungee jumping

Area: 12,190km² (4th)
 Number of Islands: 84
 Population: 270,000 (4th)
 Capital: Port Vila
 Head of Government: Prime Minister
 Language: Bislama, English, French
 Currency: Vanuatu Vatu
 Exports: Copra, Wood, Kava, Beef, Cocoa

Micronesia

Micronesia includes the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau. Large numbers of Japanese settled on most of these islands up until the end of World War II with many islanders having partial Japanese ancestry today.

Federated States of Micronesia



- Up to 100,000 Japanese settlers lived in Micronesia before the end of World War II

Area: 700km² (8th)
 Number of Islands: 607
 Population: 104,000 (8th)
 Capital: Palikir
 Head of Government: President
 Language: English, 8 local languages
 Currency: US Dollar
 Exports: Tuna, Betel Nuts

Kiribati



- Kiribati is made up of three island chains spread across 3870km east-west and 2050km north-south

Area: 810km² (6th)
 Number of Islands: 33
 Population: 114,000 (6th)
 Capital: Tarawa
 Head of Government: President
 Language: Gilbertese, English
 Currency: Australian Dollar
 Exports: Copra, Fish, Seaweed