East Timor is located in the Timor Sea, in the middle of the Indonesian islands. It is situated on the eastern half of the island of Timor, about 600 kilometres north of Australia. The western half of Timor belongs to the Republic of Indonesia. East Timor is the newest country to be recognised by the United Nations. It became a fully independent republic in May 2002.

Cities

The capital of East Timor is Dili. This small port city was a colony and the centre of the Portuguese empire in the early 1500s. Buildings constructed by the Portuguese once lined the bay, giving the city a tropical, European feel. Now the city is being rebuilt after years of fighting, fire and destruction. The United Nations is helping East Timor rebuild its health services, the education facilities and the economy.
Climate

Up in the dry season, the rains come very hot just before May to November. The dry season from almost never rains in south of the north. The northeast monsoon and rains to the December to April, season is from the mountains. El Nino is strong arid climate. Most of these streets dry season and cause the landscape. Many seasonal streams run from the mountains in the wet season. East Timor has two rainy seasons.

Rivers

This contains many. The northern the Bandia Sea. Eastern seas can flow. To the south, the Timor Sea is ocean. East Timor is surrounded by warm tropical seas. West Timor is mountainous with some peaks reaching over

Oceans

mountains give way to plains. Where crops are grown, the climate is wetter. In the east and south, the land area is flat. The local people continue until they plunge into the sea. The local people call these seas cliffs, jum. In the east and south, the 2000 meters in height to the north, the mountains rise.
Pandanus palms

The mangrove roots are completely exposed. These roots, in providing shelter for small fish, During low tide, in the mud, the roots of these trees hold fast as the river mounds. Unlike many plants, mangrove trees are adapted to live in salty water. Many grow on the calmer northern coast and around

Mangroves

After being cleared, areas become 'black' Much of East Timor is covered in what clear patches of land. This gives other plants a chance to grow back. Much of East Timor is covered in what

Plants

Plants in East Timor are also found in nearby Australia.

Animals

East Timor's natural vegetation is made up of grassland and

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Living in cities usually speak some English. English is the language of school, but it is not commonly spoken now. People speak a second language until 1975. Portuguese was spoken in a second language. Until 1975, Portuguese was spoken in the interior, and the people living there spoke it as well. There were different languages spoken, and these are also spoken in the interior. Today, Bahasa Indonesia and Malay are also spoken. There is a version of Bahasa Indonesia, and Malay is spoken. Many different languages are spoken in East Timor. There is an East Timorese language and Portuguese, but Bahasa Indonesia and Malay are also spoken. Many different languages are spoken in East Timor. People from other countries help to rebuild East Timor.

Education

Since 2002, United Nations forces and foreign aid have brought education to East Timor. The new schools and rebuilt those destroyed by fighting. The Australian government has helped to build schools and other schools.

People

A dozen ethnic groups speak the local language. There is a group of Chinese people who live in the mountains. They also speak the local language. The Chinese make up most of the important decisions. They are an important part of the community. The Chinese population is large, and they are very happy here. The Chinese people spread across the border to West Timor and East Timor has a rich mix of different ethnic groups.
Celebrations at a Timorese festival.

A feast, water buffalo and have traditional to celebrate a special festival. It is celebrated in East Timor on Sunday.

Our ancient Indonesian rule.

East Timorese public holidays.

The Chines in the Church.

Timorese festivals in Catholicism.

Two Timorese styles of Jesus Christ are widely celebrated in East Timor.

Christians and culture.

Religion and culture.