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EAST TIMOR

Country: East Timor

Location: Oceania, Southeast Asia, 640 km Northwest of Darwin, Australia

Climate: tropical, hot and humid

Population: approximately 950 000

Capital: Dili

Language: Tetum (a malayo/Polynesian language) and Portuguese

Currency: US dollar/centavo coins

Environment: The land is mountainous where floods and landslides are common. There is some irrigated land which is used for farming. The country is subject to tropical cyclones.

Trade: Its primary natural resources are gold, petroleum and natural gas.

History: East Timor was colonised by Portugal in the 16th Century and remained so until 1975 when it was invaded and occupied by Indonesia. In 1976 Indonesia declared East Timor a province. Backed by the United Nations, East Timor proclaimed self determination in 1999 and Indonesia relinquished control. On May 20th 2002, East Timor became an independent nation.

