



# NEW-ZEALAND

## 1. Territory



New Zealand is in Oceania, about 2000 km from south-eastern Australia, between the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean. There are three major islands in New Zealand: the North Island, the South Island and Steward Island.

The capital of New Zealand is Wellington. It's in South of the North Island.

Another big city on the North Island is called Auckland another on the South Island is called Christchurch. There are about 4 milion inhabitants in New Zealand. Some are Maoris and some are Pakehas ( from european descent ). The two largest mountains in the country are the Mt Cook ( 3754 m ) and the Ruapehu ( 2797 m )



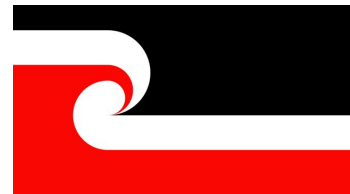
*Mount Cook*

## 2. Social life

There are two official languages in New Zealand: English and Maori. There are also two official flags :



*New Zealand flag's*



*Maori's flag*

The currency used in New Zealand is the dollar ( at the moment 5,00 NZD = 2,73090 € )  
On the five dollar note you can see Sir Edmund Hillary. He climbed the top of Mount Everest in 1953.



Sir Edmund Hillary



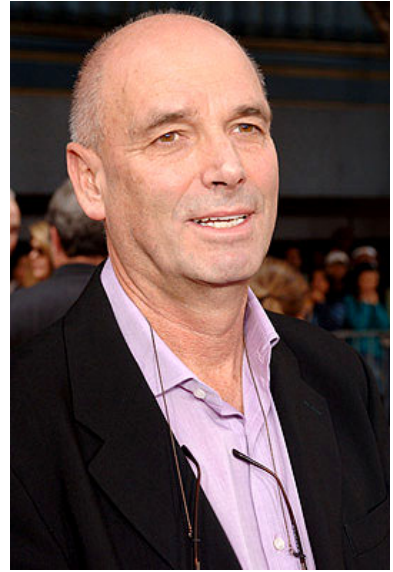
New Zealand is the homeland of Sir Edmund Hillary (see above), Peter Jackson (« The Lord of the Rings »), Andrew Adamson (« Cars », « Shreck », « Narnia ») Martin Campbell (« The Mask of Zorro », « The Legend of Zorro », « Casino Royale »)



*Peter Jackson*



*Andrew Adamson*



*Martin Campbell*

New Zealand is a parliamentary monarchy. The queen is Elizabeth II and the Prime Minister is John Key.



*John Key*



*Elizabeth II*

There is a 12 hour-time difference (with Greenwich) between Europe and New Zealand (usually 10 hours with France)

### 3. Fauna and flora

New Zealand is geographically isolated. The isolation has allowed the development of a very rich and diverse flora and fauna (kauri, weta, kaponga, kiwi).



*kauri*



*weta*



*kaponga*



*kiwi*

Kiwi and kaponga are the symbols of the country.

