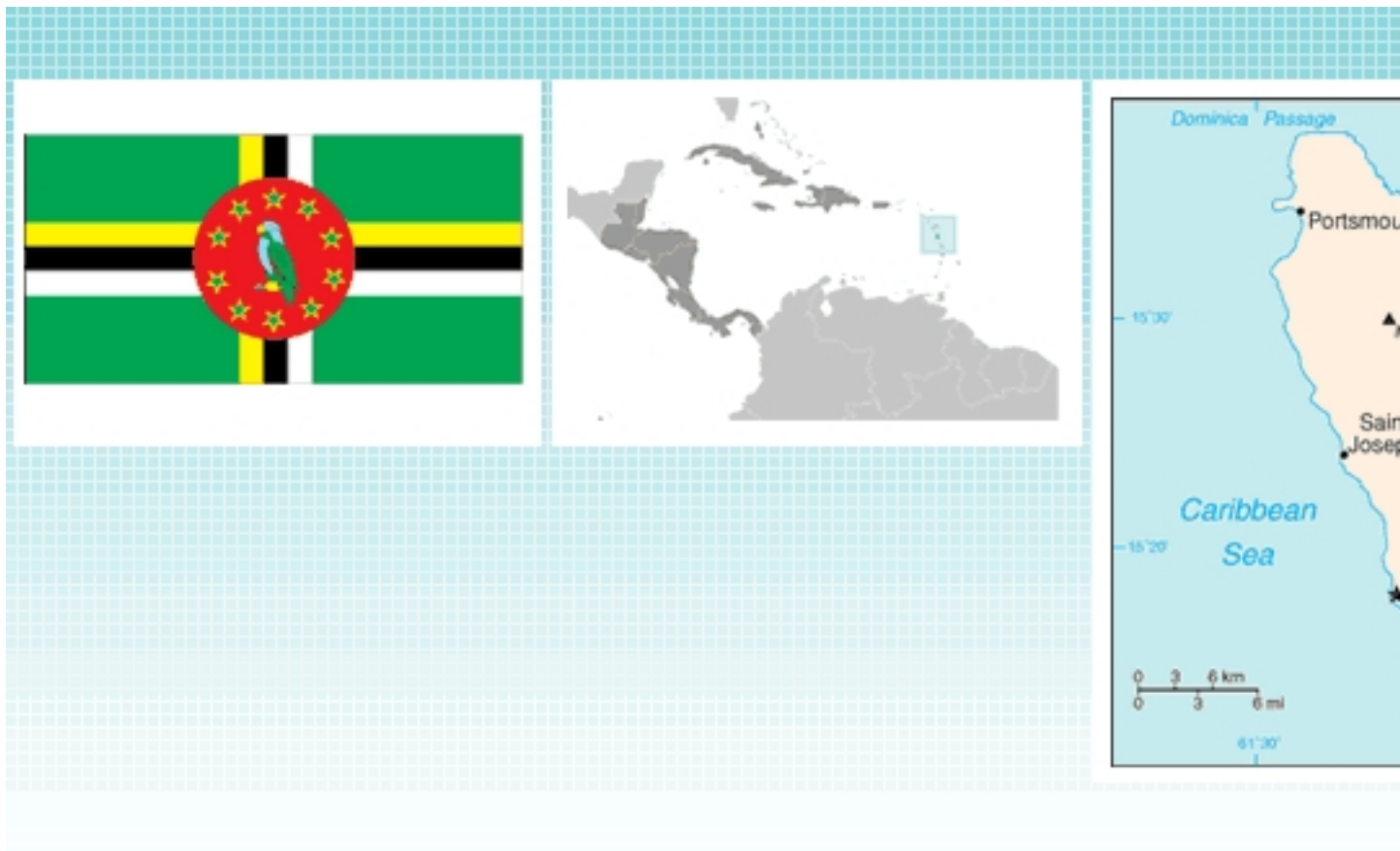


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Motto

“Apres Bondie, C’est La Ter”

## Brief History

The Carib name of the island was “Waitikubuli”, meaning tall is her body. Christopher Columbus land

## General Information

Geographic Coordinates

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15 25 N, 61 20 W

Area

750.6 sq km / 290 sq miles

Population

72,514 [0-14 years 24.7%; 15-64 years: 65.1%; 65 years and over: 10.2%]

Language

English (official), French patois

Religions

Roman Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, Pentecostal, Baptist, Methodist, other Christian and Rastafari

Capital

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Roseau

Government Type

A republic with an executive branch composed of a President and a Prime Minister. A unicameral leg

Opposition

Hon. Earl Williams, United Workers Party.

Independence

3 November 1978 (from UK)

Constitution

3 November 1978

Legal System

Based on English common law. Accepts ICJ jurisdiction

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President

Dr. Nicholas J.O. Liverpool

Airport(s)

Melville Hall (DOM) and Canefield (DCF) (neither accommodate international flights)

Currency

Eastern Caribbean dollar. Exchange rate of EC\$2.70 – US\$1.00

Literacy

94% of population

Suffrage

18 years of age

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National Flower

Bois Caraibe (*Sabinea Carinalis*)

National Bird

Sisserou Parrot (*Amazona Imperialis*)

National Dish

Mountain Chicken

National Holidays

New Year's Day – 1/01

Carnival Monday

Carnival Tuesday

Good Friday

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Easter Monday

Labour Day 01/05

Whit Monday

August Monday – 1<sup>st</sup>

Independence Day – 3/11

Community Day of Service – 4/11

Christmas Day – 25/12

Boxing Day – 26/12

National Anthem

Isle of Beauty

Working Hours

Business : Mon-Fri : 0800 – 1700

Govt. : Mon-Fri : 0800 – 1400

### Economy

GDP (2009) [\[1\]](#)

XCD 637.98 M

GDP per capita (2009)

XCD 8,873.00

### Agriculture

Fruit and vegetables including bananas, plantain, dasheen, yams, tannia, citrus, hot pepper, papaya, p

### Industry

Soap. Geothermal energy (starting)

### Services

Tourism – seen as an eco-tourism destination. Off-shore financial services.

External Debt (Dec.2008)

XCD 654.81

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[\[1\]](#) Constant Market Prices