

## Country Profiles

### Fiji Islands

**Capital :** Suva  
**Land Area :** 18,270 sq km  
**Head of Government :** Prime Minister Hon. Laisenia Qarase (since 10 September 2000)  
**Population :** 893,354 (July 2005 est.)  
**Major Languages :** English (official), Fijian, Hindustani  
**Major Religion(s) :** Christian 52% (Methodist 37%, Roman Catholic 9%), Hindu 38%, Muslim 8%, o  
**Date of Joining :** Rejoined in 1997 after leaving in 1987

### [Map](#)

### CHRI Submission to CMAG :

[September 2003](#)  
[September 2003](#)  
[June 2006](#)

### Fact Finding Mission

### Articles in CHRI Newsletter:

- [Vinaka Commonwealth 7WAMM](#) , Carol Nelson, Amnesty International, New Zealand, CHRI News

### E-Magazine:

- [Fiji's security agencies launch Handbook on 'National Security and Human Rights'](#) , Commonwea

### Articles from RTI updates:

- [Development in the Pacific Islands: Entrenching Good Governance & Sustainable](#) , presented b

### Bills/Laws/Acts from RTI updates:

- [Freedom of Information Bill 2004](#) , launched at a workshop hosted by the Citizens Constitutional F

### Reports from RTI updates:

- [The Open Democracy Advice Centre has presented the findings of a study on the](#) For early