

Subantarctic Islands

France possesses three groups of islands situated at the edges of the Indian and Southern Oceans: Crozet, Kerguelen and Amsterdam-Saint Paul.

These islands are organized administratively into three districts and designated as Overseas Territories. State-level representation is ensured by the administration of [Terres Australes and Antarctiques Françaises](#) (TAAF), the French Southern and Antarctic Lands. There is no permanent population in each of these districts, but a scientific research station:

Port-aux-Français Station – 49°21'S/70°13'E- in the Kerguelen Islands

Alfred Faure Station – 46°25'S/51°51'E – in the Crozet Islands

Martin-de-Viviès Station – 37°41'S/77°31'E – on Amsterdam Island

The TAAF administration is responsible for the operational management of these bases; IPEV is charged with maintenance of the scientific laboratories, installation of new research facilities and equipment, supplies and upkeep and renovation of remote shelters used for the different programmes.