## **New Caledonia**

New Caledonia is in the southwest Pacific Ocean, south of Vanuatu and approximately 1,210 km east of Australia. New Caledonia has a land area of 18,576 square kilometres which includes the main island of Grande Terre, the Loyalty Islands, Chesterfield Islands, Belep archipelago and Isle of Pines, as well as a few remote islets. With a population of approximately 271,500 the people of New Caledonia consist of a mix of the original inhabitants (Kanaks), people of European descent (mainly French), Polynesians and Southeast Asians.

New Caledonia is a French territory known for its palm-lined beaches. The capital of the territory is Noumea on the west coast of Grande Terre. French is the official language although there are numerous distinct Kanak languages in addition to Indonesian, Vietnamese, Tahitian, Wallisian and Chinese spoken.



The New Caledonian Squash Association (Lique Caledonienne de Squash) is a founding member of the Oceania Squash Federation, an Associate Member of the World Squash Federation and a member of the French Squash Federation.

There is a long history of squash in New Caledonia. The first courts were built in Noumea in 1976 on the main waterfront opposite the yacht harbour and the Lique Caledonienne de Squash was officially registered on 18 July 1987.

Players from New Caledonia competed in the first official Squash Championships in the Oceania Region at the 1979 South Pacific Games in Fiji.

There are three squash centres in Noumea -

Centre	Telephone	Address	Facilities
Olympique de Noumea	+687 27.74.04	1 Rue Taragnat, Noumea	5 singles courts
			1 doubles court
Dumbea Squash Club	+687 43.90.07	86 avenue d' Auteuil,	3 single courts
		Koutio	
Squash Port Plaisance	+687 54.22.18	21 rue Jules Garnier,	4 single courts
		Port Plaisance	_

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