

Looking at Papua New Guinea during the Second World War A Geography Project

Go to your library to find out as many of these geography facts as possible:

Area (in square kilometres)

Population

2002

1942

Languages

Description of land

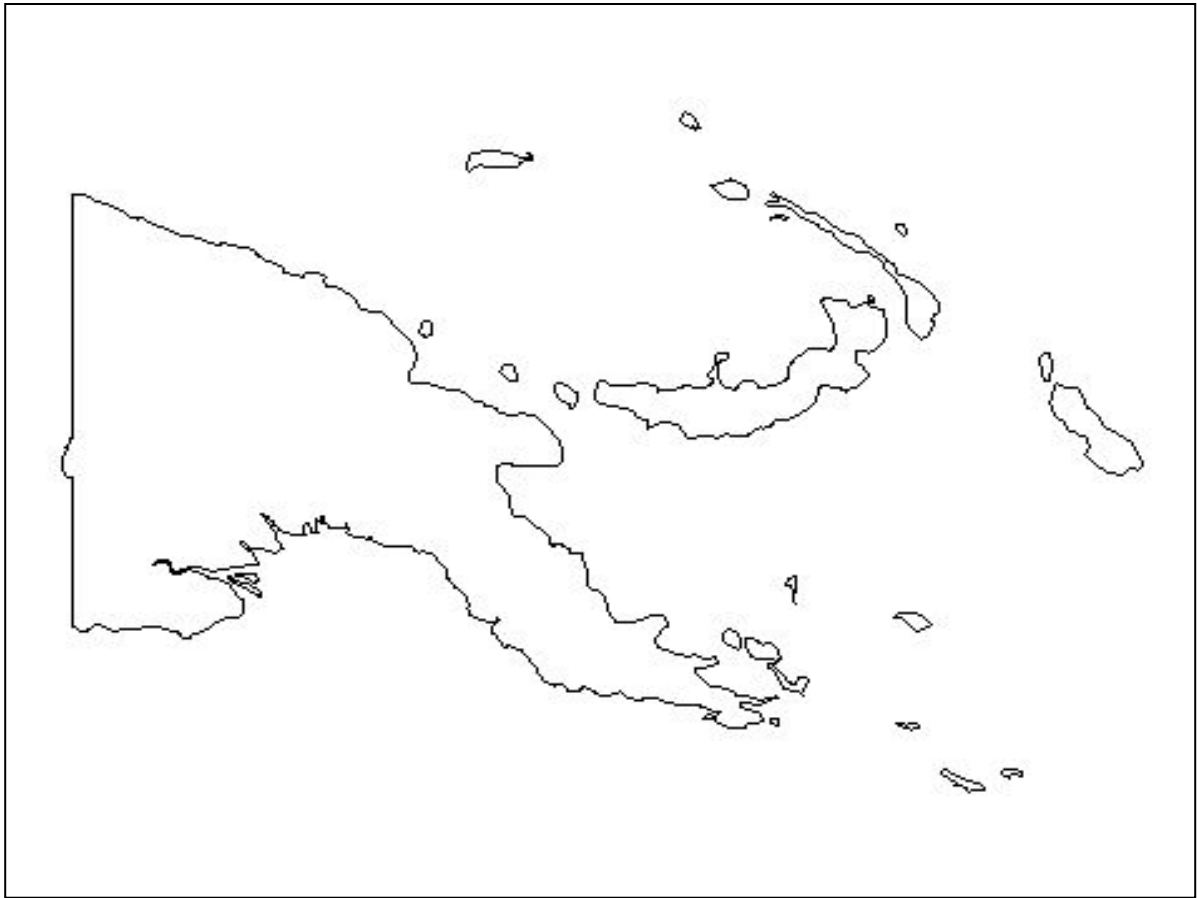
Inland areas

Coastal areas

Climate and rainfall in August – September (during the Battle of Milne Bay)

Highest mountain

Map of Papua New Guinea



Mark the following items on the map. Many were important locations during the Milne Bay and Kokoda campaigns so you may need a historical atlas to help you find them.

1. Milne Bay
2. Port Moresby – capital of Papua New Guinea and used as the Allied base during the war
3. Buna and Gona - Japanese bases during the Kokoda campaign, recaptured by Australians at the end of 1942
4. Owen Stanley Ranges - the Kokoda campaign was fought across this mountain range
5. Kokoda – major village on the Kokoda Trail
6. Boundary dividing the Papua and New Guinea territories
7. Goodenough Islands - where some Japanese troops rested enroute to Milne Bay and were stranded following Allied air attacks
8. New Britain – occupied by the Japanese 1942-1945