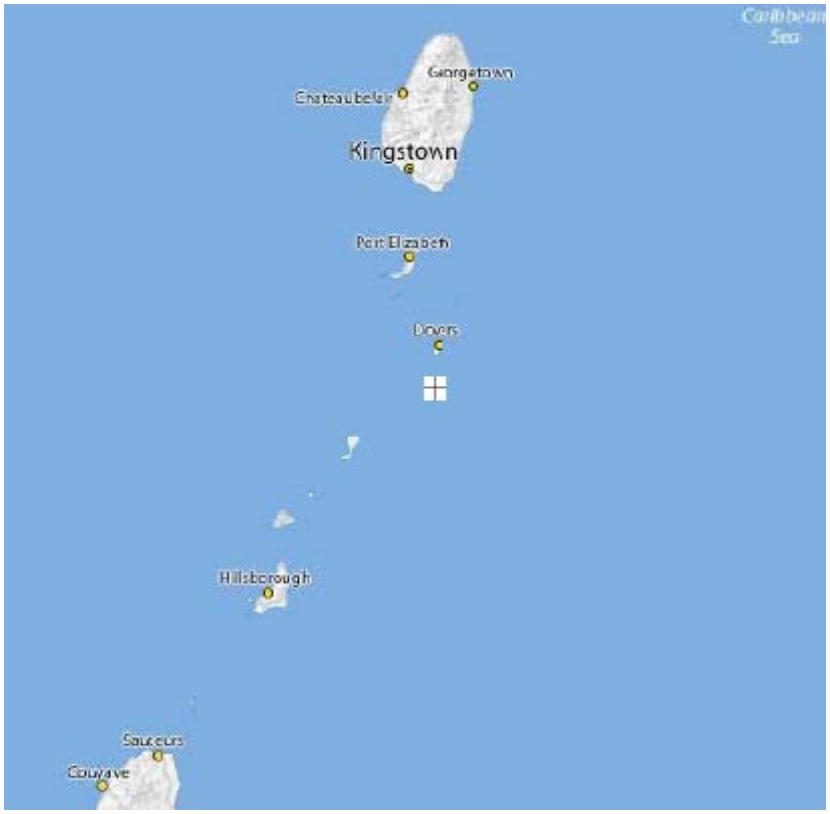
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

BRIEF

Official Name: **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**
Area: 389 sq. km. (150 sq. mi.)
Capital: Kingstown (pop. --)
Population (2005 UN estimate) 121, 000
Currency : Eastern Caribbean Dollar ($EC)
Terrain: Volcanic and mountainous.
Climate: Tropical
Airport: E. T. Joshua Airport

Source: *CRNM Information Unit 2008*

MAP



Source: Yahoo Maps (2008)

HEAD OF STATE:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
H. E. Sir Fredrick N. Valentine, GCMG
(Governor-General)

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT:

Dr. The Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves, MP
(Prime Minister)

Government

Type: Constitutional parliamentary democracy

Independence: **27th October 1979**

Branches: ***Executive***--Governor General (chief of state, representing British monarch), Prime minister (head of government), cabinet.
Legislative--unicameral National Assembly (6 appointed senators, 15 elected representatives).
Judicial—Privy Council in London, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (High Court and Court of Appeals), and magistrate's courts

Administrative Subdivisions: 6 parishes

Political Parties: Unity Labour Party (ULP), and New Democratic Party (NDP).

International Treaties and Trade Agreements

TRADE AGREEMENTS IN FORCE

MULTILATERAL

World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreements

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Dominican Republic

PARTIAL PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Colombia
CARICOM – Venezuela

TRADE AGREEMENTS SIGNED, BUT NOT IN FORCE

PARTIAL PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Costa Rica

BILATERAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Costa Rica

Source: http://www.sice.oas.org/agreements_e.asp

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LINKS TO GOVERNMENT:

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Department of Tourism – http://www.svgtourism.com
National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission – http://www.ntrc.vc

LINKS TO PRIVATE SECTOR:

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Chamber of Commerce and Industry – http://www.svg-cic.com

WTOTRADE POLICY REVIEW:

OECS-WTO Members:

- Secretariat report
- Government report

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Media Institutions

National Broadcasting Corporation – http://www.nbcsvg.com
St. Vincent and the Grenadines – http://www.svgbc.com
Searchlight Newspaper – http://www.searchlight.vc
The Vincentian – http://www.vincentian.com