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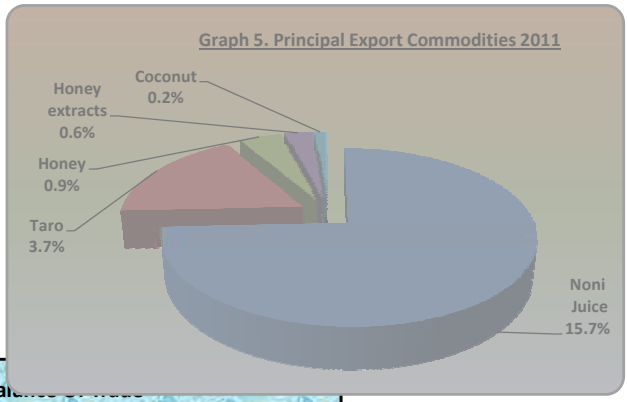

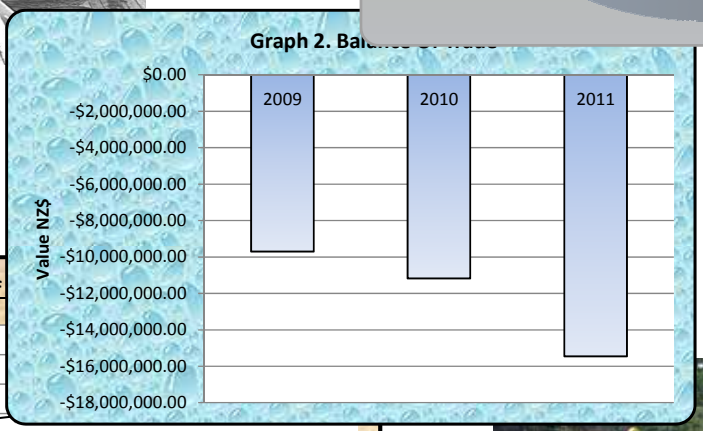

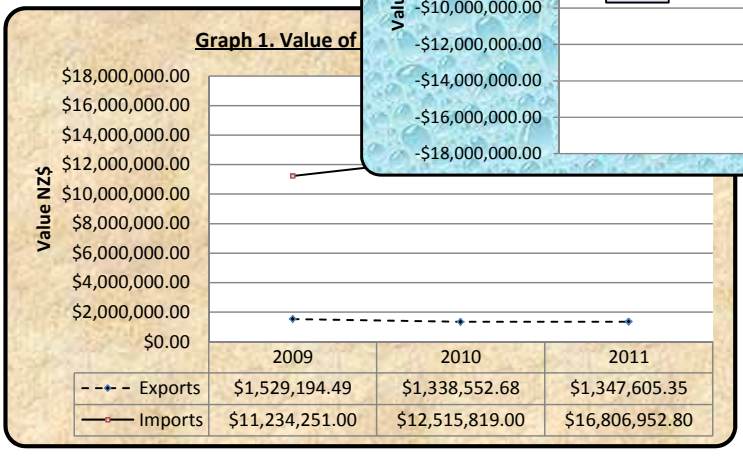

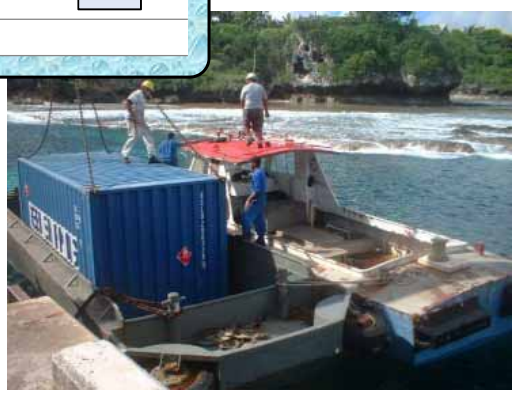

Introduction

Fakaalofa lahi atu.

Statistics Niue is very happy to put out this special statistical (provisional)release of the Niue International Merchandise Trade Statistics (NIMTS) for January 2012.

This release will be the new version of the NIMTS following the best practices as per stipulated in the 2010 IMTS Manual. This is one of the outcomes of the technical assistant mission of Mrs Nilima Lal from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) in May 2012.
This release will re-focus on the 2011 trade figures of Niue:

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Please note that all the figures used for this statistical release are those *(mirror statistics*) provided by the Trade Statistics Section of Statistics New Zealand (SNZ)with some exceptions on domestic exports (re-exports) where figures were provided by Niue Bulk Fuel. Customs Niue is still experiencing difficulties with its data systems hence. Users are asked to use the data with cautious.
Please note one big changes to this release and data set in recognition of the best practices is the reporting of imports values to include the insurance and freight charges (CIF) as opposed to free on board (FOB) values as being reported in previous releases.

Kia monuina e totouaga. Fakaaue lahi.

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Government Statistician

1. Figures at a Glance

Total Imports 2011 (CIF NZ$ 000):

- **Total** **16,806.9***

Total Exports 2011 (NZ$ 000):

- **Total** **1,347.6**
- **Domestic** **346.6***
- **Re-exports** **1,001.0**

Balance of Trade (NZ$000):

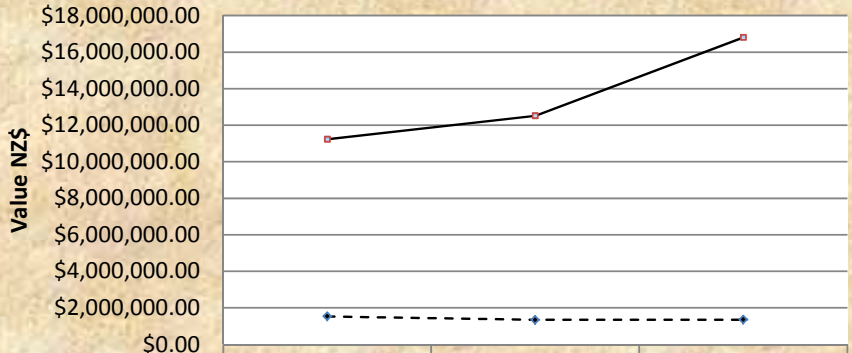
- ***2011*** ***-15,459.3****

***** *November and December figures are provisional figures*

2. Value of Imports and Exports: 2011

Total imports in 2011 were $16,806,953 and total exports were $1,347,605. Of the total exports, domestic exports were $346,570 and re-exports were $1,001,035. Compared to 2010, imports increased by $4,591,134 (37.6%) whilst total exports increased by $9,053 (0.7%).The increase in total exports, which was somewhat saw the small increase of $997(0.3%) in domestic exports, and was further driven by an increase of $8,055 (0.8%) in re-exports.

Graph 1. Value of Imports and Exports

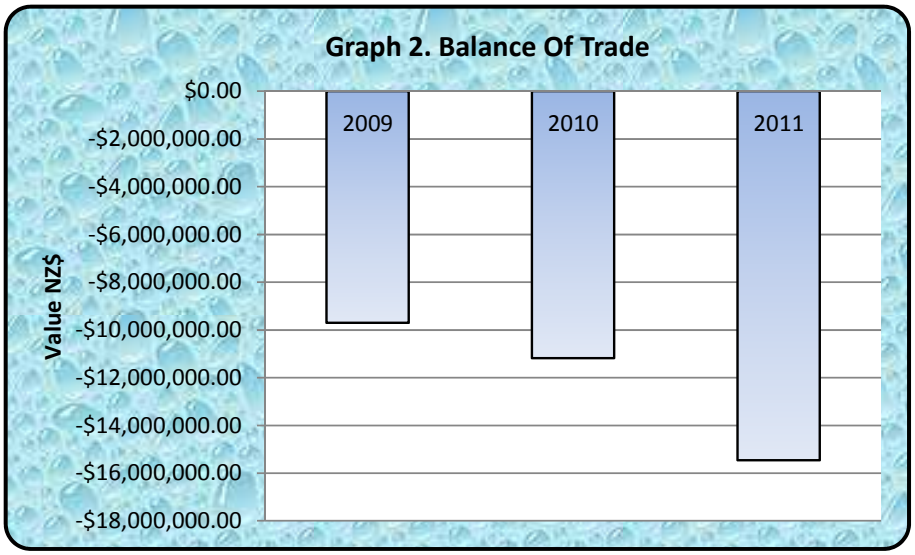


	2009	2010	2011
Exports	$1,529,194.49	$1,338,552.68	$1,347,605.35
Imports	$11,234,251.00	$12,515,819.00	$16,806,952.80

3. Balance of Trade

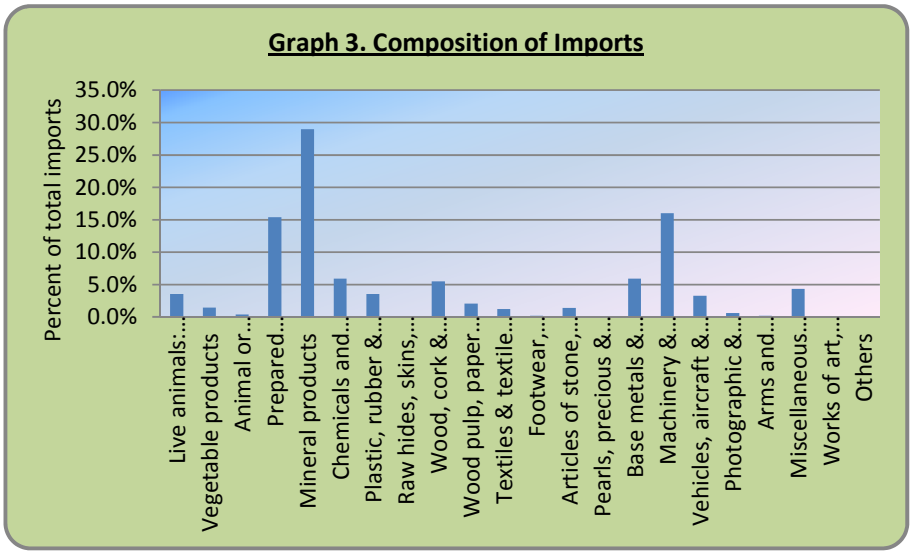
In 2011 Niue recorded a trade deficit of $15,459,347. When compared with the 2010 deficit of $11,177,266 the 2011 deficit was 38.3 per cent higher. The higher deficit is mainly because of the general increase of volume of imports, especially in the imports of fuel, building materials, frozen food and electrical wires.

Graph 2. Balance Of Trade



4. Imports

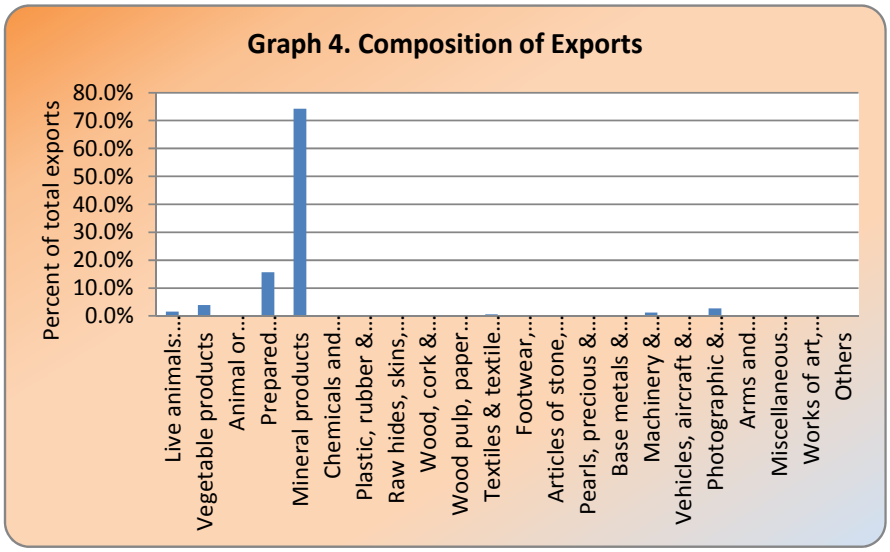
Composition of imports.



HS Sections that made up 5.0 per cent or more of imports were *Mineral products* which accounted for 29.0 per cent, followed by *Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment, and parts thereof*at16.0 per cent, *Prepared food stuff, beverages, spirits and tobacco* at 15.4 per cent, *Base metals* at 5.9 per cent, *Chemicals and allied products* at 5.9 per cent and *Wood and cork articles* at 5.5per cent. Together, these HS Sections comprised 77.7 per cent of total imports.

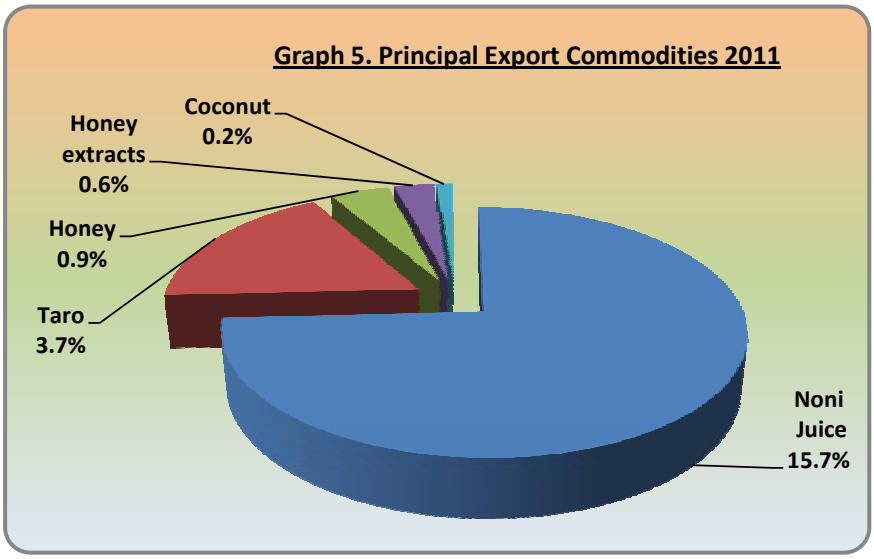
5. Domestic exports: Composition.

HS Sections that made up at least 3.0 per cent or more of domestic exports were Mineral products which accounted for 74.3 per cent, followed by Prepared foodstuffs, and beverages at15.7 per cent, Live animals; and Vegetable products at 3.9 per cent. Together, these HS Sections comprised 93.9 per cent of the total exports.



6. Performance of principal domestic exports in 2011

Principal domestic exports in 2011 comprised 21.1 per cent of total domestic exports. Noni juice dominated. It comprised 15.7 per cent of total domestic exports; followed by Taro at 3.7 per cent; and Honey and honey products at 1.5 per cent.



The principle domestic exports of Niue from 2009 to 2011were noni juice, taro, honey and coconut. Other exports such as aluminium waste and scrap and stamps were not common. Vanilla and fish somehow were not featured in the data for the years 2009 to 2011.

Commodity	2009	2010	2011
Noni Juice	$32,200	$234,800	$211,200
Taro	$89,519	$22,816	$49,760
Honey	$57,275	$60,900	$12,180
Honey extracts	$0	$5,307	$8,120
Coconut	$6,485	$4,057	$3,240
Aluminium waste	$17,600	$0	$0
Stamps	$6,950	$0	$0
Total exports	**$251,969**	**$327,880**	**$284,500**

7. Performance of Re-exports in 2011

Re-exports play a major role in total domestic exports of Niue. In 2011 it has contributed 74.3% or $1,001,035 of the total value of exports. The main commodity of re-exporting is aviation fuel under mineral products.

Other topics such as D*irection of Trade, Trade by Geographic Regions and Trade Agreements* will be covered when the data issues at Niue Customs are addressed.

8. General Information & Acknowledgements

The information contained in this release was compiled using the data sourced from the Trade Statistics Section of Statistics New Zealand (SNZ) as the main supplier of trade figures for Niue. Customs Niue is still experiencing difficulties with its data systems. Statistics Niue of the EPDS, Premiers Department would like to acknowledge the effort of the staff concerned in delivering the cards and ensuring that the information contained therein is relevant and useful to all users and stakeholders.

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