Overview:

From 2006 to 2010, exports of French Polynesia decreased on average by 4.8 percent each year and amounted to 153.2 mln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). During the same period, imports increased on average by 2.8 percent each year to 1.7 bln US\$ in 2010 after reaching a peak of 2.2 bln US\$ in 2008 (see table 2 and graph 1). This resulted in a trade deficit of 1.6 bln US\$ in 2010, compared to 2.0 bln US\$ in 2008 (see graph 1). Deficit with Developed Europe was 692.6 mln US\$ (see graph 2). Large deficits were also recorded with South-eastern Asia (-297.1 mln US\$) and Developed Asia-Pacific (-205.9 mln US\$). 2010 trade, especially exports, was very concentrated among a few partners (see graph 3): 5 major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports compared to 9 major partners for imports.

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

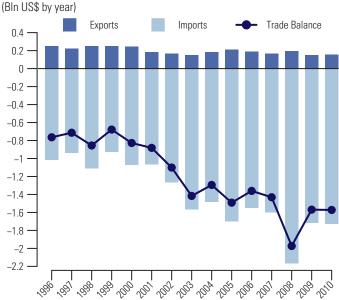


Table 1: Exports by SITC sections										
(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)										
SITC	2010	2010 share								
Total	153.2	-4.8	3.3	100.0						
0+1	19.7	-0.8	1.8	12.9						
2+4	9.2	3.1	42.6	6.0						
3	0.1	7.4	-31.6	0.0						
5	2.9	0.7	31.7	1.9						
6	84.4	-6.8	-8.1	55.1						
7	27.6	2.2	54.6	18.0						
8	9.3	-15.2	-11.1	6.1						
9	0.0	-27.4	265.6	0.0						

Exports Profile:

Exports were largely composed of manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6), mainly pearls, natural or cultured (see tables 1 and 3). On average, their exports dropped 6.8 percent each year since 2006 but still accounted for more than half of all exports (55.1 percent) (see table 1). China, Hong Kong SAR, the top market for exports, accounted for 30.0 percent of exported goods (see table 4). Other major markets for exports in 2010 were Japan and France. Pearls, natural or cultured (HS code 7101), the top commodity for exports over the last three years, accounted for 54.2 percent of exports in 2010 (see table 3). Other major exported products were other aircraft (for example, helicopters, aeroplanes); spacecraft (HS code 8802) and articles of natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones (HS code 7116).

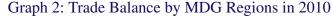
Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage) Avg. Growth rates (%) SITC 2010 2006-2010 2009-2010 share Total 1725.8 2.8 0.5 100.0 0+1398.7 7.5 0.9 23.1 2+4 30.8 -1.9 3.5 1.8 3 224.4 3.1 14.0 13.0 5 171.6 4.1 -6.79.9 203.1 0.2 6 -0.1 11.8 483.0 28.0 7 1.4 1.8 8 214.0 0.7 -8.4 12.4 9 0.2 0.0 -34.3 -61.7

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HS			Value (million US\$)			Unit value			
code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	Unit	code
Δ.	All Commodities	195.5	148.3	153.2					
7101 P	Pearls, natural or cultured	102.3	91.0	83.1		5.7	5.1	thsd US\$/kg	667
8802 C	Other aircraft (for example, helicopters, aeroplanes); spacecraft	21.2	6.6	0.9					792
7116 A	Articles of natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	14.8	2.5	2.7			6.1	thsd US\$/kg	897
2007 J	lams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit or nut pastes	5.0	7.5	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.1	US\$/kg	058
8901 0	Cruise ships, excursion boats, ferry-boats, cargo ships, barges			15.9					793
7113 A	Articles of jewellery and parts thereof, of precious metal	8.5	3.5	3.1	5.2	4.6	2.2	thsd US\$/kg	897
1513 C	Coconut (copra), palm kernel or babassu oil	5.8	3.1	4.4	1.1	0.6	0.7	US\$/kg	422
0508 0	Coral and similar materials, unworked or simply prepared	5.5	2.6	2.8	2.3	1.4	1.3	US\$/kg	291
3304 E	Beauty or make-up preparations	3.6	1.9	2.4	13.2	9.5	8.9	US\$/kg	553
	Parts of goods of heading 88.01 or 88.02		2.9	1.8	83.4	122.0	72.3	'US\$/kg	792

Source: UN Comtrade





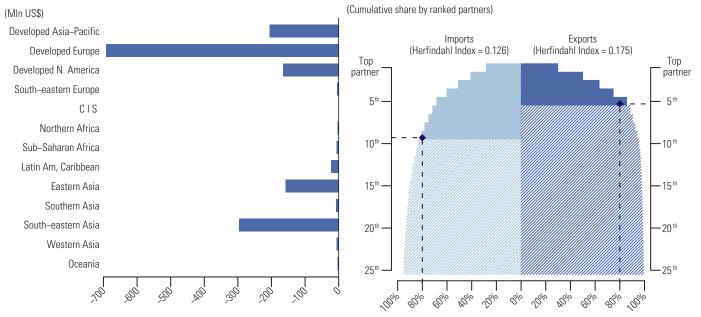


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2010 (Value in million US\$, percentages of country total)

Shares by SITC sections (%) 0+1 2+49 Total Total Country 6 153.2 12.9 6.0 0.0 1.9 55.1 18.0 6.1 0.0 100 World..... China, Hong Kong SAR.... 45.9 0.4 0.2 0.1 97.9 0.0 1.4 100 30.9 3.1 0.7 0.1 95.6 0.0 0.5 100 Japan..... 20.2 24.2 22.5 0.0 11.0 10.6 18.2 13.5 0.0 100 France..... USA..... 17.7 61.1 1.5 0.1 0.8 15.2 5.8 15.5 100 United Kingdom..... 16.4 0.2 0.0 0.0 99.3 0.5 100 New Caledonia..... 4.0 0.9 0.3 0.0 5.1 35.9 41.0 16.8 100 China..... 3.4 0.7 51.8 1.4 23.1 0.0 23.0 100 Singapore..... 3.0 0.0 27.3 0.3 3.3 66.6 2.5 100 Australia..... 2.5 2.1 0.3 0.0 30.6 43.7 23.2 100

Imports Profile:

Imports were composed of 28.0 percent of machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), 23.1 percent of food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and 13.0 percent of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) (see table 2). Petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703) and medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) (HS code 3004) were the top products for imports over the last three years (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2008 to 2010

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(Value in million US\$)								
HS	Valu	e (million USS	\$)		Ur	it valu	ie	SITC
code 4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	Unit	code
All Commodities	2168.7	1717.1	1725.8					
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude	299.3	182.9	212.0	0.9	0.6	0.7	US\$/kg	334
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport	130.0	87.7	84.9		18.0	<i>18.1</i> 1	thsd US\$/ur	nit 781
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06)	79.3	78.2	70.6	64.2	68.6	62.5	US\$/kg	542
8471 Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	35.6	27.5	26.0					752
0207 Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 01.05	29.8	27.5	26.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	US\$/kg	012
1905 Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares	25.7	25.2	26.1	5.2	5.2	5.4	US\$/kg	048
8802 Other aircraft (for example, helicopters, aeroplanes); spacecraft	48.0	17.7	2.3					792
0201 Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	22.0	20.4	22.3	8.5	8.0	8.7	US\$/kg	011
8704 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	26.2	21.6	15.7	23.3		1	thsd US\$/ur	nit 782
0202 Meat of bovine animals, frozen	24.3	17.2	18.3	4.8	3.7	4.4	US\$/kg	011

Source: UN Comtrade