# Anhang 1

Material 1: Papua New Guinea

Material 2: cloze text

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## **<u>The territory</u>**:

Papua New Guinea consists of over 600 islands. The total area of 462,840 km<sup>2</sup> is divided in 452,860 km<sup>2</sup> of land and 9,980 km<sup>2</sup> of water.

The coastline **is** 5,152 km long. Politically the land is divided into 20 provinces.

## Landscape

The island is crossed by a several ranges of mountains. Between them are valleys which form the highlands. The highest peak is Mount Wilhelm with 4,509m. Most people live in these highlands. The lowlands and the coastal areas are covered by dense rainforests and swamps. Only a small part of the island has been explored so far.

Papua New Guinea lies in the Pacific's "Ring of Fire", a large area in the Pacific Ocean with many active volcanoes. As a consequence there are frequent and volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and tsunamis.

## <u>Climate</u>

Papua New Guinea has a tropical humid climate. Temperatures vary little in the course of a year and reach an average of 20 degrees in the highlands and of 27 degrees in the lowlands. The coolest season is between May and August.

## Natural beauty

Papua New Guinea is home to 38 species of the bird-ofparadise. Two-thirds of the world's species of orchids come from these islands. There are between 170 and 200 species of frog and 450 species of butterfly

## **Population**

Today there are 5,670,544 people in Papua New Guinea, most of them belonging to the three major groups: Negritos, Papuans and Melanesians. Most of them live in the rural areas, only 18 per cent live in the cities. They speak over 750 indigenous languages. English is the official language and children learn it at school. But most people use Tok Pidgin, a language that developed from English, German and Melanesian languages.

## The capital city

The capital city of Papua New Guinea is Port Moresby. It has a population of 255,000 and is on the southeastern coast of the Island in the Gulf of Papua. It is named after Captain John Moresby, who first landed on this part of the island in 1873

## **Government**

Papua New Guinea was a British colony and became independent in 1975. Queen Elizabeth II is Head of State, she is represented in the country by a Governor.

#### Material 3

### 1B Worksheet: Papua New Guinea

How much do you remember?

Papua New Guinea is not one island but a group of ..... smaller and larger islands in the ..... Ocean. The ..... Moresby has a population of about ..... people and is situated on the ..... coast. It is named after a British ..... Papua New Guinea has a tropical ...... This means that it is very ..... and ..... vary only little during the year. The landscape offers a large variety: high mountain ..... and valleys in the central part, rain..... and swamps in the lowlands and near the ..... If you like beautiful birds and flowers, then you should visit this country. There live 38 different ...... of ....., and most of the wonderful ..... grow here. But it is also a dangerous country because of the ..... which erupt from time to time. Other natural disasters in Papua New Guinea are earth...... and ..... The people who live on Papua New Guinea belong to different ethnic groups and speak different ..... languages. There are over 750 of such languages. But at ...... the children learn ...... And there is another common language: it is called .....