

Canada and France in seabed scrap

France is to claim a large, potentially energy-rich swath of Atlantic seabed near the French archipelago of St Pierre and Miquelon, off Canada's east coast. But Canada says the claim, which has been expected for weeks, is invalid



100km
62 miles



Area: **242 sq km (93 sq miles)**

Population: **6,000 (2006)**

Monetary unit: **Euro**

Main export: **Fish products**

Sole remnant of France's former colonial empire in North America



Countries wishing to lay claim to extensions of continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles have until May 13 to make submissions to UN