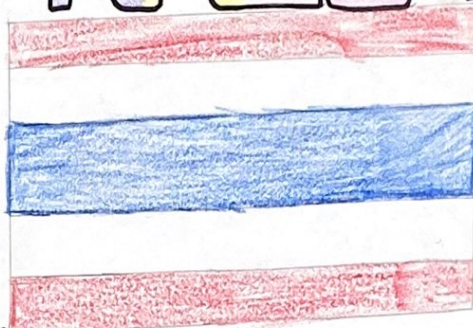




# THAILAND



## Big C

Thailand is a country at the centre of the Southeast Asian Indochinese Peninsula composed of 76 provinces. At 513,120 km<sup>2</sup> (c. 198,120 sq mi) and over 68 million people. The people migrated from southestern China to mainland Southeast Asia from the 11<sup>th</sup> century, the oldest known mention of their presence in the region by the exonym Siamese dates to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Thailand is a founding member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and remains a major ally of the US. Despite its considered a regional power in Southeast Asia and a middle power in global affairs.

