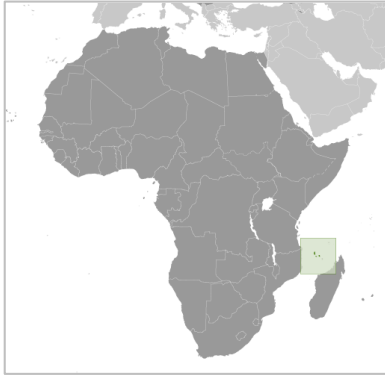




COMOROS



INTRODUCTION

The archipelago of the Comoros in the Indian Ocean, composed of the islands of Anjouan, Moheli, and Grande Comore declared independence from France on 6 July 1975.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President AZALI Assoumani

Head of Government

President AZALI Assoumani

Government Type

federal presidential republic

Capital

Moroni

Legislature

unicameral Assembly of the Union (33 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 2,235 sq km

Land: 2,235 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical marine; rainy season (November to May)

Natural Resources

fish

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

small trade-based island economy; declining remittances; recent structural and fiscal reforms; hard hit by a recent cyclone and COVID-19; rising but still manageable fiscal deficit and public debt; fragile liquidity environment; recipient of substantial donor funding; state-owned enterprises suffering

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2.73 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$3,100 (2020 est.)

Industries - fishing, tourism, perfume distillation

Agricultural products - coconuts, cassava, rice, bananas, pulses, nes, milk, taro, sweet potatoes, maize, cloves

Exports \$161 million (2018 est.)

cloves, essential oils, vacuum flask, vanilla, scrap vessels (2019)

partners: France 32%, India 23%, Germany 10%, Turkey 9%, Madagascar 7% (2019)

Imports \$471 million (2018 est.)

rice, chicken products, refined petroleum, cement, cars (2019)

partners: China 22%, UAE 16%, France 11%, Pakistan 9%, India 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

864,340 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

1.41% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Antalote, Cafre, Makoa, Oimatsaha, Sakalava

Language

Arabic (official), French (official), Shikomoro (official; a blend of Swahili and Arabic) (Comorian)

Religion

Sunni Muslim 98%, other (including Shia Muslim, Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witness, Protestant) 2%

Urbanization

urban population: 29.6% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 2.97% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

