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Chapter 1

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1.1 157.guide

Texified version of data for Mayotte.

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Affiliation:

(territorial collectivity of France)

1.4 157.guide/Geography (Mayotte)

Geography (Mayotte)

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Location:

Southern Africa, in the northern Mozambique Channel about halfway between Madagascar and Mozambique

Map references:

Africa

Area:

total area:

375 km²

land area:

375 km²

comparative area:

slightly more than twice the size of Washington, DC

Land boundaries:

0 km

Coastline: 185.2 km

Maritime claims:

exclusive economic zone:

200 nm

territorial sea:

12 nm

International disputes:

claimed by Comoros

Climate:

tropical; marine; hot, humid, rainy season during northeastern monsoon (November to May); dry season is cooler (May to November)

Terrain:

generally undulating with ancient volcanic peaks, deep ravines

Natural resources:

negligible

Land use:

arable land:
 NA%
 permanent crops:
 NA%
 meadows and pastures:
 NA%
 forest and woodland:
 NA%
 other:
 NA%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 subject to cyclones during rainy season
 Note:
 part of Comoro Archipelago

1.5 157.guide/People (Mayotte)

People (Mayotte)

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Population:
 89,983 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 3.8% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 49.22 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 11.22 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 0 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 81.8 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 57.35 years
 male:
 55.23 years
 female:
 59.55 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 6.84 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Mahorais (singular and plural)
 adjective:
 Mahoran
 Ethnic divisions:
 NA
 Religions:
 Muslim 99%, Christian (mostly Roman Catholic)
 Languages:

Mahorian (a Swahili dialect), French
 Literacy:
 total population:
 NA
 male:
 NA
 female:
 NA
 Labor force:
 NA

1.6 157.guide/Government (Mayotte)

Government (Mayotte)

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Names:
 conventional long form:
 Territorial Collectivity of Mayotte
 conventional short form:
 Mayotte
 Digraph:
 MF
 Type:
 territorial collectivity of France
 Capital:
 Mamoutzou
 Administrative divisions:
 none (territorial collectivity of France)
 Independence:
 none (territorial collectivity of France)
 Constitution:
 28 September 1958 (French Constitution)
 Legal system:
 French law
 National holiday:
 Taking of the Bastille, 14 July (1789)
 Political parties and leaders:
 Mahoran Popular Movement (MPM), Younoussa BAMANA; Party for the Mahoran
 Democratic Rally (PRDM), Darouèche MAOULIDA; Mahoran Rally for the Republic
 (RMPR), Mansour KAMARDINE; Union of the Center (UDC)
 Suffrage:
 18 years of age; universal
 Elections:
 General Council: last held March 1991 (next to be held March 1996); ←
 results - percent of vote
 by party NA; seats - (17 total) MPM 12, RPR 5
 French Senate:
 last held on 24 September 1989 (next to be held September 1993); results -
 percent of vote by party NA; seats - (1 total) MPM 1
 French National Assembly:
 last held 5 and 12 June 1988 (next to be held June 1993); results - percent
 of vote by party NA; seats - (1 total) UDC 1

Executive branch:
 government commissioner

Legislative branch:
 unicameral General Council (Conseil General)

Judicial branch:
 Supreme Court (Tribunal Superieur d'Appel)

Leaders:

Chief of State:
 President Francois MITTERRAND (since 21 May 1981)

Head of Government:
 Commissioner, Representative of the French Government Jean-Paul COSTE (←
 since
 NA 1991); President of the General Council Youssouf BAMANA (since NA 1976)

Member of:
 FZ

Diplomatic representation in US:
 as a territorial collectivity of France, Mahoran interests are represented
 in the US by France

Flag:
 the flag of France is used

1.7 157.guide/Economy (Mayotte)

Economy (Mayotte)

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Overview:

Economic activity is based primarily on the agricultural sector, including fishing and livestock raising. Mayotte is not self-sufficient and must import a large portion of its food requirements, mainly from France. The economy and future development of the island are heavily dependent on ←
 French
 financial assistance.

National product:

GDP \$NA

National product real growth rate:

NA%

National product per capita:

\$NA

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

NA%

Unemployment rate:

NA%

Budget:

revenues \$NA; expenditures \$37.3 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (1985)

Exports:

\$4.0 million (f.o.b., 1984)

commodities:

ylang-ylang, vanilla

partners: France 79%, Comoros 10%, Reunion 9%

Imports:

\$21.8 million (f.o.b., 1984)

commodities:
 building materials, transportation equipment, rice, clothing, flour
 partners:
 France 57%, Kenya 16%, South Africa 11%, Pakistan 8%
 External debt:
 \$NA
 Industrial production:
 growth rate NA%
 Electricity:
 NA kW capacity; NA million kWh produced, NA kWh per capita
 Industries:
 newly created lobster and shrimp industry
 Agriculture:
 most important sector; provides all export earnings; crops - vanilla,
 ylang-ylang, coffee, copra; imports major share of food needs
 Economic aid:
 Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89),
 \$402 million
 Currency:
 1 French franc (F) = 100 centimes
 Exchange rates:
 French francs (F) per US\$1 - 5.4812 (January 1993), 5.2938 (1992), 5.6421
 (1991), 5.4453 (1990), 6.3801 (1989), 5.9569 (1988)
 Fiscal year:
 calendar year

1.8 157.guide/Communications (Mayotte)

Communications (Mayotte)

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Highways:
 42 km total; 18 km bituminous
 Ports:
 Dzaoudzi
 Airports:
 total:
 1
 usable:
 1
 with permanent-surface runways:
 1
 with runways over 3,659 m:
 0
 with runways 2,440-3,659 m:
 0
 with runways 1,220-2,439 m:
 1
 Telecommunications:
 small system administered by French Department of Posts and
 Telecommunications; includes radio relay and high-frequency radio
 communications for links to Comoros and international communications; 450
 telephones; broadcast stations - 1 AM, no FM, no TV

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Defense Forces (Mayotte)

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Note:

defense is the responsibility of France
