



Country Profile: Mayotte

Mayotte was ceded to France along with the other islands of the Comoros group in 1843. It was the only island in the archipelago that voted in 1974 to retain its link with France and forego independence.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



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| Country Name: | Mayotte |
| Continent: | Africa |
| Capital City: | Mamoudzou |
| Boundary Countries: | |
| Recommended Hospitals in Capital: | |
| Main Cities: | Mamoudzou, Sada, Bandele, Dzaoudzi |
| Country Size: | 374 sq km |
| Population: | 208,783 |

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Language: | Mahorian (a Swahili dialect), French (official language) spoken by 35% of the population |
| Currency: | Euro (EUR) |
| Predominant Religions: | Muslim 97%, Christian (mostly Roman Catholic) 3% |
| National Holidays: | Bastille Day, 14 July (1789) |
| Economic Status: | 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, an important supplement to GDP. Mayotte's remote location is an obstacle to the development of tourism. |
| Security: | Defense is the responsibility of France; a small contingent of French forces is stationed on the island. |
| US Presence: | None (territorial overseas collectivity of France) |
| Major Airports: | Airports: 1, Airports w/paved runways: 1 Dzaoudzi Pamandzi Airport (DZA/FMCZ) Dzaoudzi, Mayotte, Dzaoudzi, MAYOTTE |

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