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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 157.guide

Texified version of data for Mayotte.

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### 1.2 157.guide/Mayotte

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Header (Mayotte)  
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### 1.3 157.guide/Header (Mayotte)

Header (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 km<sup>2</sup>  
land area:  
375 km<sup>2</sup>  
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)

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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

## 1.9 157.guide/Defense Forces (Mayotte)

Defense Forces (Mayotte)

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Note:

defense is the responsibility of France