GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Andry RAJOELINA
Head of Government
Prime Minister Christian NTSAY
Government Type
semi-presidential republic
Capital
Antananarivo
Legislature
bicameral Parliament consists of the
Senate or Antenimieran-Doholona (63 seats)
and the National Assembly or
Antenimierampirenenena (151 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court or Cour Supreme (consists of
11 members); High Constitutional Court or
Haute Cour Constitutionnelle (consists of 9
members)
Ambassador to US
Eric ANDRIAMIHAJA Robson
US Ambassador
Ambassador Michael PELLETIER

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
has an unregulated economy with many untapped natural
resources but is hampered by no capital markets, a weak judicial
system, poorly enforced contracts, and rampant corruption
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$39.85 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1,600 (2017 est.)
Exports
$2.29 billion (2017 est.)
partners: France 24.8%, US 16.5%, China 6.7%, Germany 6.5%,
Japan 6%, Netherlands 4.7% (2017)
Imports
$2.738 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 18.7%, India 9.3%, France 6.4%, South Africa
5.6%, UAE 5.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
27 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
2.39% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Malayo-Indonesian (Merina
and related Betsileo),
Cotiers (mixed African, Malayo-Indonesian, and Arab ancestry -
Betsimisaraka, Tsimihety, Antaisaka, Sakalava), French, Indian,
Creole, Comoran
Language
French (official), Malagasy (official), English
Religion
Christian, indigenous, Muslim
Urbanization
urban population: 38.5% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 4.48% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
74.8% (2018)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
total: 587,041 sq km
land: 581,540 sq km
water: 5,501 sq km
Climate
tropical along coast, temperate inland, arid in
south
Natural Resources
graphite, chromite, coal, bauxite, rare earth
elements, salt, quartz, tar sands, semiprecious
stones, mica, fish, hydropower

as of April 2020