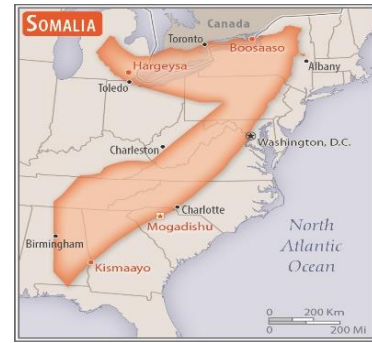




SOMALIA



INTRODUCTION

Several powerful Somali states dominated the Indian Ocean trade from the 13th century onward. In the late 19th century, the area that would become Somalia was colonized by Britain in the north and Italy in the south. The two colonies merged in 1960 to form the new nation of Somalia. Since 1991, civil war and political instability have resulted in the country being split into several regional governments.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Mohamed ABDULLAHI Mohamed "Farmaajo"

Head of Government

Prime Minister Hussein ROBLE

Government Type

federal parliamentary republic

Capital

Mogadishu

Legislature

bicameral Federal Parliament consists of the Upper House (54 seats) and the House of the People (275 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 637,657 sq km

Land: 627,337 sq km

Water: 10,320 sq km

Climate

principally desert; moderate temperatures in north, hot in south; southwest monsoon (May to October), irregular rainfall, hot and humid periods between monsoons

Natural Resources

uranium and largely unexploited reserves of iron ore, tin, gypsum, bauxite, copper, salt, natural gas, likely oil reserves

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

low-income African Horn economy; 30 years of war and instability crippled economic potential; high remittances for basic survival; new fiscal federalism approach; cleared some unsustainable debt; environmentally fragile; digitally driven urbanization efforts

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$13.19 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$800 (2020 est.)

Industries - light industries (including sugar refining), textiles, wireless communication

Agricultural products - camel milk, milk, sheep milk, goat milk, sugarcane, fruit, sorghum, cassava, vegetables, maize

Exports \$819 million (2014 est.)

gold, sheep, goats, sesame seeds, insect resins, cattle (2019)

partners: UAE 47%, Saudi Arabia 19%, India 5%, Japan 5% (2019)

Imports \$94.43 billion (2018 est.)

cigarettes, raw sugar, rice, broadcasting equipment, textiles (2019)

partners: UAE 32%, China 20%, India 17%, Turkey 7% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

12.1 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

2.35% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Somali 85%, Bantu and other non-Somali 15% (including 30,000 Arabs)

Language

Somali, Arabic, Italian, English

Religion

Sunni Muslim

Urbanization

urban population: 46.7% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 4.2% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

