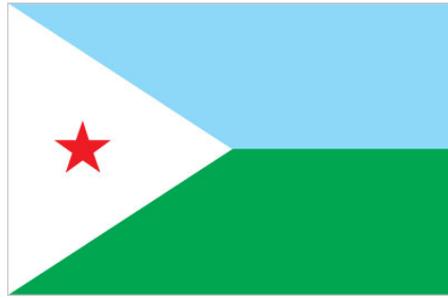




DJIBOUTI



INTRODUCTION

The French Territory of the Afars and the Issas became Djibouti in 1977. The government holds longstanding ties to France, which maintains a military presence in the country, as does the US, Japan, Italy, Germany, Spain, and China.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Ismail Omar GUELLEH

Head of Government

Prime Minister Abdoukader Kamil MOHAMED

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Djibouti

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Assemblée Nationale, formerly the Chamber of Deputies (65 seats; 5-year terms)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 23,200 sq km
Land: 23,180 sq km
Water: 20 sq km

Climate

desert; torrid, dry

Natural Resources

potential geothermal power, gold, clay, granite, limestone, marble, salt, diatomite, gypsum, pumice, petroleum

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

food import-dependent Horn of Africa economy driven by various national military bases and port-based trade; fairly resilient from COVID-19 disruptions; major re-exporter; increasing Ethiopian and Chinese trade relations; investing in infrastructure

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$5.42 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$5,500 (2020 est.)

Industries - construction, agricultural processing, shipping

Agricultural products - vegetables, milk, beef, camel milk, lemons, limes, goat meat, mutton, beans, tomatoes

Exports \$139.9 million (2017 est.)

various animals, chlorides, dried legumes, industrial fatty acids/oils, coffee, chickpeas (2019)

partners: Saudi Arabia 42%, India 15%, China 14%, Egypt 5%, South Korea 5% (2019)

Imports \$726.4 million (2017 est.)

refined petroleum, fertilizers, iron sheeting, cars, palm oil (2019)

partners: China 43%, UAE 15%, India 7%, Turkey 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

938,410 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

2.01% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Somali 60%, Afar 35%, other 5% (mostly Yemeni Arab, also French, Ethiopian, and Italian)

Language

French (official), Arabic (official), Somali, Afar

Religion

Sunni Muslim 94% (nearly all Djiboutians), other 6% (mainly foreign-born residents - Shia Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Baha'i, and atheist)

