INTRODUCTION
The archipelago of the Comoros in the Indian Ocean, composed of the islands of Anjouan, Moheli, and Grande Comore declared independence from France on 6 July 1975.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President AZALI Assoumani
Head of Government
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Government Type
federal presidential republic
Capital
Moroni
Legislature
unicameral Assembly of the Union (33 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 2,235 sq km
Land: 2,235 sq km
Water: 0 sq km
Climate
tropical marine; rainy season (November to May)
Natural Resources
fish

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
small trade-based island economy; declining remittances; recent structural and fiscal reforms; hard hit by a recent cyclone and COVID-19; rising but still manageable fiscal deficit and public debt; fragile liquidity environment; recipient of substantial donor funding; state-owned enterprises suffering
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $2.73 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $3,100 (2020 est.)
Industries - fishing, tourism, perfume distillation
Agricultural products - coconuts, cassava, rice, bananas, pulses, milk, taro, sweet potatoes, maize, cloves
Exports $161 million (2018 est.)
cloves, essential oils, vacuum flask, vanilla, scrap vessels (2019)
partners: France 32%, India 23%, Germany 10%, Turkey 9%, Madagascar 7% (2019)
Imports $471 million (2018 est.)
rice, chicken products, refined petroleum, cement, cars (2019)
partners: China 22%, UAE 16%, France 11%, Pakistan 9%, India 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
864,340 (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
1.41% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Antalote, Cafre, Makoa, Oimatsaha, Sakalava
Language
Arabic (official), French (official), Shikomoro (official; a blend of Swahili and Arabic) (Comorian)
Religion
Sunny Muslim 98%, other (including Shia Muslim, Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witness, Protestant) 2%
Urbanization
urban population: 29.6% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 2.97% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

as of October 2021