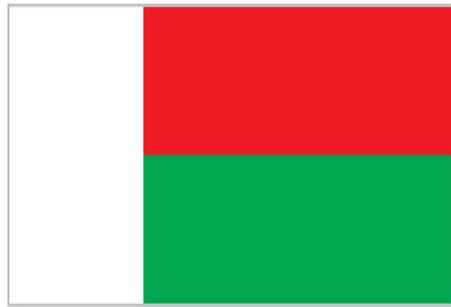




MADAGASCAR



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 Antenimierampirenena (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

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

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)

