

British Indian Ocean Territory

Chagos Archipelago



Location Western Indian Ocean
The archipelago is about 1 800 km east of Seychelles
Land Area 60 km² = 23 mi² of which, Diego Garcia 44 km²
Climate Tropical maritime
Weather at Diego Garcia
Temperature (annual av): max 29°C, min 25°C
Rainfall (monthly av): 200 mm
Time 5 hours ahead of GMT
Measures US, UK (imperial) and metric systems

Monetary unit US dollar and UK pound

Summary

Political UK territory set up November 8, 1965; consists of the Chagos Archipelago, formerly dependency of Mauritius. The islands of Aldabra, Desroches and Farquhar, dependencies of Seychelles before 1965, and part of the Territory from 1965, returned to Seychelles on June 28, 1976. The Chagos Archipelago includes Diego Garcia, where there is a United States naval support facility developed in terms of a UK-US agreement in 1976

Economic Used as a defence base and communications centre. Some 1 200 residents were transferred to Mauritius on the development of a defence base

People

Population 1960 1 130*, 1976 1 500**. There is no permanent population: inhabitants are mainly service personnel and construction workers
Density (1976): 25** people per km²
The archipelago is administered from London, United Kingdom

Burundi

Republic of Burundi
République du Burundi
Republika y'u Kirundi



Location Central Africa
Lake Tanganyika is the south-west border, with Zaire to the west, Rwanda to the north, and Tanzania to the east and south. Land-locked
Land Area 27 834 km² = 10 747 mi²
Climate Tropical
Weather at Bujumbura
Temperature: average 24°C
Rainfall (av monthly): 65 mm; driest months June–September, wettest February–May

Time 2 hours ahead of GMT

Measures Metric system

Monetary unit Burundi franc (Bu Fr) = 100 centimes

Rate of exchange (1976 av): par Bu Fr 86.25 = \$ 1, free Bu Fr 155.8 = £ 1

Summary

Political One-party republic, which became independent on July 1, 1962; a customs union was formed with Rwanda until September 30, 1964. Before 1962 Rwanda-Urundi was administered by Belgium as a trust territory. Member of UN, OAU and an EEC ACP state

Economic Mainly dependent on coffee as an export crop; there are also some earnings from cotton, hides and tea. There is some mining, and exploitation of important nickel and uranium deposits is planned

People, resources and equipment

Population 1960 2.90* mn, 1970 3.35*mn, 1976 3.86* mn
Population includes 50 000* Tutsi refugees from Rwanda (1976), and excludes 150 000* Hutu refugees from Burundi (of whom, 110 000* in Tanzania, 25 000* in Zaire, 8 000* in Rwanda)
Growth: 1960–70 1.5* %pa, 1970–76 2.4* %pa
Density (1976): 139* people per km²
Vital statistics (rate per 1 000 people, 1970–71): births 42.0, deaths 20.4

Regions (provinces, population in 000, 1965; total of 3.21 mn)
Bubanza 395 Bururi 385 Muramvya 351 Ngozi 663
Bujumbura 97 Gitega 535 Muyinga 471 Ruyigi 314
Cities (population in 000, 1976) Bujumbura (capital) 100*, Muyinga 25*, Gitega 10*
Race (1976) African 99½ % (Hutu 84* %, Tutsi 15* %), European 0.1* %
Language Kirundi and French; Swahili is also used
Religion (1965) Roman Catholic 50** %, Animist 45** %, Protestant 4** %
Education Pupils (1974/75) 143 260, teachers (1971/72) 5 964
Labour force (1976) 1 898 000*; in agriculture 1 608 000* (85* %)
Personnel (1973) Physicians: 74, 1 per 49 200 people
Standard of living
National income per person (1976): Bu Fr 7 500** = \$ 87** = £ 48**
Consumption per person (1975): energy 13 kg coal equivalent, electricity 6* kW h
Newspapers (1974): number 1; circulation 1 200, 0.3 per 1 000 people
Telephones (Dec 1975): 4 000, 1 per 1 000 people
Livestock (000, Dec 1975) Cattle 800, sheep 311, goats 653, pigs 46
Electrical capacity (1975) 6 megawatts
Hospital beds (1972) 4 221, 1 per 840 people
Roads (1974) 2 987 km = 1 856 mi, density 0.11 km per km²
There are no railways
Inland waterway Lake Tanganyika
Port (on Lake Tanganyika): Bujumbura
Airport (1975) Bujumbura: passenger departures and arrivals 27 525
Durable equipment (Dec 1974) Radio sets: 100 000*, 27* per 1 000 people
Passenger cars: 4 200, 1.1 per 1 000 people, 1.4 per km of road
Commercial vehicles: 1 700, 0.5 per 1 000 people, 0.6 per km of road

Production, finance and trade

Gross domestic product 1970: Bu Fr 20 100 mn = \$ 230 mn = £ 96 mn
1976 est: Bu Fr 32 000** mn = \$ 370** mn = £ 205** mn

Production index (1970 = 100)

| | 1960 | 1970 | 1976 | Growth %pa | 1960–70 | 1970–76 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------------|---------|---------|
| Agricultural | 83 | 100 | 112* | 1.8 | 1.9* | |

Main products (000 t)

| | 1960 | 1970 | 1976 | 1960–70 | 1970–76 |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cassava | 1 361 | 1 000** | 896* | –3.0** | –1.8** |
| Maize | 94 | 182 | 160* | 6.8 | –2.1* |
| Sweet potatoes | 648 | 800** | 842* | 2.1** | 0.9** |
| Dry beans | 152 | 170 | 150* | 1.1 | –2.1* |
| Bananas | na | 987 | 915* | na | –1.3* |
| Coffee | 10 | 23 | 21* | 8.7 | –1.5* |
| Cotton | 3.0* | 3.3 | 2.0* | 1.0* | –8.0* |
| Beef and veal | 6 | 9 | 11* | 4.0 | 3.4* |
| Hides | 1.7* | 2.8 | 3.4* | 5.0* | 3.3* |
| Fish catch | 9 | 13 | 15 ^f | 3.8 | 1.8* |
| Timber (000 m ³) | 690* | 842* | 912 ^f | 2.0* | 1.6** |
| Electricity (mn kW h)* | 15 ^b | 22 | 23* ^f | 6.6* | 0.9* ^f |
| Tin conc (Sn content) | 0.1 ^d | 0.1* | 0.1* | 0.0* ^e | 0.0* |
| Beer (000 hl) | 156 | 215 | 380 ^h | 3.3 | 15.3 ⁱ |

*Includes hydro-electricity provided by Zaire ^b1964 ^c1964–70 ^d1966 ^e1966–70
^f1975 ^g1970–75 ^h1974 ⁱ1970–74

Transport traffic (1976) Air 1 mn passenger-km

Budget (1975) Revenue: Bu Fr 3 225 mn = \$ 41 mn = £ 18 mn

Expenditure: Bu Fr 3 283 mn = \$ 42 mn = £ 19 mn

International reserves (Dec 1976) \$ 49 mn

External public debt (Dec 1976) \$ 74 mn

External trade (1976) Imports: Bu Fr 5 027 mn = \$ 58 mn = £ 32 mn

Exports: Bu Fr 5 404 mn = \$ 63 mn = £ 35 mn

| Main imports (1974) | % of total | Main exports (1976) | % of total |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Food | 14 | Coffee | 89 |
| Textile fabrics | 13 | Cotton | 4 |
| Machinery | 7 | Hides and skins | 2* |
| Petroleum products | 7 | Tea | 2* |

Main sources (1976)

| | | Main destinations (1976) | |
|--------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| Belgium-Luxembourg | 18 | United States | 43 |
| France | 13 | West Germany | 17 |
| West Germany | 11 | Belgium-Luxembourg | 5 |
| Iran | 8 | United Kingdom | 5 |
| Netherlands | 6 | France | 4 |