

# MARKET BRIEF ON COMOROS

## Location



The Comoros is a volcanic archipelago off Africa's east coast, in the warm Indian Ocean waters of the Mozambique Channel, between the eastern shore of the African continent and the island of Madagascar, which lies about 480 km (300 mi) to the South-East (SE). The nation state's largest island, Grande Comore (Ngazidja) is ringed by beaches and old lava from active Mt. Karthala volcano. Around the port and medina in the capital, Moroni, are carved doors and a white colonnaded mosque, the Ancienne Mosquée du Vendredi, recalling the islands' Arab heritage.

## Facts and Figures

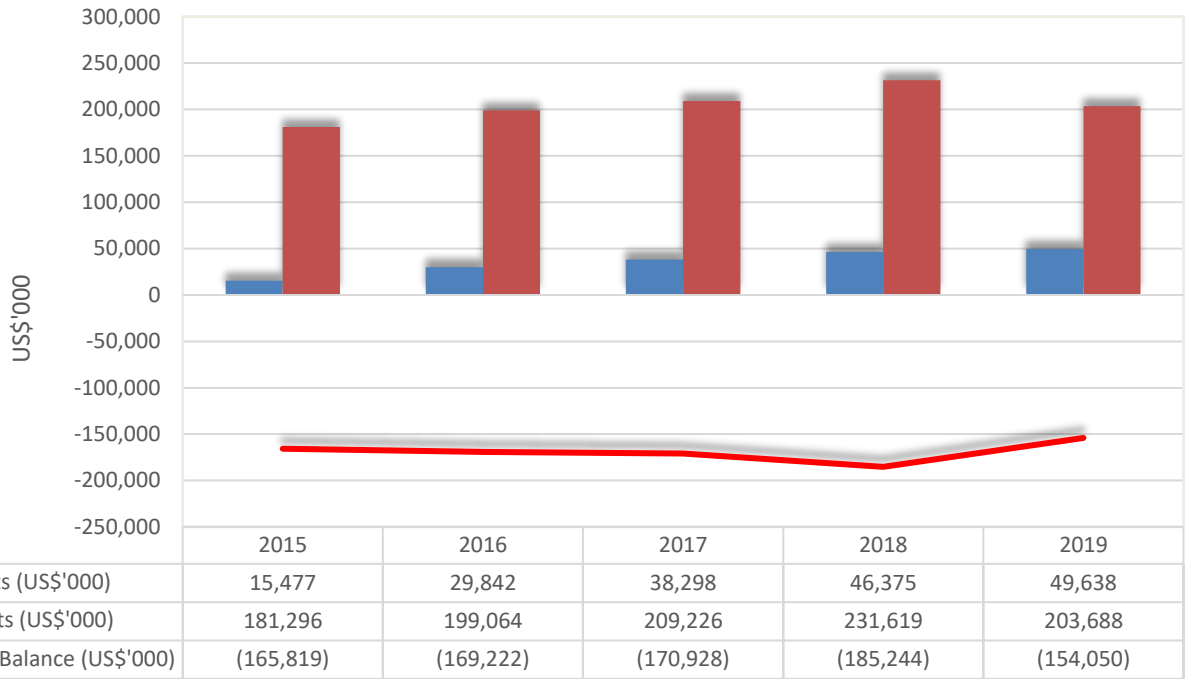


Total Population	832,322
Area	1862 Km <sup>2</sup>
Time Zone	(GMT+3)
Capital City	Moroni (Grande Comores)
International Telephone Code	+269
Currency	Comorian franc
Exchange Rate	1 USD = 409.57000 KMF
GDP	USD 1.2 Billion
GDP per capita	US\$1 370.148
GDP Growth Rate	3.2%
Ease of Doing Business ( <i>World Bank 2021</i> )	160
Inflation Rate	2.2 percent
Language	French, Arabic
International Participation	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), African Union (AU), Arab League, the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

## Cities and Population

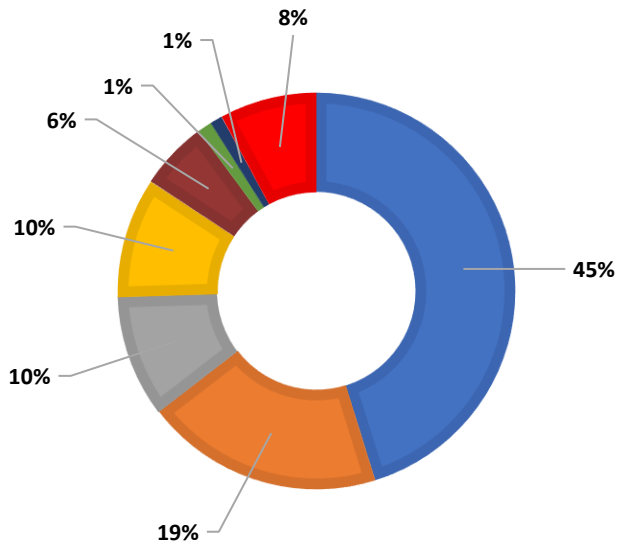
City	Population
Moroni	42,872
Moutsamoudou	23,594

## Comoros's Trade with the World



Source: Trademap

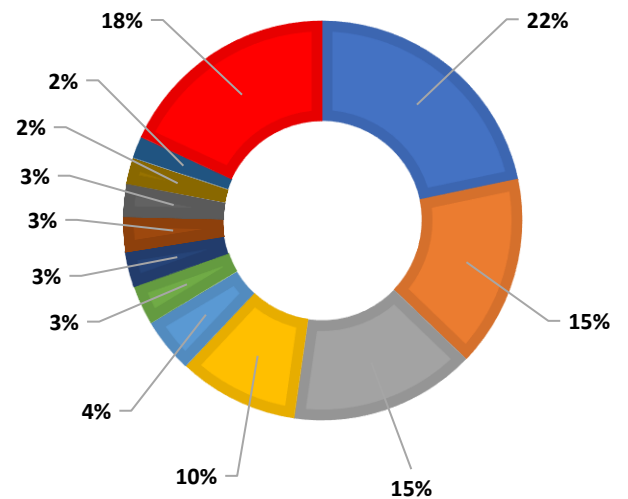
## Comoros's Major Export Destinations



■ France  
■ India  
■ Germany  
■ Madagascar  
■ United Arab Emirates  
■ Tanzania  
■ United States of America  
■ Other markets

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## Comoros's Major Import Sources



■ UAE  
■ France  
■ Pakistan  
■ China  
■ Turkey  
■ India  
■ Viet Nam  
■ Spain  
■ Mauritius  
■ South Africa  
■ Saudi Arabia  
■ Other markets

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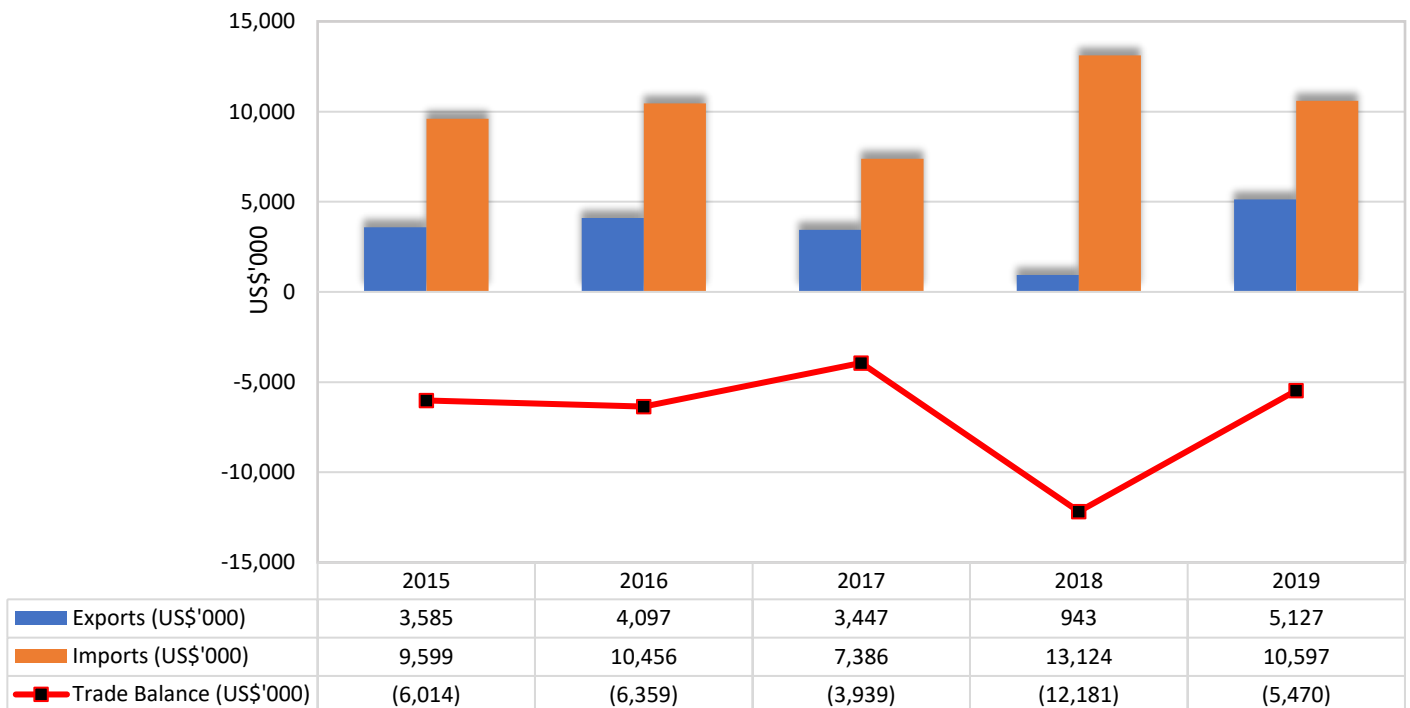
## Comoros's Major Exports

- Cloves, whole fruit, cloves and stems
- Essential oils
- Vacuum flasks and other vacuum vessels
- Vanilla
- Electrical ignition or starting equipment
- Electric sound or visual signaling apparatus, e.g. bells, sirens
- Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment
- Electric generating sets and rotary converters
- Garments, knitted or crocheted
- Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel
- Perfumes and toilet waters
- Fishing rods, fishhooks and other line fishing tackle
- Ferrous waste and scrap
- Transmission apparatus for radio-broadcasting
- Telephone sets
- Carpets and other textile floor coverings.

## Comoros's Major Imports

- Rice
- Cement, including cement clinkers
- Motor cars and other motor vehicles
- Meat and edible offal of fowls
- Petroleum oils (excluding crude)
- Bars and rods, of iron or non-alloy steel
- Wheat or meslin flour
- Cane or beet sugar
- Waters, incl. mineral waters and aerated waters
- Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar
- Furniture
- Electric generating sets and rotary converters
- Glazed ceramic flags
- Animal or vegetable fats and oils
- Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons
- Prepared or preserved fish
- Medicaments.

## Comoros-COMESA Trade



Source: ITC Trademap

## Comoros's Major Exports to COMESA

- Electrical ignition
- Vacuum flasks and other vacuum vessels
- Electric sound or visual signalling apparatus
- Electric generating sets and rotary converters
- Garments, knitted or crocheted
- Perfumes and toilet waters
- Essential oils
- Fishing rods, fishhooks
- Pianos
- Carpets and other textile floor coverings
- Table, kitchen or other household articles
- Motor vehicles for the transport of goods
- Waterproof footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or of plastics
- Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding
- Containers of iron or steel
- Brooms, brushes
- Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron.

## Comoros's Major Imports from COMESA

- Wheat or meslin flour
- Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding
- Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons
- Prepared or preserved fish
- Soap
- Metallised wood
- Salts, incl. table salt and denatured salt
- Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes of tobacco
- Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled
- Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their fractions
- Petroleum gas and other gaseous hydrocarbons
- Cane or beet sugar
- Medicaments
- Articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods
- Sugar confectionery not containing cocoa, incl. white chocolate
- Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise
- Roots and tubers of manioc, arrowroot, salep, Jerusalem artichokes, sweet potatoes
- Fruit juices.

## International Markets that Comoros can target and supply products

According to Export Potential Map, the markets with greatest potential for Comoros's exports of all products are India, France and Germany. India shows the largest absolute difference between potential and actual exports in value terms, leaving room to realize additional exports.

	Market	Products with potential
1)	India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cloves</li> <li>• Essential oils</li> <li>• Vanilla</li> <li>• Flat-rolled products of iron or steel</li> <li>• Waste and scrap of primary cells, primary batteries and electric accumulators</li> </ul>

2)	France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vanilla,</li> <li>• Essential oils</li> <li>• Cloves</li> <li>• Vacuum flasks and other vacuum vessels</li> </ul>
3)	Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vanilla</li> <li>• Cloves</li> <li>• Essential oils</li> </ul>

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