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.

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<th>City</th>
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<td>Moroni</td>
<td>42,872</td>
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<td>Moutsamoudou</td>
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**Location**

**Facts and Figures**

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<th>Total Population</th>
<th>832,322</th>
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<td>Area</td>
<td>1862 Km²</td>
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<td>Time Zone</td>
<td>(GMT+3)</td>
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<td>Capital City</td>
<td>Moroni (Grande Comores)</td>
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<td>International Telephone Code</td>
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<td>Currency</td>
<td>Comorian franc</td>
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<td>Exchange Rate</td>
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<td>GDP</td>
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<td>Ease of Doing Business (World Bank 2021)</td>
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**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).
Comoros’s Trade with the World

**Exports (US$'000)**
- 2015: 15,477
- 2016: 29,842
- 2017: 38,298
- 2018: 46,375
- 2019: 49,638

**Imports (US$'000)**
- 2015: 181,296
- 2016: 199,064
- 2017: 209,226
- 2018: 231,619
- 2019: 203,688

**Trade Balance (US$'000)**
- 2015: (165,819)
- 2016: (169,222)
- 2017: (170,928)
- 2018: (185,244)
- 2019: (154,050)

Source: Trademap

Comoros’s Major Export Destinations

- France: 45%
- India: 19%
- Germany: 10%
- United Arab Emirates: 10%
- United States of America: 10%
- Other markets: 8%

Comoros’s Major Import Sources

- UAE: 22%
- France: 18%
- Pakistan: 15%
- China: 15%
- Turkey: 10%
- Spain: 10%
- Mauritius: 4%
- India: 3%
- Viet Nam: 3%
- South Africa: 3%
- Other markets: 3%

Source: Trademap
**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**

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>3,585</td>
<td>9,599</td>
<td>(6,014)</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>4,097</td>
<td>10,456</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>3,447</td>
<td>7,386</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>943</td>
<td>13,124</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>5,127</td>
<td>10,597</td>
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Source: ITC Trademap
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.

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<th>Market</th>
<th>Products with potential</th>
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| 1) India | • Cloves  
• Essential oils  
• Vanilla  
• Flat-rolled products of iron or steel  
• Waste and scrap of primary cells, primary batteries and electric accumulators |
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