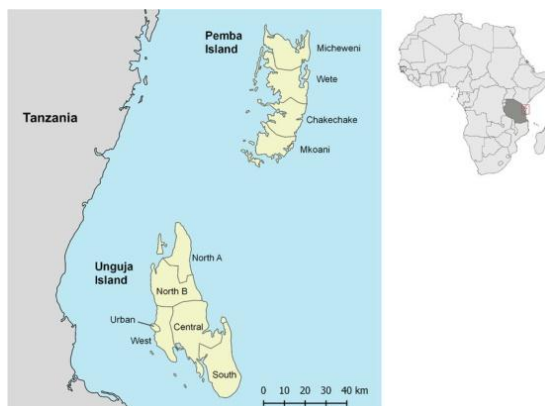


Zanzibar – Fact Sheet

(May, 2025)



	GENERAL
Official Name	<p>Zanzibar (a semi-autonomous constituent of the United Republic of Tanzania)</p> <p>The Indian Ocean archipelago of Zanzibar is a semi-autonomous province of Tanzania. It consists of the island of Zanzibar (Unjuga, Pemba as well as smaller neighbouring islands)</p>
Nomenclature of the Government	Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar
Capital	Zanzibar City
Area	2462 Sq.km.
Population	<p>1.88 million (2022 census).</p> <p>Over 98% of the population, including native Zanzibaris, Zanzibaries of Shirazi descent and people of Indian origin profess Islamic faith. Majority belongs to the Sunni sects. Indian origin muslims also constitutute Shia, Memons, Khojas & Bohris. Hindu & Christians constitute remaining 2% of the population</p>
Weather (in C)	Equatorial warm and humind. Average temperature is 30 degrees C

Tourist Arrivals (Year 2020)	260,644
Age Profile	
Median Age:	
Life Expectancy	65 years (men) 69 years (women)
Languages (with % age of speakers, if available)	Swahili is the main language. English is understood only by the educated elite. Gurajati is spoken by Persons of Indian Origin and Arabic by a small minority.
Ethnic Groups	Arab, African, mixed Arab & African
Main Religions (with%)	Zanzibar is almost entirely Muslim
Urbanization	% of Zanzibaris live in urban areas (2020)
	ECONOMIC
Currency	Tanzanian Shilling (Tsh)
Exchange rate with US\$ and Rs.	1 USD= Tsh 2342 1 Rupee = Tsh 28.61
GDP Per Capita	US\$ 1136 (2021)
GDP (at market rates)	Tsh 4209 billion
Major Sectors (% of GDP)	Agriculture incl. Fisheries: 22.8% Industry : 19.6% Services incl. Tourism: 47.8%
Unemployment Rate	19.6% (2021)
Inflation (%)	3.4% (2020)
GDP Per Capita	Tsh 2,526,000 (US\$ 1,099)
Total Trade (Goods & Services)	
Exports (Goods & Services)	Tsh 65,661 million (2020)
Imports (Goods & Services)	Tsh.847,431 million
Balance of Trade	Deficit of nearly Tsh 782 billion (335 million U.S. dollars).

Major Trading Partners	UAE, China, India, Pakistan, Turkey, Oman,
	POLITICAL
Political Structure	<p>Zanzibar is a semi-autonomous part of the United Republic of Tanzania. It has its own government, with President, 02 Vice Presidents, Cabinet, Legislature and Judicial system, known as the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar. Zanzibar has a government of national unity, current President of Zanzibar is Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, since 3 November 2020. There are many political parties in Zanzibar, but the most popular parties are the Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM), ACT Wazalendo (Alliance for Change and Transparency) and Civic United Front (CUF).</p> <p>Political System: Democracy</p> <p>President: Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi [since 3 November 2020; elected 2020] The President is elected by direct popular vote for a period of 05 years.</p> <p><u>House of Representatives</u> [unicameral] (81 Seats) 50 Members are elected by direct popular vote in single-member constituencies using the <u>first-past-the-post</u> system, 10 members are appointed by the President, 20 special seats are filled by women on a party basis in proportion to the elected seats. One seat is reserved for the Attorney-General; Members serve 5-year terms.</p> <p>Electoral Authority: <u>Zanzibar Electoral Commission</u></p>
HOS & HOG	H.E. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi
First Vice President	H.E. Othman Masoud Sherif
Second Vice President	H.E. Hemed Suleiman Abdalla
Revolution Day	12 th January
Union Day	26 th April
Government System	Multiparty Democratic System
	BILATERAL
Bilateral Trade	Tsh 118,207 million (204)
Indian Exports	Tsh 104,485 million (2024)
Imports into India	Tsh 13,722 million (2024)
Major items of Export and Import	<p>Zanzibar's main exports to India are cloves.</p> <p>Zanzibar's main imports from India : medicines, motorcycles, motor</p>

	vehicles, electrical transformers & apparatus, chemicals, petroleum products , textiles.
Indian origin/NRIs	PIOs 5000 NRIs/Workers :370
Indian Diaspora	NRIs: Mostly professionals engaged in senior management positions in Hotels and Resorts, Shipping Companies and local companies. Technical professionals employed in Hotel industry. PIOs: Mostly Muslims and Hindus from Gujarat – doing business and employed.
Indian Organizations	Hindu Temple Arya Samaj Organization Bohra Community Goan Community
