

Test Your Vocabulary Skills

40 Fabulous Facts about Madagascar – Part 1 of 2

Check you know these words and phrases then match them with the gaps below:

Africa
capital
climates
colony
country

ethnic groups
flag
fourth
independence
island

languages
located
minister
motto
president

republic
second
separated
southeastern
species

Madagascar...

- ...is an 1. _____ country.
- ...is 2. _____ in the Indian Ocean.
- ...lies off the 3. _____ coast of Africa.
- ...is the 4. _____ -largest island in the world, after Greenland, New Guinea, and Borneo.
- ...is the 5. _____ -largest island country in the world, after Greenland.
- ...is the 46th largest 6. _____ in the world.
- ...’s 7. _____ and largest city is Antananarivo.
- ...’s 8. _____ has three colours: a white vertical band and red and green horizontal bands.
- ...has two official 9. _____ – French and Malagasy.
- ...has the 10. _____ ‘Love, Fatherland, Progress’.
- ...separated from 11. _____ around 180 million years ago.
- ...12. _____ from India around 90 million years ago.
- ...has many 13. _____ of plants and animals that only exist there – thanks to its isolated location – including wild lemurs and one hundred different kinds of chameleon.
- ...has both tropical and subtropical 14. _____.
- ...is home to 18 different 15. _____, the largest of which being the Merina at 26%.
- ...is a 16. _____, governed by a military junta.
- ...’s 17. _____ is Michael Randrianirina.
- ...’s prime 18. _____ is Mamitiana Rajaonarison.
- ...was a 19. _____ belonging to the French between 1896 and 1958.
- ...declared 20. _____ from France on 26 June 1960.

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2. located
3. southeastern
4. fourth
5. second
6. country
7. capital
8. flag
9. languages
10. motto
11. Africa
12. separated
13. species
14. climates
15. ethnic groups
16. republic
17. president
18. minister
19. colony
20. independence

Resources:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madagascar>
<https://www.factretriever.com/madagascar>
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<https://www.britannica.com/facts/Madagascar>
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