

Test Your Vocabulary Skills

40 Fabulous Facts about Madagascar – Part 2 of 2

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

<i>area</i>	<i>GDP</i>	<i>quality of life</i>	<i>supergroup</i>
<i>Christian</i>	<i>industries</i>	<i>rice</i>	<i>time zone</i>
<i>currency</i>	<i>member</i>	<i>settled</i>	<i>top-level domain</i>
<i>dialling code</i>	<i>navigator</i>	<i>soil</i>	<i>trunks</i>
<i>forests</i>	<i>population</i>	<i>sports</i>	<i>whale watching</i>

Madagascar...

...has a 1. _____ of 31,964,956, making it the 49th most populous country in the world.

...’s Gross Domestic Product (2. _____) is US\$19.62 billion.

...’s 3. _____ is the Malagasy Ariary (MGA), with around 4,300 MGA per US\$.

...’s 4. _____ puts it three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

...’s international 5. _____ is +261.

...’s Internet 6. _____ (TLD) is .mg.

...has an 7. _____ of 592,796 km².

...was first permanently 8. _____ around 500 AD to 700 AD by Austronesian peoples, who probably came by canoe from Indonesia.

... is a 9. _____ of the United Nations (UN), the African Union (AU), the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie.

...is in general a 10. _____ country but also has many minority traditional faiths.

...lists ecotourism and agriculture as its main 11. _____.

...’s population generally has a low 12. _____, with around 70% of the population considered to be ‘poor’, surviving on less than \$1 per day.

...’s music legends include the Madagascar All Stars, a 13. _____ made up of six huge acts.

...is home to the iconic baobab tree, which have enormous 14. _____ that can grow to be more than forty metres in circumference.

...is the perfect place for 15. _____ every June, when humpback whales visit its shores to breed and calve.

...is nicknamed The Great Red Island, due to the distinctive colour of its 16. _____,

...’s famous 17. _____ stars include professional tennis-playing sisters Dally Randriantefy and Natacha Randriantefy.

...played host to Portuguese 18. _____ Diogo Dias in 1500, the first European to visit.

...has systematically cut down between 80% to 90% of its original 19. _____.

...’s inhabitants eat 20. _____ – their staple food – at least three times per day.

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1. population
2. GDP
3. currency
4. time zone
5. dialling code
6. top-level domain
7. area
8. settled
9. member
10. Christian
11. industries
12. quality of life
13. supergroup
14. trunks
15. whale watching
16. soil
17. sports
18. navigator
19. forests
20. rice

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