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## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region A) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Tanzanian shilling, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government

## General

Tanzania, consisting of Tanganyika and the off-lying islands of Zanzibar and Pemba, is located on the E coast of Africa between the great lakes of the central part of the continent and the Indian Ocean. It is bounded on the NE by Kenya; on the NW by Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi; on the W by Democratic Republic of the Congo (Zaire); on the SW by Zambia and Malawi; and on the S by Mozambique.

The mainland consists of a low-lying coastal area, a high central plateau, and several scattered mountainous zones. Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest peak in Africa, stands in the NE part of Tanzania, near the Kenyan border, and is 5,895m high.

Zanzibar is the largest and most important of the many islands lying off the E coast of Africa. This island is undulating, fertile, and has a harbor on its W side. Pemba, a low island, lies 24 miles NE of Zanzibar.

The climate varies from tropical along the coast to temperate in the highlands.



**Flag of Tanzania**

Tanganyika and the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba combined in 1964 to form the United Republic of Tanganyika and Zanzibar, later renamed Tanzania.

The President is head of state, chairman of the party, and commander-in-chief of the armed forces. The Prime Minister, who is also the first Vice-President, is the leader of government.

business in the National Assembly (Bunge). The second Vice-President is the head of the executive in the region of Zanzibar.

The President is directly elected to a 5-year term. The Prime Minister is appointed by the president.

The unicameral National Assembly (Bunge) consists of 232 directly elected members serving 5-year terms, as well as five members of the Zanzibar House of Representatives and 37 appointed members, also serving 5-year terms. The National Assembly (Bunge) enacts laws that apply to the entire United Republic of Tanzania, as well as laws that apply only to the mainland.

Zanzibar has its own 50-member House of Representatives, consisting of 50 directly-elected members serving 5-year terms; they enact laws that apply only to Zanzibar.

The legal system is based on English common law, Islamic law, customary law, and the German civil law system.

The official capital is Dodoma. Dar es Salaam is the chief port and former capital.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

New Year's Day	January 1
Zanzibar Revolution Day	Jan. 12
Good Friday	Varies
Easter Monday	Varies
Union Day	April 26
Workers Day	May 1
Saba Saba Day	July 7
Peasants Day (Nane Nane)	August 8
Independence Day	December 9
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

Islamic holidays, which are subject to the appearance of the moon, include Eid-il-Fitr (End of Ramadan), Eid-il-Hajj (End of Pilgrimage), and Maulid.

## Industries

The major industries include food processing, diamond mining, petroleum and chemical products, cement, textiles, fertilizer, and wood products.

The principal mainland agricultural crops are cotton, coffee, millet, sorghum, sugar, maize, and sisal. The islands of Zanzibar and Pemba provide the greater part of the world's supply of cloves.

## Languages

The official languages are English and Swahili. English is the principal language of commerce, administration, and higher education.

Swahili is the principal language of communication and primary education, being widely used by numerous ethnic groups. There are many tribal languages.

## Regulations

Vessels are advised that it is prohibited to transmit on HF or MF frequencies when anchored in or navigating within 15 miles of Tanzanian ports. Only VHF transmissions are allowed unless prior permission has been obtained from the Chief Marine Radio Inspector, Maritime Communications Division, P.O. Box 2260, Dar es Salaam.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is CHARLIE (-3). Daylight Savings Time is not observed.

### World Time Zone Chart

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/ref/pdf/802801.pdf>

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