

Seychelles

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Location and area

Seychelles is a republic, consisting of an archipelago of some 90 islands, scattered across the western Indian Ocean, northeast of the island of Madagascar. The archipelago's total area is 454 km². (Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia 2002).

Topography

Seychelles consists of two distinct island groups:

- the Mahé group in the north, consisting of 40 islands formed of granitic rocks with hilly interiors rising as high as 900 m. All the country's principal islands belong to this group including Mahé Island (the largest), Praslin, Silhouette, and La Digue;
- the 50 or so low-lying coral islands stretching to the south. The coral islands are largely without water resources, and most are uninhabited.

About 90 % has a population lives on Mahé (Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia 2002).

Peatlands

No peatlands are known from the Seychelles.