



# HISTORY, HERITAGE AND CULTURE

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# THE FLAG

- The Somali flag is blue, with a white star.
- The blue colour symbolizes the Indian ocean and the star is a symbol of unity.



The five points represent the 5 regions Somalis reside.

1. Djibouti
2. Somaliland (formerly British Somali Land)
3. Ogaden Region (Northern Ethiopia)
4. The "South" (formerly Italian Somali Land)
5. North East Kenya

# OVERVIEW

Somalia is located in the horn of Africa. It is bordered by Ethiopia, Djibouti, Kenya and the Gulf of Aden.

- Somalia has the longest coastline in Africa.
- Mogadishu is the capital city of Somalia.
- The population is 16 million currently.



# OVERVIEW

- The official languages are Somali and Arabic. Somali is the mother tongue of Somalis.
- The majority of Somali people are Muslim. Somalia partially governs by Sharia law.

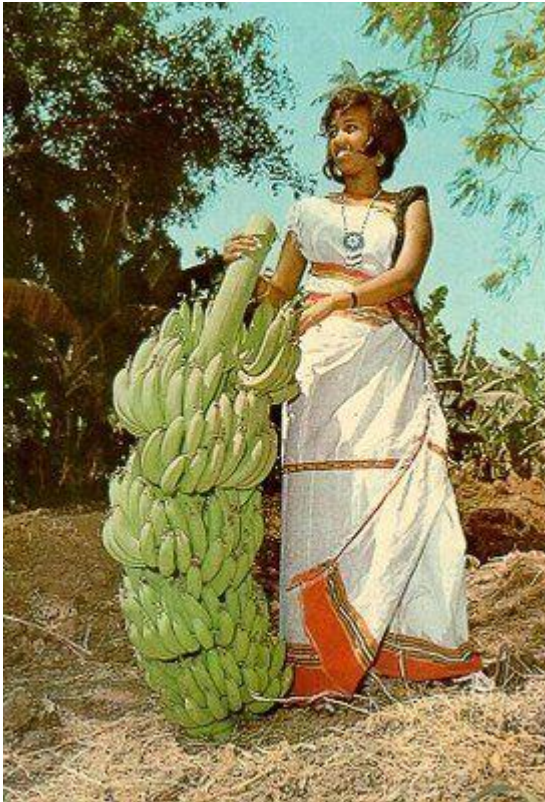


# CAMELS

- Camels provide transportation, milk, meat and income to the local people.
- Camels can survive up to seven months in the desert without drinking water.



# FOOD



- The most famous food in Somalia is banana.
- Somalis eat banana with every meal.
- One of Somalia's largest exports is banana.

# ARTS AND CRAFTS



- Animal sculptures



- Milk containers (Dhiil)

# Traditional Somali Architecture



The National Theatre of Somalia

- Located in Mogadishu Somalia
- Built by China, 1967
- Renovated in 2013





## The Old Parliament

- Constructed in 1970s by Siad Barre's government
- Triangular shape with brick facade
- 15 m tower & exterior walls remain



## Statue of Sayid Mohamed Abdullah

- Religious and military leader
- Unified somali people against imperialism
- Dervish leader in Dhulbahante garesas



## Benadir Regional Administration

- 2 story regional building
- Held administrative arm of government
- Moorish arches (neoclassical wings)
- Central plaza and grand entrance (Mayor of Mogadishu)

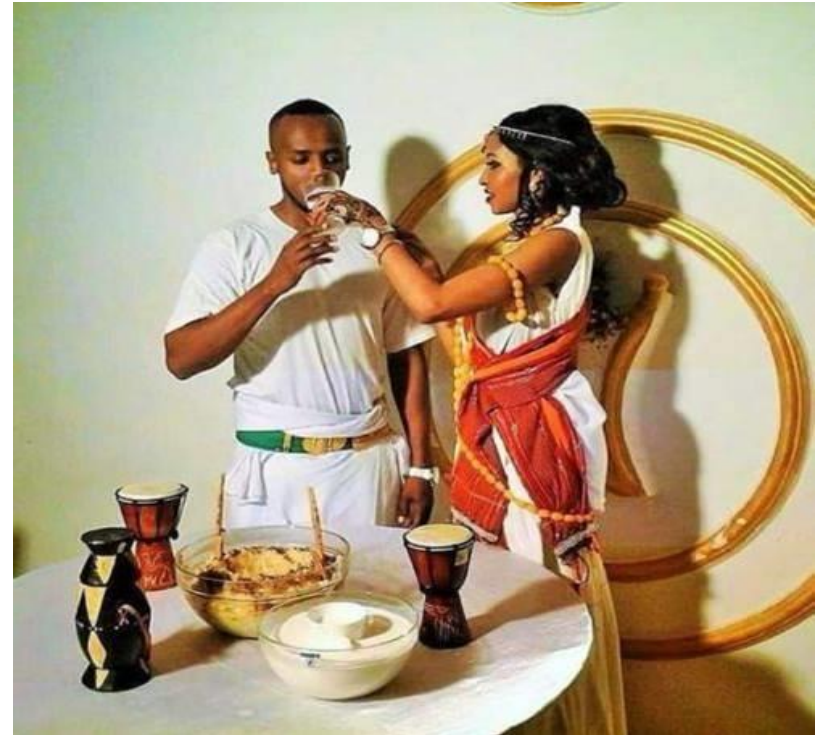
# MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



- Traditional Somali instruments



# TRADITIONAL SOMALI CLOTHING



# GREETINGS

Somali's warmly greet each other with handshakes. However, shaking hands with the opposite sex is avoided.

Somali's use the traditional Islamic greeting to say hello "As-Salamu Alaykum" "May peace be upon you".

GOOD MORNING - SUBAH  
WANAGSAN

GOOD AFTERNOON - GALAB  
WANAGSAN

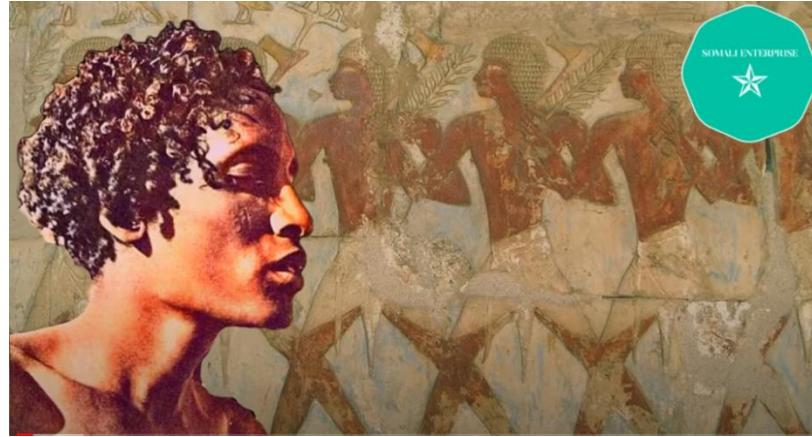
GOOD NIGHT - HABEEN WANAGSAN

BYE - NABADGELYO

THANK YOU - MAHADSANID

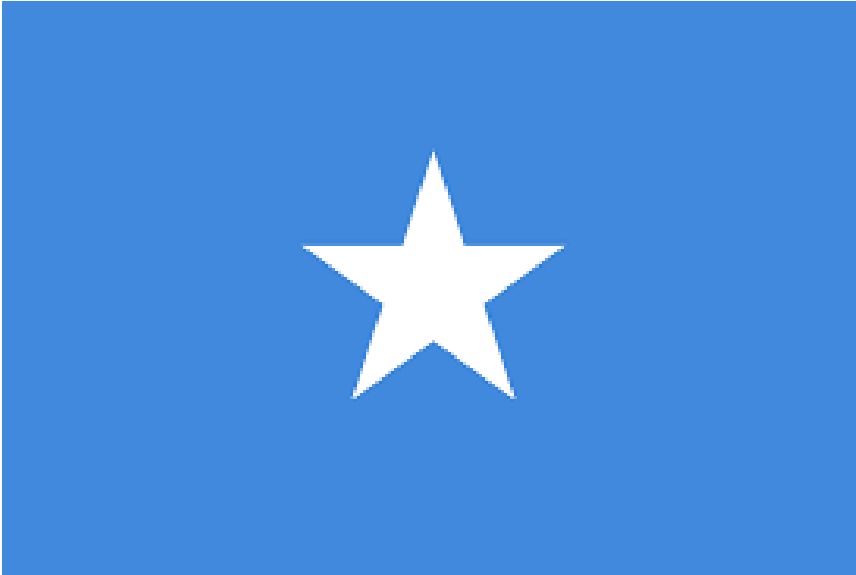


# SOMALI HERITAGE & HISTORY



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