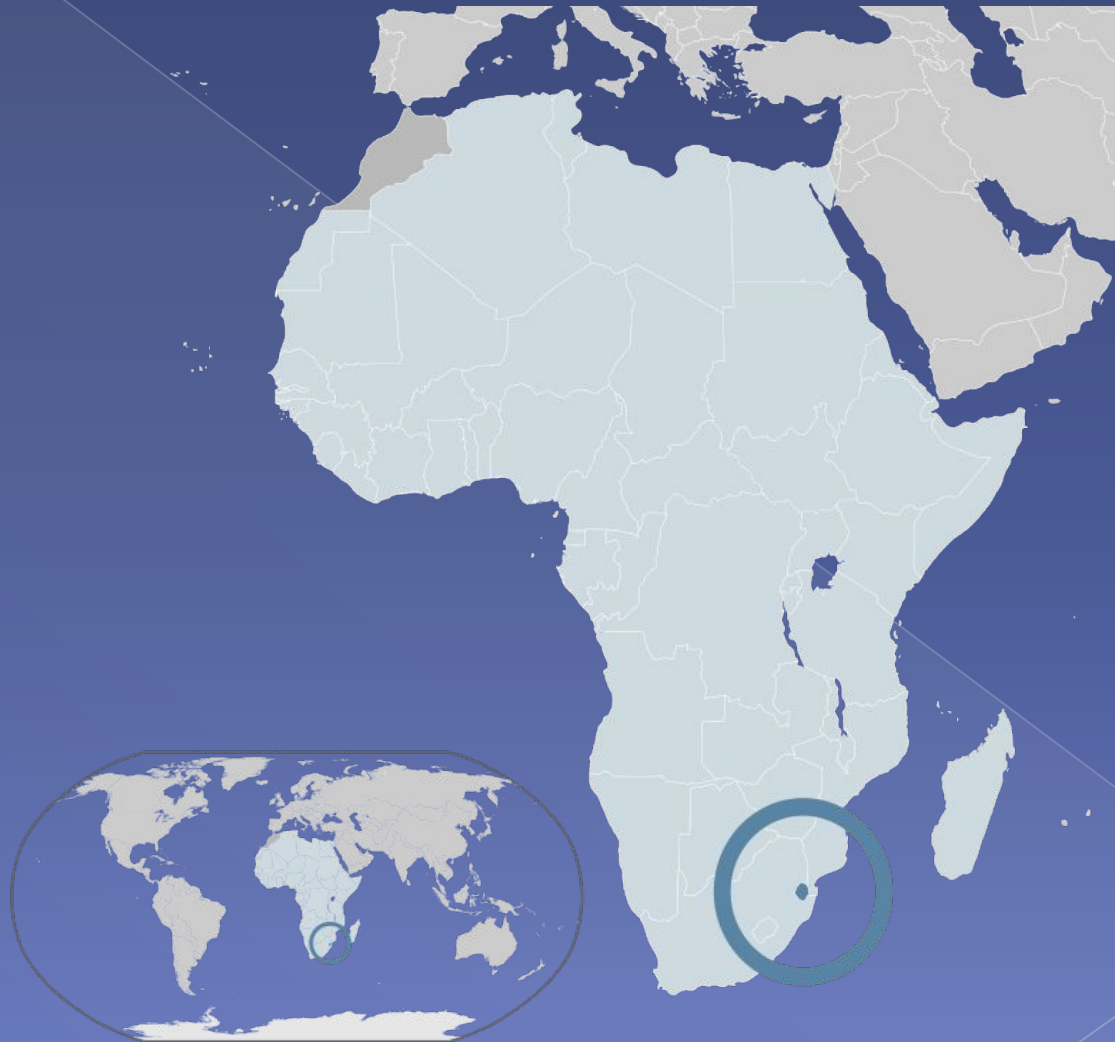


Swaziland

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The Kingdom of Swaziland - a country in South Africa.



It offers a wide variety of natural landscapes, from the mountainous areas along the border with Mozambique to the east of the savannah and rainforest in the northwest. On the territory of the country occur several rivers, including the largest river in Swaziland - Lusutfu river.



The official capital of the country - Mbabane (67 200 inhabitants), the historical capital and residence of the Queen Mother and the Parliament - lobamba. The largest city and the economic "capital" - Manzini



75% of the country's labor force is employed in agriculture. In the country grow sugar cane, cotton, corn, tobacco, rice, citrus, pineapples, sorghum, peanuts, and also engaged in cattle (cows, goats, sheep), coal mining, timber production, manufacture of fruit juice concentrates, textiles.



Age categories:

0-14 years - 46%

15-64 years - 52%

65 years and older - 2%



- The head of state - the king, since 1986 - Mswati III. In the hands of the king concentrated executive power. He has the right to appoint the prime minister and a number of its representatives in each of the Houses of Parliament. The supreme legislative body is a bicameral parliament. The parliament has no real legislative power and in fact is an advisory body to the king. At least 30% of the seats in the House of Assembly should be women.
- The main supplier of products to the country - South Africa (90%).
- Part of an international organization ACP countries.

This is a King of Swaziland – Mswati III



- Tourist attraction is the traditional reed dance (Umhlanga) - annual mass holiday in Swaziland.



- The main religion in Swaziland - Christianity (82.7% of the population), in which various Protestant and indigenous African churches, including African Zionist, constitute the majority, there are also a significant number of Roman Catholics.
- Other religions include Islam, Baha'i, Hinduism.
- Swaziland is a country with the highest percentage of people infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Every fourth adult citizen of the country is a carrier of the virus..



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