

## Administrative Boundaries and Settlements

Modern history of Somalia traces its beginnings back to just over 120 years ago. The first 80 years, from 1880 to 1960, were dominated by colonial rule. Independence and union in 1960 mark the beginning of democratic, but mostly military, rule, ending in 1991 with the collapse of the State. The ensuing 14 years up to 2005 were characterized by general chaos, with state fragmentation and proclamation of independent states (Somaliland and Puntland). The last 3 years (2005-2008) have seen the first serious efforts to reestablish a central governing body (TFG). Without a stable central government to officially promulgate territorial changes, all administrative boundaries of Somalia date back to the pre-1991 political situation. This is why the following maps depict that status, even though some new districts have more recently been proclaimed locally. Each district takes its name from the District capital.

The Somali territory was subdivided into Regions (18) and Districts (74), as listed (in alphabetical order) in the table below.

REGION	DISTRICT
Awdal	Baki Borama Lughaye Zeylac
Bakool	Ceel Barde Tayeeglow Waajid Xudur Yeed
Banaadir	Mogadishu
Bari	Bandarbeyla Bossaso Caluula Iskushuban Qandala Qardho
Bay	Baydhabo Buur Hakaba Diinsoor Qansax Dheere
Galgaduud	Cabudwaaq Cadaado Ceel Buur Ceel Dheer Dhuusamarreeb
Gedo	Baardheere Belet Xaawo Ceel Waaq Doolow Garbahaarey Luuq
Hiraan	Belet Weyne Bulo Burto Jalalaqsi

## Xuduudaha Dagaanada iyo Maamulka

Taariqda Casriga ah Soomaaliya waxey dib ugu noqoneysaa 120 sano ka hor. 80kii sano ee ugu horeysey oo ah intii u dhaxeysay 1880 kii iyo 1960 kii, waxaa xukumi jirey gumeysi. 1960kii waxey astaan u aheyd xornimadii iyo midnamadii labada Gobol sidoo kale 1960 waxey bilow u aheed xukun Dimuquraadii ah kaasoo markii danbana xukun milatari ka danbeeyay ilaa ugu danbeytii oo uu burburay nidaamkii 1991. 14kii sano ee ka danbeysay 1991 ilaa 2005 waxaa wadanka oo dhan hareeyey fowdo, halka gobolo dalka ka mid ahaa ay ku dhawaaqeen maamulo madax banaan sida Somaliland iyo Puntland. Labadii sano ee ugu danbeysey 2005-2008 waxaa jirey dadaalo lagu doonayey in lagu soo celiyo Nidaamkii Maamulkii Dawlad dhexe (TFG). Inta meesha ka maqantahay dowlad dhexe oo xasillan, oo rasmi ahaan isbadal ku sameyn karta geyiga, xuduud maamuleedyada degaanada Soomaaliya dhamaantood waxaa loo tixraacayaa sidii ay ahaayeen wixii ka horeeyey 1991 kii. Waa sababta ay khariidaduha soo socda sidaa u yihiin, wallow ay jirto in maamulada qaarkood ay degmooyin cusub magacaabeen waqti dhow. Degmo kasta waxay magaceeda ka qaadaneysaa magaca Dagmada caasimada ah.

Wadanka Soomaaliya waxuu u kala qebsan yahey 8 gobal iyo 74 dagmo, kuwaasoo sida ay (Xuruufaha Alifka) u kala horeeyaan ay hoos ku xusan tahay:

GOBOLKA	DEGMADA
Awdal	Baki Borama Lughaye Zeylac
Bakool	Ceel Barde Tiyeeglow Waajid Xudur Yeed
Banaadir	Muqdishow
Bari	Bandarbayla Boosaaso Caluula Iskushuban Qandala Qardho
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Hiraan	Beled Weyne Bulo Barde Jalalaqsi

Lower Juba	Afmadow Badhaadhe Jamaame Kismaayo
Lower Shabelle	Afgooye Baraawe Kurtunwaarey Marka Qoryooley Sablaale Wanla Weyn
Middle Juba	Bu'aale Jilib Saakow
Middle Shabelle	Adan Yabaal Balcad Cadale Jowhar
Mudug	Gaalkacyo Galdogob Hobyo Jariiban Xarardheere
Nugaal	Burtinle Eyl Garowe
Sanaag	Ceel Afweyn Ceerigaabo Laasqoray
Sool	Caynabo Laas Caanood Taleex Xudun
Togdheer	Burco Buuhoodle Oodweyne Sheikh
Woqooyi Galbeed	Berbera Gebiley Hargeysa

The colonial occupation left its mark on place-name spellings (toponyms). Sometimes very different spellings are used for the same places: Somali, English or Italian being the main linguistic influences. As yet, there is no agreed-upon standard for spelling of place-names.

Lower Jubba	Afmadow Badhaadhe Jamaame Kismaayo
Shabeelaha Dhexe	Afgooye Baraawe Kuntun Waarey Marka Qoryooley Sablaale Wanla Weyn
Jubbada Dhexe	Bu'aale Jilib Saakow
Shabeelaha Dhexe	Aadan Yabaal Balcad Cadale Jowhar
Mudug	Gaalkacyo Galdogob Hobyo Jariiban Xarardheere
Nugaal	Burtinle Eyl Garowe
Sanaag	Ceel Afweyn Ceergaabo Laasqoray
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Mararka qaarkood dhawaaqa magacyada dagmooyinka waxaa loogu yeeraa habkii gumeysiga. Mararka qaarkood hal magac ayaa siyaaba kala gedisan loogu dhawaaqaa ilaa iyo hada ma jiro hab leysku raacsan yahay oo aanu isbeelin ee hingaadda magacyada meelaha.