

Morocco: Administrative Structure

On 20 February 2015 the Moroccan government issued Decree No. 2-15-40¹, outlining the modified administrative structure of the country. This reorganisation is the result of a government programme aimed at giving each of the regions autonomy, and a greater autonomy to the regions coinciding with Western Sahara. In 2010, the Consultative Commission for Regionalization was formed to tackle this subject. The commission prepared a report proposing to reorganize Morocco into 12 regions. The new 12-region structure constitutes a regrouping of the existing provinces and prefectures² and replaces the previous structure of 16 regions.

The decree states that Morocco is divided into 12 regions. However, since **Dakhla-Oued Ed-Dahab**³ falls entirely in the territory of Western Sahara⁴, this would not be included on UK products as part of Morocco. The region of **Laâyoune-Sakia El Hamra** falls partly into Western Sahara but as part of it is in Morocco, it is recognised as part of Morocco's administrative structure and the part outside Western Sahara can be shown on UK mapping.

Administrative Regions of Morocco (as of February 2015)

	Region (ADM1)	Administrative Centre (PPLA)	Prefectures & Provinces (ADM2s)
1	Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceïma	Tanger-Assilah# (Tanger (Tangiers))	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tanger-Assilah* 2. M'diq-Fnideq* 3. Tétouan 4. Fahs-Anjra 5. Larache 6. Al Hoceïma 7. Chefchaouen 8. Ouezzane
2	L'Oriental	Oujda-Angad# (Oujda)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oujda-Angad* 2. Nador 3. Driouch 4. Jerada 5. Berkane 6. Taourirt 7. Guercif 8. Figuig

¹<http://www.pncl.gov.ma/fr/EspaceJuridique/DocLib/d%C3%A9cret%20fixant%20le%20nombre%20des%20r%C3%A9gions.pdf>

² <http://www.regionalisationavancee.ma/PagesmFr.aspx?id=54;>
<http://www.regionalisationavancee.ma/PDF/Rapport/Fr/regionFr.pdf>

³ The Moroccan Decree states that Oued Ed-Dahab is the administrative centre of this region, which is subdivided into two provinces (ADM2s): Oued Ed-Dahab and Aousserd).

⁴ Western Sahara is disputed and should be shown as such on UK products. UK government does not support any particular claim to the territory.

	Region (ADM1)	Administrative Centre (PPLA)	Prefectures & Provinces (ADM2s)
3	Fès-Meknès	Fès	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fès* 2. Meknès* 3. El Hajeb 4. Ifrane 5. Moulay Yacoub 6. Sefrou 7. Boulemane 8. Taounate 9. Taza
4	Rabat-Salé-Kénitra	Rabat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rabat* 2. Salé* 3. Skhirate-Témara* 4. Kénitra 5. Khémisset 6. Sidi Kacem 7. Sidi Slimane
5	Béni Mellal-Khénifra	Béni Mellal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Béni Mellal 2. Azilal 3. Fquih Ben Salah 4. Khénifra 5. Khouribga
6	Casablanca-Settat	Casablanca	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Casablanca* 2. Mohammadia* 3. El Jadida 4. Nouaceur 5. Médiouna 6. Benslimane* 7. Berrechid 8. Settat 9. Sidi Bennour
7	Marrakech-Safi	Marrakech	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marrakech* 2. Chichaoua 3. Al Haouz 4. El Kelâa des Sraghna* 5. Essaouira 6. Rehamna 7. Safi 8. Youssoufia
8	Drâa-Tafilalet	Errachidia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Errachidia 2. Ouarzazate 3. Midelt 4. Tinghir 5. Zagora

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9	Souss-Massa	Agadir-Ida-Ou-Tanane [#] (Agadir)	1. Agadir-Ida-Ou-Tanane* 2. Inezgane-Aït Melloul* 3. Chtouka-Aït Baha 4. Taroudannt 5. Tiznit 6. Tata
10	Guelmim-Oued Noun	Guelmim	1. Guelmim 2. Assa-Zag 3. Tan-Tan 4. Sidi Ifni
11	Laâyoune-Sakia El Hamra ⁵	Laâyoune	1. Laâyoune 2. Tarfaya 3. Es-Semara 4. Boujdour

* The ADM2s marked with an asterisk are prefectures. The remainder are provinces.

The Decree states that the prefectures of Tanger-Assilah, Oujda-Angad and Agadir-Ida-Ou-Tanane are the administrative centres of Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceïma, L'Oriental and Souss-Massa. On cartographic products PCGN would recommend showing the cities of Tanger (Tangiers), Oujda and Agadir as the administrative centres.

A map of the new structure can be found here:

<https://www.medias24.com/NATION/POLITIQUE/152101-Decoupage-territorial-La-nouvelle-carte-du-Maroc-devoilee.html>. This map shows the full structure as recognised by Morocco. As described in paragraph 2 above, no administrative structure should be shown within Western Sahara on UK products.

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⁵ Part of this region falls in Western Sahara.