

## Ivory Coast – Administrative Structure

The administrative structure of Ivory Coast<sup>1</sup> was revised in September 2011. The new structure, which consists of 14 districts (2 autonomous districts and 12 regular districts) at first-order (ADM1) level, is as follows:

- ADM1 – 14 districts (2 autonomous districts and 12 regular districts)
- ADM2 – 31 regions (fra: région)
- ADM3 – 95 departments (fra: département)
- ADM4 – 498 sub-prefectures (fra: sous-préfecture)

Details of the ADM1s and ADM2s are provided on the next page. A map showing the administrative divisions can be found here:

[http://www.gouv.ci/doc/1333118154nouveau\\_decoupage\\_administrative\\_ci.pdf](http://www.gouv.ci/doc/1333118154nouveau_decoupage_administrative_ci.pdf)

The previous structure, consisting of 19 regions at first-order level, was reorganised as follows:

1. The cities of Abidjan and Yamoussoukro were split from their regions (Lagunes and Lacs, respectively) to form autonomous districts.
2. The northern regions of Denguélé, Savanes, Vallée du Bandama, and Zanzan were re-designated as districts with no change in territory.
3. The old Agnéby and Lagunes regions, excluding Abidjan (see no. 1), merged to form Lagunes district.
4. Bafing and Worodougou regions merged to form Woroba district.
5. The department of Fresco was transferred from Sud-Bandama to Bas-Sassandra region to form Bas-Sassandra district; the remainder of Sud-Bandama region merged with Fromager to form Gôh-Djiboua district.
6. Dix-Huit Montagnes (18 Montagnes) and Moyen-Cavally regions merged to form Montagnes district.
7. Haut-Sassandra and Marahoué regions merged to form Sassandra-Marahoué district.
8. N'zi-Comoé and Lacs regions, excluding Yamoussoukro (see no. 1), merged to form Lacs district.
9. Moyen-Comoé and Sud-Comoé regions merged to form Comoé district.

### Geographical Names Policy

The official language and lingua franca of Ivory Coast is French, although geographical names may be derived from one of the many African languages spoken in the country<sup>2</sup>. Names are written in Roman-script and should be taken from official sources, where possible, and all diacritical marks should be retained<sup>3</sup>. In the absence of official Ivorian mapping, maps produced by the French IGN are a good source of names.

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<sup>1</sup> Ivory Coast is the usual informal country name in the English language and can be used for internal HMG and UK domestic purposes. Côte d'Ivoire must be used for all correspondence and relations with the country itself. Côte d'Ivoire should also be used in correspondence with international organizations, such as the United Nations.

<sup>2</sup> Ethnologue lists 81 living languages for Ivory Coast: <http://www.ethnologue.com/country/CI>.

<sup>3</sup> Names found written entirely in upper case may not include diacritics.

### Administrative Divisions of Ivory Coast

	ADM1 Name		Administrative Centre (PPLA)	Division Type	ADM2s (Regions)		
	Short Name	Long Name			Name	Administrative Centre (PPLA2)	
						Name	Location
1	Abidjan	District Autonome d'Abidjan	Abidjan (05° 18' 35" N, 004° 00' 46" W)	Autonomous district	<i>Subdivided into 3 sub-prefectures</i>	N/A	N/A
2	Bas-Sassandra	District du Bas-Sassandra	San-Pédro (04° 44' 55" N, 006° 38' 11" W)	District	Gbôklé Nawa San-Pédro	Sassandra Soubré San-Pédro	04° 57' 00" N, 006° 05' 00" W 05° 47' 02" N, 006° 35' 38" W 04° 44' 55" N, 006° 38' 11" W
3	Comoé	District du Comoé	Abengourou (06° 43' 47" N, 003° 29' 47" W)	District	Indénié-Djuablin Sud-Comoé	Abengourou Aboisso	06° 43' 47" N, 003° 29' 47" W 05° 28' 04" N, 003° 12' 26" W
4	Denguélé	District du Denguélé	Odienné (09° 30' 18" N, 007° 33' 52" W)	District	Folon Kabadougou	Minignan <sup>4</sup> Odienné	09° 59' 51" N, 007° 50' 09" W 09° 30' 18" N, 007° 33' 52" W
5	Gôh-Djiboua	District du Gôh-Djiboua	Gagnoa (06° 07' 55" N, 005° 57' 02" W)	District	Gôh Lôh-Djiboua	Gagnoa Divo	06° 07' 55" N, 005° 57' 02" W 05° 50' 15" N, 005° 21' 26" W
6	Lacs	District des Lacs	Dimbokro (06° 38' 48" N, 004° 42' 19" W)	District	Bélier Ifou N'zi Moronou <sup>5</sup>	Yamoussoukro Daoukro Dimbokro Bongouanou	06° 49' 14" N, 005° 16' 36" W 07° 03' 31" N, 003° 57' 53" W 06° 38' 48" N, 004° 42' 19" W 06° 39' 06" N, 004° 12' 15" W
7	Lagunes	District des Lagunes	Dabou (05° 19' 32" N, 004° 22' 37" W)	District	Agnéby-Tiassa Grands-Ponts Massan (La Mé)	Agboville Dabou Adzopé	05° 55' 41" N, 004° 12' 47" W 05° 19' 32" N, 004° 22' 37" W 06° 06' 25" N, 003° 51' 43" W

<sup>4</sup> Sometimes known as Maninian.

<sup>5</sup> <http://news.abidjan.net/h/439398.html> [retrieved 9/11/15]

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8	Montagnes	District des Montagnes	Man (07° 24' 45" N, 007° 33' 14" W)	District	Cavally Guémon Tonkpi	Guiglo Duékoué Man	06° 32' 37" N, 007° 29' 37" W 06° 44' 31" N, 007° 20' 57" W 07° 24' 45" N, 007° 33' 14" W
9	Sassandra-Marahoué	District du Sassandra-Marahoué	Daloa (06° 52' 38" N, 006° 27' 01" W)	District	Haut-Sassandra Marahoué	Daloa Bouaflé	06° 52' 38" N, 006° 27' 01" W 06° 59' 25" N, 005° 44' 39" W
10	Savanes	District des Savanes	Korhogo (09° 27' 29" N, 005° 37' 47" W)	District	Bagoué Poro Tchologo	Boundiali Korhogo Ferkessédougou	09° 31' 18" N, 006° 29' 13" W 09° 27' 29" N, 005° 37' 47" W 09° 35' 34" N, 005° 11' 40" W
11	Vallée du Bandama	District de la Vallée du Bandama	Bouaké (07° 41' 38" N, 005° 01' 49" W)	District	Gbêkê Hambol	Bouaké Katiola	07° 41' 38" N, 005° 01' 49" W 08° 08' 14" N, 005° 06' 03" W
12	Woroba	District du Woroba	Séguéla (07° 57' 40" N, 006° 40' 23" W)	District	Béré Bafing Worodougou	Mankono Touba Séguéla	08° 03' 31" N, 006° 11' 23" W 08° 17' 00" N, 007° 41' 00" W 07° 57' 40" N, 006° 40' 23" W
13	Yamoussoukro <sup>6</sup>	District Autonome de Yamoussoukro	Yamoussoukro <sup>7</sup> (06° 49' 14" N, 005° 16' 36" W)	Autonomous district	<i>Subdivided into 2 departments and 4 sub-prefectures</i>	N/A	N/A
14	Zanzan	District du Zanzan	Bondoukou (08° 02' 25" N, 002° 48' 00" W)	District	Bounkani Gontougo	Bouna Bondoukou	09° 16' 09" N, 002° 59' 42" W 08° 02' 25" N, 002° 48' 00" W

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.yamoussoukro.org/en/geo\\_situation.htm](http://www.yamoussoukro.org/en/geo_situation.htm)

<sup>7</sup> Yamoussoukro is the capital city of Ivory Coast.

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