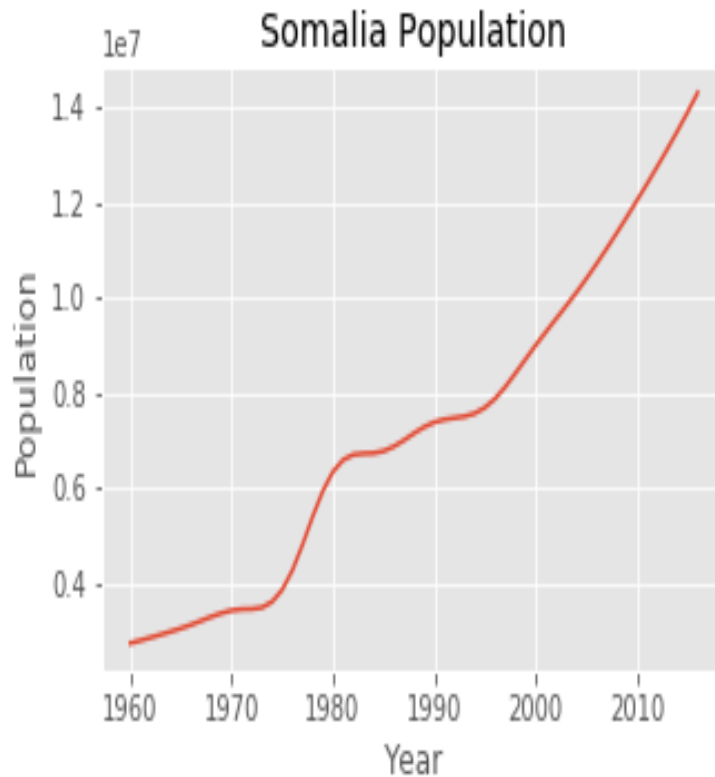


Somalia



Coordinates: $10^{\circ}\text{N } 49^{\circ}\text{E}$ / $10^{\circ}\text{N } 49^{\circ}\text{E}$ / 10; 49 Somalia (/sɒˈmɒli/, so-/ so-MAH-lee-; Somali: Soomaaliya; Arabic: **جمهورية الصومال الفيدرالية**), officially the Federal Republic of Somalia (Somali: Jamhuuriyadda Federaalka Soomaaliya, Arabic: **الجمهورية العربية الصومالية** Jumhūriyyat al-ʿArabī al-Fīdirīyah), is a country located in the Horn of Africa. It is bordered by Ethiopia to the west, Djibouti to the northwest, the Gulf of Aden to the north, the Indian Ocean to the east, and Kenya to the southwest. Somalia has the longest coastline on Africa's mainland, and its terrain consists mainly of plateaus, plains and highlands. Climatically, hot conditions prevail year-round, with periodic monsoon winds and irregular rainfall. Somalia has an estimated population of around 14.3 million. Around 85% of its residents are ethnic Somalis, who have historically inhabited the northern part of the country. Ethnic minorities are largely concentrated in the southern regions. The official languages of Somalia are Somali and Arabic, both of which belong to the Afroasiatic family. Most people in the country are Muslim, with the majority being Sunni.