

General data of Mozambique

Official name: Republic of Mozambique

Gentile: Mozambican

Territorial extension: 801,590 square kilometers

Location: Sub-Saharan Africa

Capital: Maputo

Weather: Tropical

Government: Presidential republic

Language: Portuguese

Religions: 56% (Christianity); 18% (Islam); 26% (others).

Population: 32,080,000 inhabitants

Demographic density: 29 inhabitants/square kilometer

Currency: Metical

Mozambique is a country in southeastern Africa. It has a coast on the Atlantic Ocean and is bordered by Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Due to its shape, Mozambique has a varied geography with mostly coastal lowlands and mountains in the south. Due to its shape, Mozambique has a varied geography with mostly coastal lowlands and mountains in the south. The government system is a presidential republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the Prime Minister, and the country is a member of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Mozambique is rich in natural resources, is biologically and culturally diverse, and has a tropical climate. Its extensive coastline, fronting the Mozambique Channel, which separates mainland Africa from the island of Madagascar, offers some of Africa's best natural harbors. These have allowed Mozambique an important role in the maritime economy of the Indian Ocean, while the country's white sand beaches are an important attraction for the growing tourism industry. Fertile soils in the northern and central areas of Mozambique have yielded a varied and abundant agriculture, and the great Zambezi River has provided ample water for irrigation and the basis for a regionally important hydroelectric power industry.

History of Taekwon-Do in Mozambique

Taekwon-Do ITF arrived in Mozambique at the end of the 70s, when Marshal Samora Moisés Machel, the first president of Mozambique saw the way the Korean troops were excellent in combat with weapons and without weapons because of Taekwondo.

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President Samora Moisés Machel immediately requested the Korean government to send official masters from the Korean army to Mozambique to implement Taekwon-Do ITF in the Mozambican army.

The practice of Taekwon-do became a tradition for Mozambicans, and now we have four styles of Taekwon-Do (ITF, WT, ATA and GTMA. Nowadays we have four Taekwon-Do ITF organisations , which are: ITF (Ri Yong Son), ITF (Grand Master Paul Weiler) and ITF (Grand Master Choi Jung Hwa) and now CHITF (Senior Grand Master Phap Lu).

About Me

Born on August 11, 1973 in Maputo, I started practicing Taekwon-Do ITF in 1986 with a friend who practiced with his father who was one of the brigadiers of the Mozambican army, I signed up to a school where at the time the Korean master CHOI IL HWAN was the master who taught me from 10-Kup to 1-Kup, with the change of regime in Mozambique the North Korean embassy withdrew from Mozambique taking the Korean masters with them.

Years later Taekwondo WTF was introduced in Mozambique by a group of Portuguese masters where many of us joined, in 2002 the great South Korean master EUN WOO LI graduated me to the 1st Dan black belt.

The passion and love for ITF Taekwon-Do made me return in 2012 through the lineage of Grand Master Paul Weiler, at the time the President was Grand Master Pablo Trajtenberg, in 2012 I participated in a seminar and also took an IIC course in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, in 2013 I graduated to 2nd Dan and participated in the World Championship held at Benidorm in Spain.

In 2016, my daughter graduated to 1st Dan black belt, and I cut ties with Grandmaster Paul Weiler for devaluing me before my students as a pioneer of Grandmaster Paul Weiler's TAEKWON-DO ITF.

In the same year I embraced the Grand Master Don Dalton's ITF UNION project but withdrew because I felt that the story would repeat, and I lost some of my students that are now black belts and willing to join me in CHITF. Now we are five blackbelts with 200 members and I'm hopeful that our family will increase after my visit to Ottawa.