



Mauritania

Fact Sheet 2008

General Information

Capital:	Nouakchott	GCI Ranking ⁽¹⁾ :	131
Population (m):	3	CPI Ranking ⁽²⁾ :	115
Exchange Rate:	1\$ = 245 UM (av. 2008)	Ease of Doing Business Ranking ⁽³⁾ :	160
Head of State:	Prime minister	Economic Freedom Ranking ⁽⁴⁾ :	127
	Moulaye Ould Mohamed Laghdaf	Enabling Trade Ranking ⁽⁵⁾ :	107

Recent Economic Indicators	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ^(F)	2010 ^(F)
GDP (Bns) (current prices):	1.7	2.6	2.6	3		
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY):	5.4	11.4	1	3.5	1.5	3
Export of Goods (Mns):	625	1,367	1,448	1,639	1,347	1,526
Import of Goods (Mns):	1,428	1,103	1,034	1,082	894	967
Inflation (% yearly end)	12.1	6.2	7.3	7.3	4.5	5

Mauritania's Principal Export

Destinations 2007

China	36%
France	12%
Spain	10%
Italy	10%

Mauritania's Principal Import

Destinations 2007

France	20%
China	10%
Spain	8%
Netherlands	4%

The Global Competitiveness Index - Mauritania 2008-2009 ⁽¹⁾

In the Global Competitiveness Index Mauritania was ranked 131/134

Notable Advantages	Rank	Notable Disadvantages	Rank
Burden of government regulation	19	Strength of auditing and reporting standards	132
Cooperation in labor - employer relations	28	Regulation of securities exchanges	132
National savings rate	35	Value chain breadth	133
Flexibility of wage determination	35	Willingness to delegate authority	133
Extent and effect of taxation	43	Extent of market dominance	134

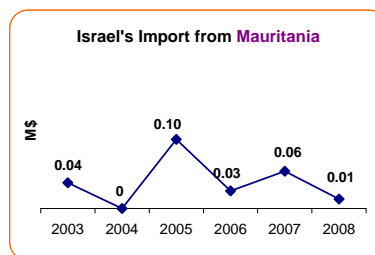
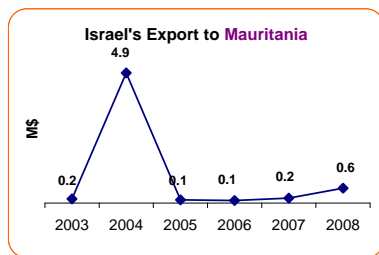
Israel's Trade Relations with Mauritania

Israel's goods trade with Mauritania, 2007-08

Export to Mauritania (m\$):	0.6
Import from Mauritania (m\$):	0.01
Total trade (export + import) (m\$):	0.6
Surplus (export - import) (m\$):	0.6

Growth (YOY)

Export to Mauritania (m\$):	198%
Import from Mauritania (m\$):	-75%
Total trade (export + import) (m\$):	137%



The Main Sector of Goods Trade between Israel and Mauritania, 2007-08

Export to Mauritania

Sector	Ks	% Change
Wood, furniture, paper	123	547%

In 2008, there were 9 Israeli exporting companies to Mauritania: this reflects a 13% increase compare to 2007.

[2] Corruption Perceptions Index 2008 - out of 180 country

[5] The Enabling Trade Index 2009 - out of 121 country

[3] Ease of Doing Business Index 2009 - out of 181 country

(F) Forecast

[4] Economic Freedom Index 2009 - out of 179 country

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