

Socotran in Yemen



The tiny Yemeni island called Socotra is the largest in the Socotra archipelago. It is also named as a World Natural Heritage Site and described as the most alien-looking place on Earth. Some Socotrans raise cattle and goats; others sell dates, ghee, tobacco and fish. Politically, the Socotra archipelago joins with Yemen but geographically belongs to Africa. In 2021, the Socotra government exclaimed that the UAE has been violating the island and planning to control it for years. Although Christianity was introduced and faith was practiced for many years, Christianity in Socotra went into decline when a Muslim sultanate took power in the 16th century. Today, the Socotran are almost completely Sunni Muslim.



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POPULATION: 128,000
LANGUAGE: Soqotri
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Portions
STATUS: Unreached

Obstacles

It would be extremely expensive and difficult for someone to go to Socotra.

Outreach Ideas

Helping to restore Socotra's flora, fauna and fish will be a meaningful display of Christ's restorative work. The Socotrans also have dietary and medical needs.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Christian satellite TV broadcasts would be made available in the Soqotri language. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers to the Socotran to tend a movement to Christ.

SCRIPTURE Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. (Revelation 1:7)

PRAY for this people group to rejoice at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.