

The Commonwealth of Nations



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INTRODUCTION

- The **Commonwealth of Nations** is an intergovernmental organisation of 53 member states that were mostly territories of the former British Empire.
- The Commonwealth dates back to the mid 20th century with the decolonisation of the British Empire through increased self-governance of its territories. It was formally constituted by the London Declaration in 1949, which established the member states as "free and equal".



THE HEAD OF THE STATE

- The symbol of this free association is Queen Elizabeth II who is the Head of the Commonwealth.
- The Queen is also the monarch of 16 members. The other members of the Commonwealth have different persons as head of state: 32 members are republics and five members are monarchies.
- The Commonwealth covers almost 30 million square kilometres, in fact, a quarter of the world land area, and spans all the continents.



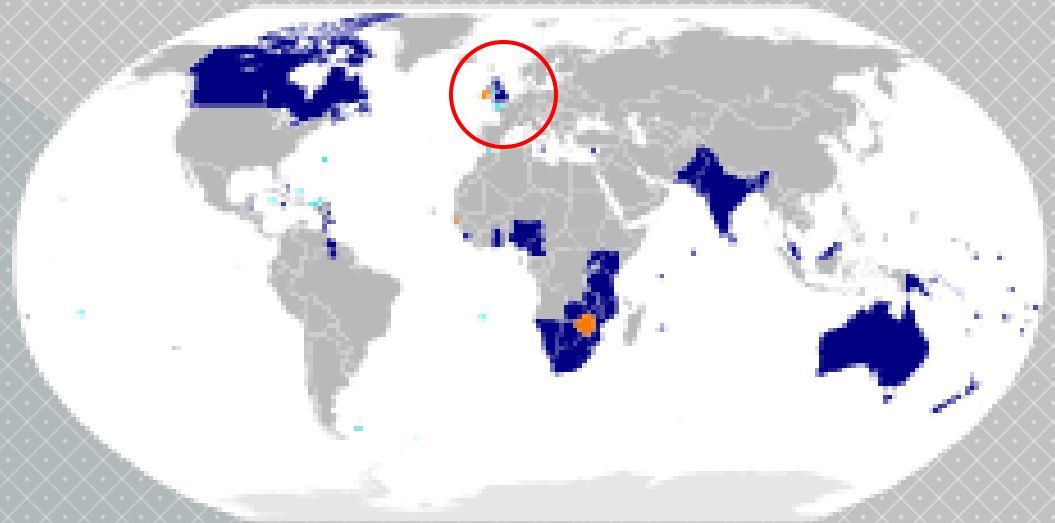
MEMBERS

- EUROPE:

Cyprus

Malta

United Kingdom



◎ ASIA:

Bangladesh

Brunei Darussalm

India

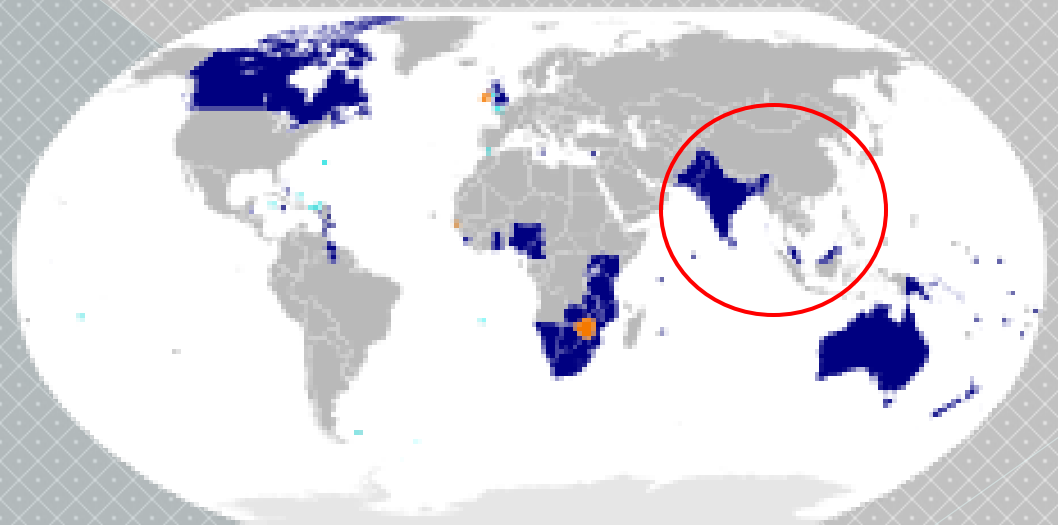
Malaysia

Maldives

Pakistan

Singapore

Sri Lanka



○ AUSTRALIA ,NEW ZEALAND AND THE PACIFIC:

Australia

Fiji

Kiribati

Samoa

Nauru

New Zealand

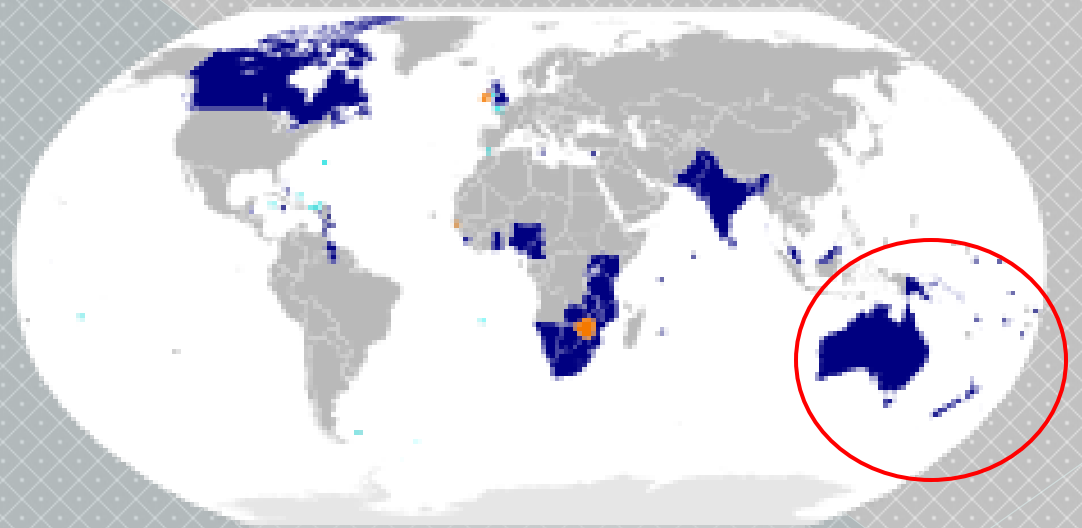
Solomon Islands

Tonga

Tuvalu

Vanuatu

Papua New Guinea



● AMERICA:

Antigua and Barbuda

The Bahamas

Barbados

Belize

Canada

Dominica

Grenada

Guyana

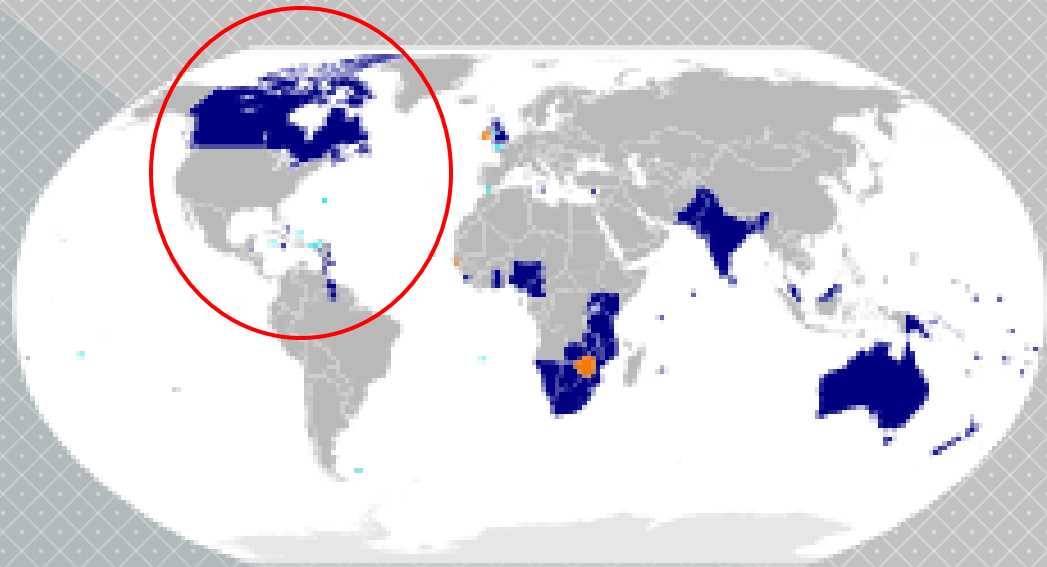
Jamaica

St Kitts and Nevis

St Lucia

St Vincent and the Grenadines

Trinidad and Tobago



● AFRICA:

Botswana

Cameroon

Ghana

Kenya

Lesotho

Malawi

Mauritius

Mozambique

Namibia

Nigeria

Rwanda

Seychelles

Sierra Leone

South Africa

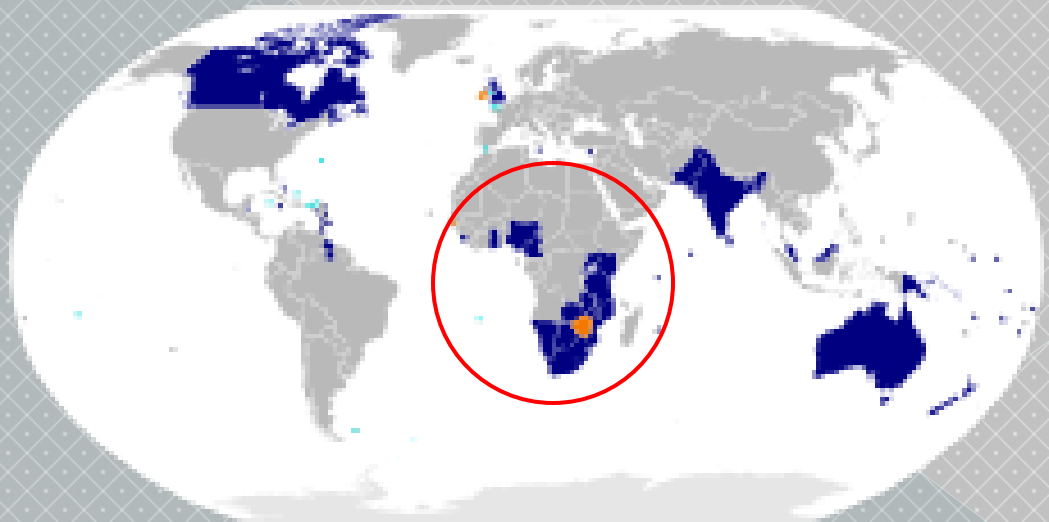
Swaziland

Uganda

United Republic of

Tanzania

Zambia



EDUCATION

- Member states have no legal obligation to one another. Instead, they are united by language, history, culture, and their shared values of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.
- The Commonwealth of Learning (COL) is an intergovernmental organisation created to encourage the development and sharing of open learning/distance education knowledge, resources and technologies. They help developing nations improve access to quality education and training.



COMMONWEALTH GAMES



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COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2014

- Host city → Glasgow, Scotland
- Nations participating → 71 Commonwealth teams
- Opening ceremony
↓
23 July 2014
- Closing ceremony
↓
3 August 2014

THE COMMONWEALTH Gifts to The Queen



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To mark the XX Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow in 2014 this special display shows a selection of items relating to the Commonwealth Games and some of the many gifts The Queen and members of the Royal Family have received during their regular tours of Commonwealth countries. The extraordinary variety of these gifts reflects the rich diversity of cultures represented by the two billion inhabitants of the Commonwealth.

INTRODUCTION

- Many Commonwealth nations play similar sports that are considered "British" in character, rooted in and developed under British rule or hegemony, including football, cricket, rugby, and netball.
- Besides the Commonwealth Games, other sporting competitions are organised on a Commonwealth basis, through championship tournaments.

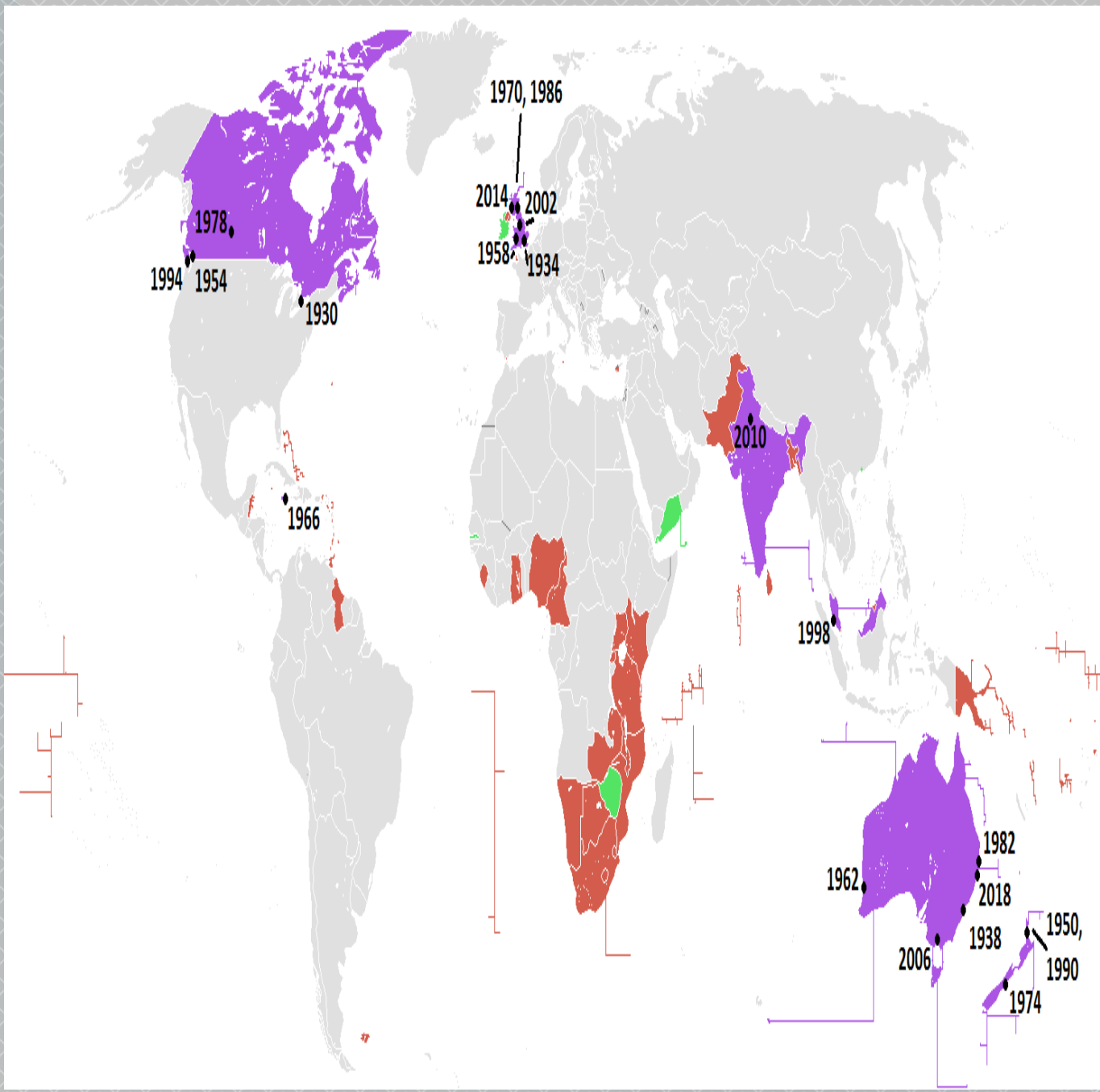
HISTORY OF THE GAMES

- A sporting competition bringing together the members of the British Empire was first proposed by the John Astley Cooper in 1891.
- In 1928, Melville Marks Robinson of Canada was asked to organise the first British Empire Games.
- The first Commonwealth Paraplegic Games were held alongside the Commonwealth Games from 1962 to 1974.




EDITIONS OF THE GAMES

- The first edition of the event was the 1930 British Empire Games in which 11 nations participated.
- The quadrennial schedule of the games was interrupted by the Second World War and the 1942 Games (set to be held in Montreal) and the 1946 Games were abandoned.
- Nigeria was the first country to boycott the Commonwealth Games in 1978 in protest over New Zealand's sporting contacts with South Africa.



 Countries that have hosted, or plan to host, the event

 Other countries that enter the games

 Countries that have entered the games but no longer do so

 • Host cities and year of games

