

## MAURITANIA (MR)



### I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

#### 1. National Legislation

##### a. Industrial Property

**Capital:** Nouakchott  
**Population:** 3,800,000

##### Patents:

- Bangui Agreement, March 2, 1977 (Annex I), since February 1982, as last amended in February 1999.

##### Trade Marks:

- Bangui Agreement, March 2, 1977 (Annex III), since February 1982, as last amended in February 1999.

##### Industrial Designs:

- Bangui Agreement, March 2, 1977 (Annexes II and IV), since February 1982, as last amended in February 1999.

##### b. Copyright and Related Rights

##### Copyright:

- Copyright Law of 2002.

##### Related Rights:

None

##### c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

Information not available.

##### d. Sources for Information on National Laws

Information not available.

#### 2. Membership of International Bodies

##### a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since September 1976.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since April 1965.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since February 1973.
- PCT (Patents), since April 1983.

##### b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since May 1995.

##### c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: OAPI.

- Member of OAPI since March 1977.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### 1. Industrial Property

#### Supervisory Ministry:

*Ministère des mines et de l'industrie* Tel.: (222.52) 535.82  
 Ministry of Mines and Industry Fax: (222.52) 569.37  
 P.O. Box 387  
 Nouakchott  
*Title of Head:* Minister for Mines and Industry

#### Industrial Property Office:

*Direction de l'industrie* Tel.: (222.52) 572.66  
 Directorate of Industry Fax: (222.52) 569.37  
 Ministry of Mines and Industry  
 As above, under Supervisory Ministry.  
*Title of Head:* Director of Industry, *Structure Nationale de Liaison (snl) avec l'OAPI*

### 2. Copyright and Related Rights

#### Supervisory Ministry:

*Ministère de la culture et de la communication* Tel.: (222.52) 929.80  
 Ministry of Culture and Communications Fax: (222.52) 420.43  
 P.O. Box. 196  
 Nouakchott  
*Title of Head:* Minister for Culture and Communications

#### Copyright Office:

*Service de la propriété intellectuelle* Tel.: (222.52) 523.27  
 Intellectual Property 404.66  
 Service Fax: (222.52) 523.27  
 Ministry of Culture and Communications  
 As above, under Supervisory Ministry.  
*Title of Head:* Head, Intellectual Property Service

#### Collective Management Societies:

None.

## III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

**Industrial Property Tribunal**

None.

**Copyright Tribunal**

None.

**Other**

Tribunal of Commerce.

**IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

University of Nouakchott  
Faculty of Law

**V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS**

Applications filed and/or registered for 2002: Filed through OAPI

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	6	9	0
	non-residents			
Grants to:	residents	6	9	0
	non-residents			

**PCT** – Information not available.

Applications by residents and non-residents:

Grants to residents and non-residents: