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Information om klanen ashraf/asharaf och dess utbredning finns i källorna nedan.

Refugee Review Tribunal (2010):

Like most minorities in Somalia, the Asharaf have linguistically assimilated, mainly speaking the May and Mahatiri dialects of Somali.<sup>2</sup> There are, however, sub-dialects spoken by Asharafi/Benadiri communities, delineated largely by geographical location: the Asharaf-Benadiri of Mogadishu speak Af-Reer Hamar; the Benadiri dialect of Merka is called Af-Merka; the dialect in Brava is called Af-Brava; and in the Bay area the Asharaf/Benadiri speak the Rahanweyn dialect. Most of the dialects are thought to be mutually comprehensible, apart from the Af-Brava. (s. 1)

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The Asharaf now mostly live in southern Somalia, particularly in urban areas such as Bardera, Kismayo, Baidoa, Hoddur, Merka, Brava and Mogadishu. In Mogadishu the largest concentration of Asharaf was found in Shingani. There are also Asharaf living in the Ogaden district of Ethiopia, as well as a large refugee population in Kenya.<sup>9</sup> The severe fighting in Mogadishu following the Ethiopian invasion in 2006 precipitated a

mass exodus of people from the city, including the Asharaf. It is no longer clear as to how many Asharaf have remained either in Mogadishu or Somalia. (s. 2)

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (2010):

According to my Ashraf informants, the Hussein branch of the Ashraf of Somalia live in the coastal towns such as Mogadishu and are part of the 'Benadiri' minority population. A few have moved to other places in order to trade or because they have bought land.

The Ashraf Maqbull are said to originate in Luuq and near the Ethiopian border, but they also live in Mogadishu, and a few of them in Kismayo and perhaps in other places.

The Ashraf of the Hassan branch live mainly in the interior of the country (some of them of course may have gone to live in Mogadishu), and mostly are not Benadiri. However, the Ashraf al-Ahdali in Marka, who are Benadiri, are said to be Hassan.

One of the best known Somali Hassan groups is the Ashraf Sarman; they originate in an area called Sarman or Saraman, near Huddur in Bakool region .... There they are associated with the Leysan, who are part of the Rahanweyn. Their native dialect is therefore the 'May-May' dialect of the Rahanweyn. Today they are also found in Baydhaba and the Bay region, in Mogadishu, Kismayo, Luuq, Jalalaqi and Bardhere and in Afgooye.

In Mogadishu they have been acknowledged and to some extent absorbed by the Benadiri Ashraf there. (23 Oct. 2010)

Home Office (2012):

Se s.181ff *Ashraf*

Dr Luling stated, with regard to the divisions of the Ashraf, that:

The Ashraf of Somalia are divided into the Hassan and Hussein groups of subclans, but within these two divisions there is no single agreed list of subclans. Different individuals may know different selections from the same range of possibilities. There is also no clear distinction in most people's minds between 'subclan' and 'sub-subclan', indeed these terms have no equivalent

in Somali, and were invented by the international bureaucracy.

What is however agreed is that the Hussein subclans are part of the 'Benadiri', i.e. the population of partly Arab and Persian descent living in the coastal cities of Mogadishu (the Reer Hamar), Marka, Brava and Kismayo. This is possible because the Benadir communities like the Reer Hamar are not all of one descent but are federations of subclans of different origins. The Hassan subclans on the other hand with one exception (see below) are not Benadiri... [they] are dark skinned like the other Somali, and live mainly in the interior of the country (some of them of course may have gone to live in Mogadishu)... However the Ashraf al-Ahdali in Marka and Brava, who are Benadiri, are generally said to be Hassan. They are light in complexion like the other Benadiri. <sup>499</sup> (s. 182)

Landinfo (2011):

The Ashraf dialects are, according to Lamberti, used exclusively along parts of southern Somalia's coast by Somalis who belong to the Ashraf clan.<sup>23</sup> This dialect group consists of two subgroups:

1. Ashraf in the Shangani district in Mogadishu called Af-Shingani.
2. Ashraf in Lower Shebelle, specifically the Merka district. This dialect group has the subcategories Af-Merka, Af-Gendershe and Af-Jilib. (s. 13)

Mer om ashraf finns i denna rapport från ACCORD.

Austrian Centre for Country of Origin and Asylum Research and Documentation (ACCORD), *Anfragebeantwortung zu Somalia: 1) Lage von Frauen in Somalia und Mogadischu (al-Shabaab); 2) Informationen zum Clan Asharaf und Lage der Benadiri Asharaf; 3) Informationen zu Asharaf, Unterclan Hussein, Sheikh Maqbuul, Sheik Ahmed, Baalawi*, 2012-07-03, [http://www.ecoi.net/local\\_link/221187/328458\\_en.html](http://www.ecoi.net/local_link/221187/328458_en.html)

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