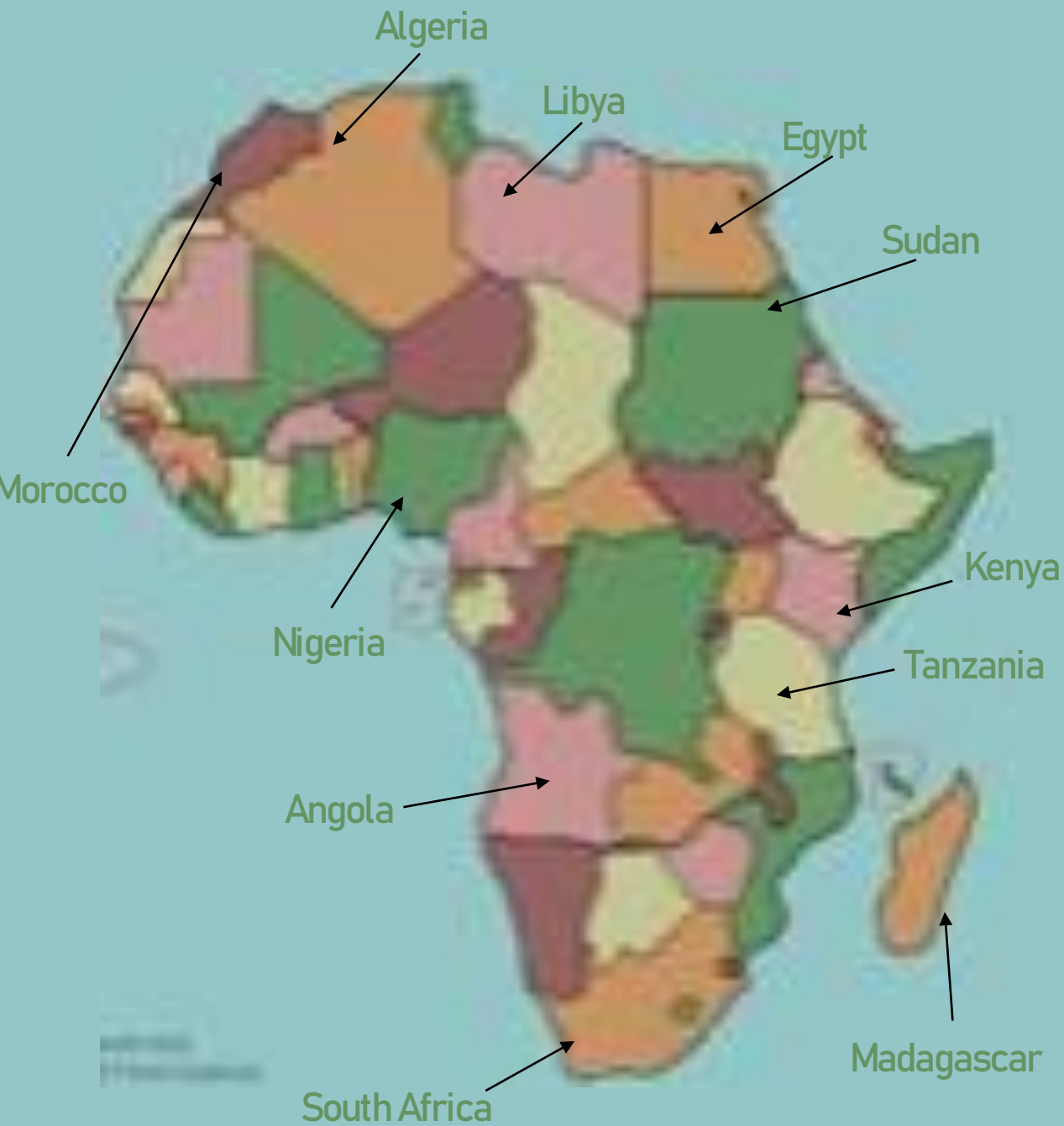


# Africa



Africa, which is where *The Lion King* is set, is made up of 54 countries. It is surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea to the north, the Suez Canal as well as the Red Sea to the northeast, the Indian Ocean to the east and southeast, and the Atlantic Ocean to the west.

*Lion King* is loosely based around Tanzania and Kenya although many of the species in the film can be found across the world. Africa has the second largest population in the world, at about one billion people. Over one thousand languages are spoken by the people of Africa. The largest religion there is Islam, followed by Christianity. The African population is approximately 14.72% of the world's population (as of 2009) The oldest human remains ever discovered were found in Ethiopia. They are approximately 200,000 years old.

