

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

Capital: Gaborone

GEODATA

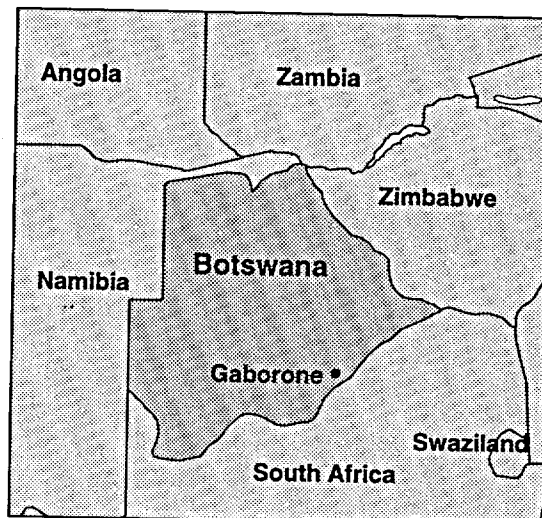
Area
600,370 km²

Population
1.47 million (1994)

Population growth
3.3% (1994)

Major languages
English (official), Setswana

Major religions
Animist (50%), Christian (50%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of Government
Parliamentary republic

Leader
President Sir Ketumile Masire

Foreign Minister
Monpati Merafhe

Democratic Institutions
Bicameral, National Assembly, House of Chiefs; multiparty

UN Human Development Index
Botswana ranks 74th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$3.85 billion US (1994 est.)

GDP growth rate
6% (1994 est.)

GDP per capita
\$2,620 US (1994 est.)

Main Exports
Diamonds, copper-nickel ore, meat, cattle, and animal products

Main Imports
Foodstuffs, vehicles and transport equipment, textiles, and petroleum products

Main Exports to Canada
\$108,000 (1994), including clothing

Main Imports from Canada
\$2.53 million (1994), including wheat, glass

Canadian bilateral assistance
\$10.05 million (1993-1994)