



Sierra Leone

Country Official Name: Republic of Sierra Leone
Capital: Freetown

Geodata

Area: 71 740 km²

Population: 4 456 737,
growth -0.2%

Natural Resources: diamonds,
titanium, bauxite, iron ore, gold

Major Religions: 30% Muslim,
30% Animist, 10% Christian

Major Language(s): English (official),
Krio is the lingua franca



Political Data

Type of Government:
Republic in transition from military rule

Leaders:
President
Capt. Valentine E.M. Strasser
(since 29 April 92)

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mohamed Lamin Kamara

Democratic Institutions:
In transition from military rule;
near-bloodless coup April 92 ended
one-party government

UN Human Development Index:
172/173 (low)

Economic Data

GDP (per capita):
US \$ 330, growth 3% (FY 91) est.

Main Exports:
rutile, bauxite, cocoa, diamonds,
coffee

Main Imports:
capital goods, food, petroleum,
consumer goods

Export to Canada:
C \$ 6.1 million (92)

Import from Canada:
C \$ 0.7 million (92)

External Debt:
US \$ 1.3 billion (91)

Main Donors:
Germany, Italy, United States

Canadian ODA:
C \$ 3.14 million (FY 91-92) est.