

SIERRA LEONE

Capital: Freetown

GEODATA

Area

71,740 km²

Major languages

Mende, Temme, English (official),
Krio

Major religious groups

Muslim (60%), indigenous
beliefs (30%), Christian (10%)

Surrounding countries

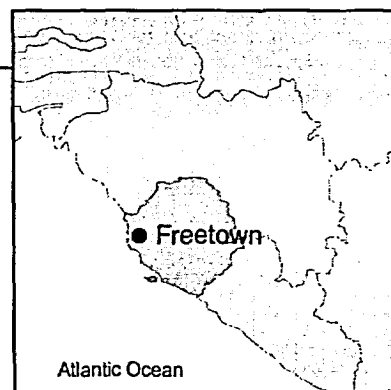
Guinea, Liberia

Population

5.4 million (July 2001 est.)

Population growth rate

3.6% (2001 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Single chamber: House of Representatives;
multiparty

Leader

President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation

Ahmed Ramadan Dumbuya

Minister of Trade and Industry

Osman Kamara

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Sierra Leone ranks 162nd among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$10.28 million (2000-01)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$2.7 billion US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

4.2% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita

\$510 US (2000 est.)

Main exports

Rutile, bauxite, diamonds, coffee, fish, cocoa

Main imports

Foodstuffs, machinery and equipment, fuels and lubricants

Main exports to Canada

\$3 million (2000), including mechanical appliances, glassware

Main imports from Canada

\$830,000 (2000), including cereals, textile articles, animal/vegetable fats and oils

Inflation rate

15% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate

Not available

Canadian Representative

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