

# Cape Verde

**Capital:** Praia

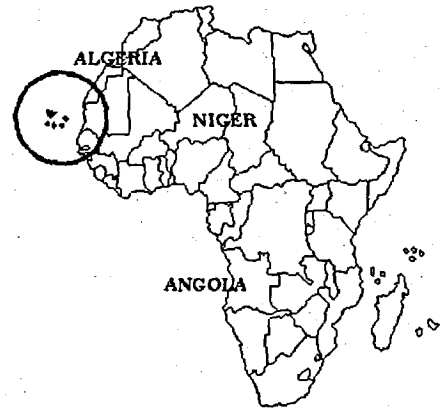
**Population:** 400 000

**Head of State:** His Excellency  
Antonio Mascarenhas Monteiro

**Head of Government:** Carlos  
Whanon de Carvalho Veiga,

**Foreign Minister:**  
Manuel Chantre

**Economy:** Bananas, salt, fish  
products, textiles, minerals.



**Canada-Cape Verde Relations:** Relations are good, but quite modest, and trade relations are minimal. Non-governmental organizations, including the Red Cross, UNICEF Canada and the Canadian Centre for Studies and International Co-operation, are working in Cape Verde.

**Canadian Aid:** Canadian bilateral assistance consists mainly of small projects financed through the Canadian Local Initiatives Fund, which stood at \$122 000 for 1991-92.

**Political Authorities:** His Excellency Antonio Mascarenhas Monteiro, President: Born in 1945. Studied Public Law at the University of Louvain. Elected in February 1991, succeeding President Aristides Pereira, who had been in power since independence was achieved in February 1975. Mr. Monteiro had presided over the Supreme Court for a decade.

Carlos Whanon de Carvalho Veiga, Prime Minister: Born in 1949. Legal training at University of Lisbon. He has held a number of positions in the magistracy. He was Deputy and Vice-President of the Constitutional and Legal Commission of the National Assembly from 1985 to 1990, and was named Prime Minister in January 1991.