

ZAIRE

Capital: Kinshasa

GEODATA

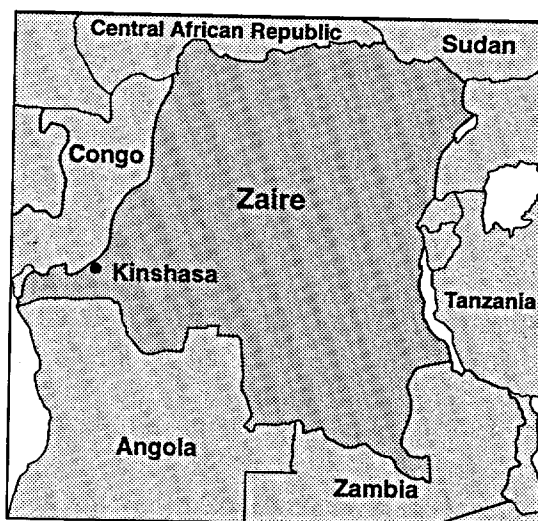
Area
2,345,410 km²

Population
42.7 million (1994 est.)

Population growth
3.2% (1990-95)

Major languages
French (official), Lingala, Swahili, Kingwana, Kikongo, Tshiluba

Major religions
Roman Catholic (50%), Protestant (20%), Kimbanguist (30%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Republic

Leaders
President Mobutu Sese Seko
Prime Minister Joseph Kengo Wa Dondo

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Lunda Balulu

Democratic institutions
High Council of the Republic (transitional parliament)

UN Human Development Index
Zaire ranks 143rd among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$8.1 billion US (1993 est.)

GDP growth rate
2.5% (1985-93)

GDP per capita
\$240 US (1993)

Main exports
Copper, coffee, diamonds, cobalt, oil

Main imports
Consumer goods, mining and transportation equipment

Main exports to Canada
\$22.69 million (1994), including precious and semi-precious stones, vegetable products

Main import from Canada
\$6.96 million (1994), including fabrics, vegetable products, paper products and plastics

Canadian bilateral assistance
\$2.51 million (1993-94)