

GABON

Capital: Libreville

GEODATA

Area

267,670 km²

Population

1.14 million (1994 est.)

Population growth

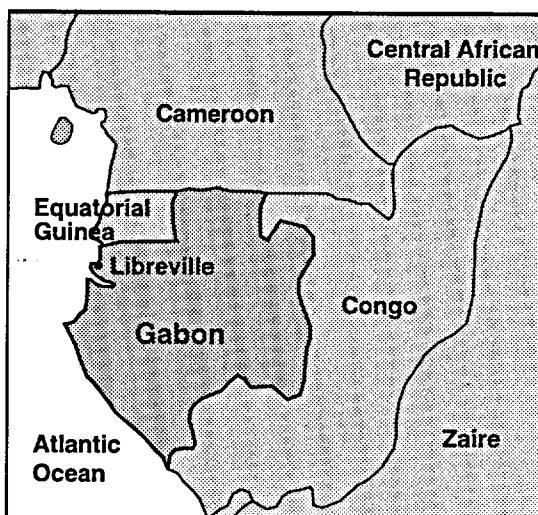
3.31% (1990-95)

Major languages

French (official), Bantu (north), Fang (south) and dialects

Major religions

Christian (75%), Muslim (1%), animist



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Leaders

President Omar Bongo

Prime Minister Paulin Obame Nguema

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Casimir Oyé Mba

Democratic institutions

National Assembly (unicameral)

UN Human Development Index

Gabon ranks 114th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$5 billion US (1993)

GDP growth rate

1% (1985-93)

GDP per capita

\$4,269 US (1993)

Major exports

Oil, manganese, wood, uranium

Major imports

Machinery and equipment, foodstuffs, metallic and metallurgical products, transport equipment

Major exports to Canada

\$0.36 million (1994), including flowers, coffee, tea, clothing

Major imports from Canada

\$2.13 million (1994), including vehicles, train equipment, machinery

Canadian bilateral assistance

\$3.93 million (1993-94)