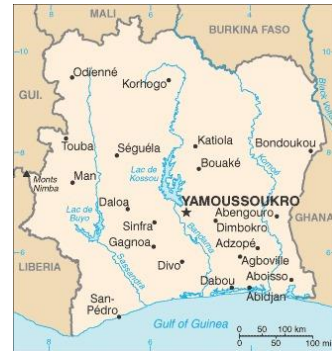




COTE D'IVOIRE



INTRODUCTION

Close ties to France following independence in 1960, the development of cocoa production for export, and foreign investment all made Cote d'Ivoire one of the most prosperous of the West African states. A military coup in 1999 led to two civil wars and UN troops remain to support a democratic transition process.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Alassane Dramane OUATTARA

Head of Government

Prime Minister Patrick ACHI

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Yamoussoukro

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate or Senat (99 seats) and the National Assembly (255 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Ibrahima TOURE

US Ambassador

Ambassador Richard K. BELL

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 322,463 sq km
Land: 318,003 sq km
Water: 4,460 sq km

Climate

tropical along coast, semiarid in far north; three seasons - warm and dry (November to March), hot and dry (March to May), hot and wet (June to October)

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, diamonds, manganese, iron ore, cobalt, bauxite, copper, gold, nickel, tantalum, silica sand, clay, cocoa beans, coffee, palm oil, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

One of West Africa's most influential, stable, and rapidly developing economies; poverty declines in urban but increases in rural areas; strong construction sector and increasingly diverse economic portfolio; increasing but manageable public debt; large labor force in agriculture.

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$146.323 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$5,300 (2021 est.)

Industries - foodstuffs, beverages; wood products, oil refining, gold mining, truck and bus assembly, textiles, fertilizer, building materials, electricity

Agricultural products - yams, cassava, cocoa, oil palm fruit, sugar cane, rice, plantains, maize, cashew nuts, rubber

Exports \$13.232 billion (2020 est.)

cocoa products, rubber, gold, cashews, crude oil (2020)

partners: Netherlands 13% Switzerland 8%, United States 8%, France 8%, Malaysia 7% (2020 est.)

Imports \$12.66 billion (2020 est.)

crude oil, rice, fish, medicines, cars, (2020)

partners: China 23%, France 13%, Nigeria 9%, India 5%, Netherlands 4% (2020 est.)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

28.7 million (2022 est.)

Population Growth

2.19% (2022 est.)

Ethnicity

Akan 28.9%, Voltaique or Gur 16.1%, Northern Mande 14.5%, Kru 8.5%, Southern Mande 6.9%, unspecified 0.9%, non-Ivoirian 24.2% (2014 est.)

Language

French (official), 60 native dialects of which Dioula is the most widely spoken

Religion

Muslim 42.9%, Catholic 17.2%, Evangelical 11.8%, Methodist 1.7%, other Christian 3.2%, animist 3.6%, other religion 0.5%, none 19.1% (2014 est.)

as of February 2023