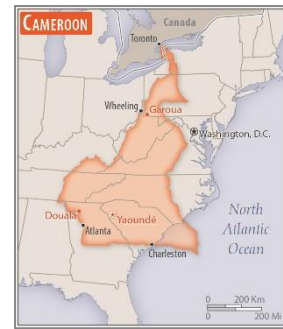




CAMEROON



INTRODUCTION

Cameroon resulted from the merger of former French and British Cameroon in the early 1960s. The country has enjoyed stability, permitting the development of agriculture, roads, railways, and a petroleum industry.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Paul BIYA

Head of Government

President Joseph Dion NGUTE

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Yaounde

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (100 seats) and the National Assembly (180 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 475,440 sq km

Land: 472,710 sq km

Water: 2,730 sq km

Climate

varies with terrain, from tropical along coast to semiarid and hot in north

Natural Resources

petroleum, bauxite, iron ore, timber, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

largest CEMAC economy with many natural resources; recent political instability and terrorism reducing economic output; systemic corruption; poor property rights enforcement; increasing poverty in northern regions

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$94.94 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$3,600 (2020 est.)

Industries - petroleum production and refining, aluminum production, food processing, consumer goods, textiles, lumber

Agricultural products - cassava, plantains, maize, oil palm fruit, taro, sugarcane, sorghum, tomatoes, bananas, vegetables

Exports \$4.732 billion (2017 est.)

crude petroleum, cocoa beans, lumber, gold, natural gas, bananas (2019)

partners: China 17%, Netherlands 14%, Italy 9%, UAE 8%, India 7%, US 6%, Belgium 6%, Spain 5%, France 5% (2019)

Imports \$4.812 billion (2017 est.)

crude petroleum, scrap vessels, rice, special purpose ships, packaged medicines (2019)

partners: China 28%, Nigeria 15%, France 9%, Belgium 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

28.5 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

2.77% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Bamileke-Bamu 24.3%, Beti/Bassa/Mbam 21.6%, Biu-Mandara 14.6%, Arab-Choa/Hausa/Kanuri 11%, Adamawa-Ubangi 9.8%, Grassfields 7.7%, Kako/Meka/Pygmy 3.3%, Cotier/Ngoe/Oroko 2.7%, Southwestern Bantu 0.7%, foreign/other ethnicity 4.5% (2018 est.)

Language

24 major African language groups, English (official), French (official)

Religion

Roman Catholic 38.3%, Protestant 25.5%, other Christian 6.9%, Muslim 24.4%, animist 2.2%, other 0.5%, none 2.2% (2018 est.)

