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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



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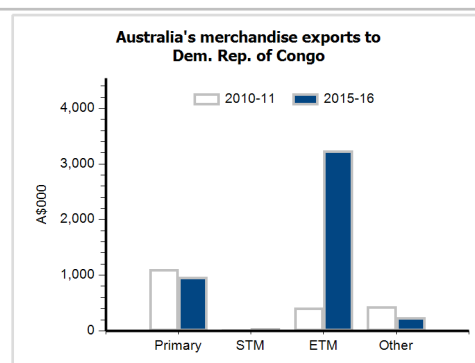
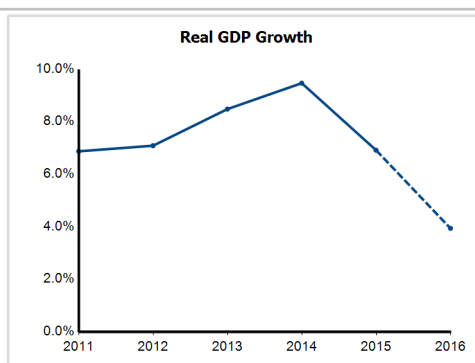
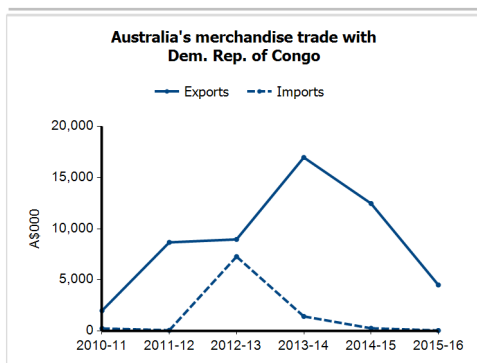
General information

Capital:	Kinshasa
Land area:	2,267,050 sq km
Official language(s):	French
Population:	81.7 million (2015)
Currency:	Congolese Franc

Head of State	President Joseph Kabila
Head of Government	Prime Minister Bruno Tshibala

Economic indicators (a)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	24.6	27.6	32.7	35.9	38.4	39.8
GDP per capita (US\$)	338.6	368.8	424.4	452.9	470.0	473.3
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	43.3	47.2	52.1	58.0	62.7	66.0
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	596.7	631.8	676.2	731.5	767.5	784.7
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	6.9	7.1	8.5	9.5	6.9	3.9
Current account balance (% GDP)	-5.2	-4.6	1.8	4.0	-3.7	-0.8
Current account balance (US\$b)	-1.3	-1.3	0.6	1.4	-1.4	-0.3
Inflation (% change yoy)	15.0	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.7
Unemployment (% labour force)	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.0	na	na



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Dem. Rep. of Congo (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Dem. Rep. of Congo, 2015-16 (A\$000)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports to Dem. Rep. of Congo	4,495	0.0%	141st	-63.9%
Imports from Dem. Rep. of Congo	41	0.0%	198th	-83.8%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	4,537	0.0%	161st	-64.3%

Major Australian exports, 2015-16 (A\$000)

Pumps for liquids & parts	977
Worn clothing & rags	911
Transmission shafts & parts	385
Medical electrodiagnostic apparatus	335

Major Australian imports, 2015-16 (A\$000)

Veneers, plywood & particle board	29
Pigments, paints & varnishes	7
Lighting fixtures & fittings	4
Vehicle parts & accessories	1

Australia's trade in services with Dem. Rep. of Congo, 2015-16 (A\$m)

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports of services to Dem. Rep. of Congo	1	0.0%	157th	-66.7%
Imports of services from Dem. Rep. of Congo	1	0.0%	160th	-50.0%

Australia's investment relationship with Dem. Rep. of Congo, 2015 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Dem. Rep. of Congo	0	0
Dem. Rep. of Congo's investment in Australia	0	0

Dem. Rep. of Congo's global merchandise trade relationships

Dem. Rep. of Congo's principal export destinations, 2015

1 China	43.5%
2 Zambia	25.0%
3 Republic of Korea	4.9%
54 Australia	0.0%

Dem. Rep. of Congo's principal import sources, 2015

1 China	20.6%
2 South Africa	17.7%
3 Zambia	12.3%
49 Australia	0.1%

Compiled by the Economic Diplomacy, Trade Advocacy & Statistics Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) Economic indicators data is from the IMF WEO where available, the EIU or other reputable source. Data may include forecasts or projections for recent years. GNI may be shown in lieu of GDP for countries where GDP data is unavailable. (b) Merchandise trade data is based on published and unpublished ABS data. May exclude confidential items of trade. Totals may not add up due to rounding. Investment data is stocks as at end December.

All data may be subject to future revisions.

GDP - Gross Domestic Product PPP - Purchasing power parity GNI - Gross National Income na - Data is not available np - Data is not published .. - Data is not meaningful Primary - Primary goods STM - Simply transformed manufactures ETM - Elaborately transformed manufactures Other - Other goods including non-monetary gold f.c.f. - Fresh, chilled or frozen nes - Not elsewhere specified