



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

# REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



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## General information

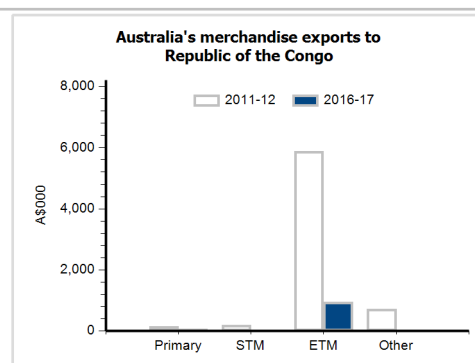
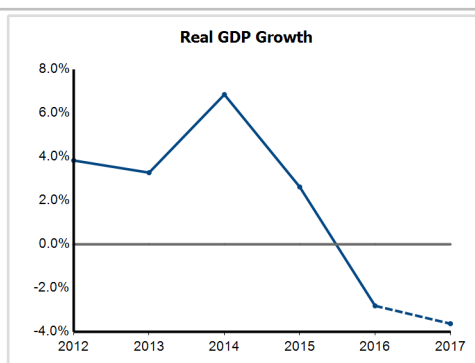
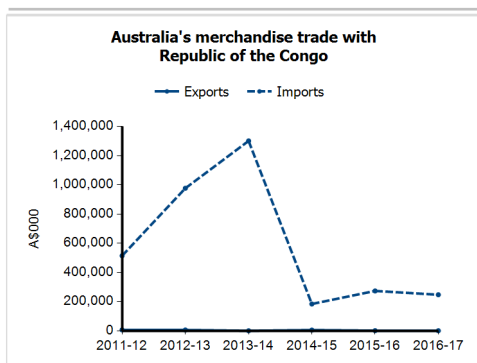
<b>Capital:</b>	Brazzaville
<b>Land area:</b>	341,500 sq km
<b>Official language(s):</b>	French
<b>Population:</b>	4.2 million (2016)
<b>Currency:</b>	CFA Franc

### Head of State and Head of Government

President Denis Sassou-Nguesso

## Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>GDP (US\$b) (current prices)</b>	13.7	14.0	14.1	8.6	7.9	7.8
<b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>	3,555.9	3,561.2	3,492.5	2,067.1	1,854.9	1,793.8
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)</b>	25.5	26.8	29.1	30.2	29.7	29.2
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>	6,641.8	6,799.9	7,215.2	7,301.9	7,011.7	6,707.2
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>	3.8	3.3	6.8	2.6	-2.8	-3.6
<b>Current account balance (US\$b)</b>	2.4	0.2	-1.6	-3.7	-5.5	-1.2
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	17.7	1.7	-11.6	-42.9	-70.1	-15.9
<b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>	5.0	4.6	0.9	2.7	3.6	-0.4
<b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.6	11.2	na



## Australia's trade and investment relationship with Republic of the Congo (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Republic of the Congo, 2016-17 (A\$'000)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Republic of the Congo	1,004	174th	-41.8%
Imports from Republic of the Congo	247,598	53rd	-9.6%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	248,602	65th	-9.8%

### Major Australian exports, 2016-17 (A\$'000)

Computers	400
Taps, cocks & valves	123
Civil engineering equipment & parts	110
Measuring & analysing instruments	69

### Major Australian imports, 2016-17 (A\$'000)

Crude petroleum	247,441
Refined petroleum	88
Telecom equipment & parts	22
Civil engineering equipment & parts	20

### Australia's trade in services with Republic of the Congo, 2016-17 (A\$m)

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Republic of the Congo	1	154th	-88.9%
Imports of services from Republic of the Congo	2	150th	-33.3%

### Australia's investment relationship with Republic of the Congo, 2016 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Republic of the Congo	73	63
Republic of the Congo's investment in Australia	np	np

## Republic of the Congo's global merchandise trade relationships

### Republic of the Congo's principal export destinations, 2015

1 China	42.1%
2 Italy	16.9%
3 United States	4.9%
10 Australia	1.7%

### Republic of the Congo's principal import sources, 2015

1 China	20.3%
2 France	14.2%
3 Republic of Korea	9.8%
50 Australia	0.1%

Compiled by the 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