



## General information

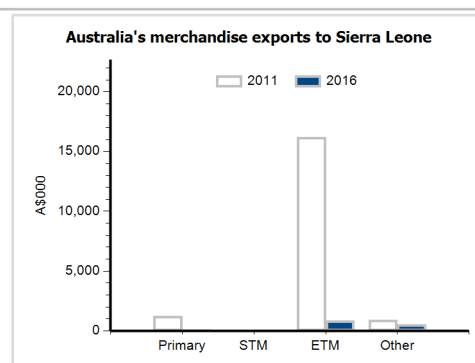
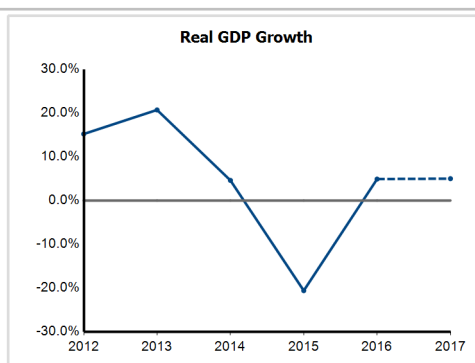
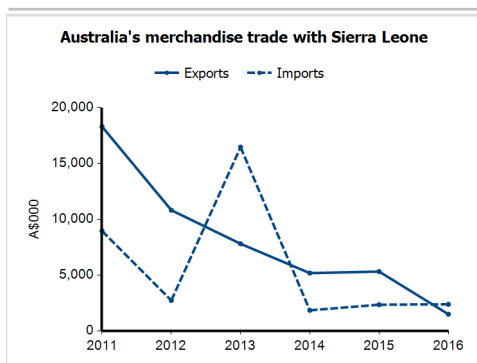
<b>Capital:</b>	Freetown
<b>Land area:</b>	72,180 sq km
<b>Official language(s):</b>	English
<b>Population:</b>	6.4 million (2016)
<b>Currency:</b>	Leone

## Head of State and Head of Government

President HE Dr Ernest Bai Koroma

## Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>GDP (US\$b) (current prices)</b>	3.8	4.9	5.0	4.5	4.0	4.1
<b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>	635.9	805.3	803.4	718.9	618.2	623.1
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)</b>	9.7	11.9	12.6	10.1	10.8	11.6
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>	1,616.6	1,942.3	2,024.8	1,602.7	1,671.6	1,760.4
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>	15.2	20.7	4.6	-20.6	4.9	5.0
<b>Current account balance (US\$b)</b>	-1.2	-0.9	-0.9	-0.7	-0.8	-0.7
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	-31.8	-17.5	-18.2	-16.3	-19.3	-17.8
<b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>	13.8	9.8	8.3	9.0	11.3	14.7
<b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>	3.1	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.0	na



## Australia's trade and investment relationship with Sierra Leone (b)

### Australian merchandise trade with Sierra Leone, 2016 (A\$000)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Sierra Leone	1,495	0.0%	169th	-71.9%
Imports from Sierra Leone	2,385	0.0%	127th	1.5%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	3,880	0.0%	162nd	-49.4%

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

Civil engineering equipment & parts	201
Measuring & analysing instruments	197
Plastic articles, nes	177
Specialised machinery & parts	57

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

Ships & boats (incl hovercraft)	409
Telecom equipment & parts	354
Prams, toys, games & sporting goods	198
Pumps (excl liquid pumps) & parts	160

\*Includes \$0.5m of special transactions, 37% of total exports.

### Australia's trade in services with Sierra Leone, 2016 (A\$m)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Sierra Leone	1	0.0%	154th	-50.0%
Imports of services from Sierra Leone	3	0.0%	138th	50.0%

### Australia's investment relationship with Sierra Leone, 2016 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Sierra Leone	0	0
Sierra Leone's investment in Australia	np	0

## Sierra Leone's global merchandise trade relationships

### Sierra Leone's principal export destinations, 2016

1 Côte d'Ivoire	34.7%
2 United States	31.0%
3 Belgium	19.3%
32 Australia	0.0%

### Sierra Leone's principal import sources, 2016

1 China	12.6%
2 United States	9.8%
3 India	7.8%
42 Australia	0.2%