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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

SIERRA LEONE



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General information

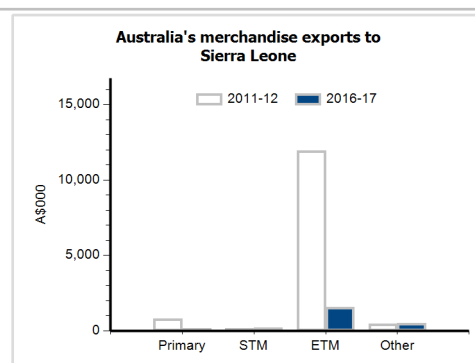
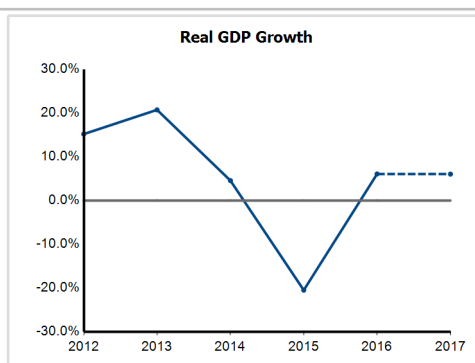
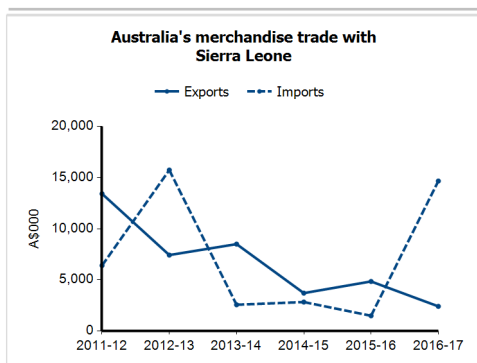
Capital:	Freetown
Land area:	72,180 sq km
Official language(s):	English
Population:	6.4 million (2016)
Currency:	Leone

Head of State and Head of Government

President HE Julius Maada Bio

Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	3.8	4.9	5.0	4.3	3.7	3.9
GDP per capita (US\$)	635.9	805.3	803.4	672.9	577.1	593.9
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	9.7	11.9	12.6	10.1	10.9	11.8
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	1,616.6	1,942.3	2,024.6	1,605.0	1,692.0	1,791.3
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	15.2	20.7	4.6	-20.5	6.1	6.0
Current account balance (US\$b)	-1.2	-0.9	-0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8
Current account balance (% GDP)	-31.8	-17.5	-18.2	-17.4	-19.7	-21.1
Inflation (% change yoy)	13.8	9.8	8.3	9.0	11.5	16.9
Unemployment (% labour force)	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, 2016-17 (A\$000)

Exports to Sierra Leone	2,400
Imports from Sierra Leone	14,666
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	17,065

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Sierra Leone	0.0%	154th	-50.4%
Imports from Sierra Leone	0.0%	102nd	890.3%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	0.0%	130th	170.1%

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

Civil engineering equipment & parts	855
Plastic articles, nes	183
Measuring & analysing instruments	170
Other inorganic chemicals	115

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

Other ores & concentrates	11,672
Prams, toys, games & sporting goods	393
Ships, boats & floating structures	350
Telecom equipment & parts	345

*Includes \$494,000 of special transactions, 21% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Sierra Leone, 2016-17 (A\$m)

Exports of services to Sierra Leone	1
Imports of services from Sierra Leone	3

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Sierra Leone	0.0%	154th	0.0%
Imports of services from Sierra Leone	0.0%	138th	-25.0%

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

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

	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%

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