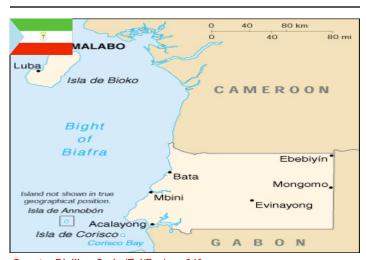
EQUATORIAL GUINEA



Country Dialling Code (Tel/Fax): ++240

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Background: Composed of a mainland portion and five inhabited islands, Equatorial Guinea has been ruled by ruthless leaders who have badly mismanaged the economy since independence from 190 years of Spanish rule in 1968. Although nominally a constitutional democracy since 1991, the 1996 presidential and 1999 legislative elections were widely seen as being flawed.

Location: Western Africa, bordering the Bight of Biafra, between Cameroon and

Map References: Africa

Area: total: 28,051 sq km land: 28,051 sq km water: 0 sq km

Climate: tropical; always hot, humid

Terrain: coastal plains rise to interior hills: islands are volcanic

Natural Resources: oil, petroleum, timber, small unexploited deposits of gold,

manganese, uranium

Population: 474,214 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: noun: Equatorial Guinean(s) or Equatoguinean(s) adjective: Equatorial

Guinean or Equatoguinean Ethnic Groups: Bioko (primarily Bubi, some Fernandinos), Rio Muni (primarily

Fang), Europeans less than 1,000, mostly Spanish

Religions: nominally Christian and predominantly Roman Catholic, pagan practices Languages: Spanish (official), French (official), pidgin English, Fang, Bubi, Ibo

Economy: The discovery and exploitation of large oil reserves have contributed to dramatic economic growth in recent years. Forestry, farming, and fishing are also major components of GDP. Subsistence farming predominates. Although preindependence Equatorial Guinea counted on cocoa production for hard currency earnings, the deterioration of the rural economy under successive brutal regimes has diminished potential for agriculture-led growth. A number of aid programs sponsored by the World Bank and the IMF have been cut off since 1993 because of the government's gross corruption and mismanagement. Businesses, for the most part, are owned by government officials and their family members. Undeveloped natural resources include titanium, iron ore, manganese, uranium, and alluvial gold. The country responded favorably to the devaluation of the CFA franc in January 1994. Boosts in production, along with high world oil prices, should further stimulate growth in 2000-2001.

Industries: petroleum, fishing, sawmilling, natural gas

Currency: 1 Communaute Financiere Africaine franc (CFAF) = 100 centimes

Railways: total: 0 km

Highways: total: 2,880 km paved: 0 km unpaved: 2,880 km (1996 est.)

Ports and Harbors: Bata, Luba, Malabo

Airports: 3 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 2 2,438 to 3,047 m: 1 1,524 to 2,437 m: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 1 under 914 m: 1 (1999 est.)

Visa: required by all.

Duty Free: goods permitted: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250g of tobacco, 1 litre of wine, 1 litre of alcoholic beverage.

Health: a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travellers, regardless of their country of origin. Malaria risk. All water should be regarded as potentially contaminated.

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