



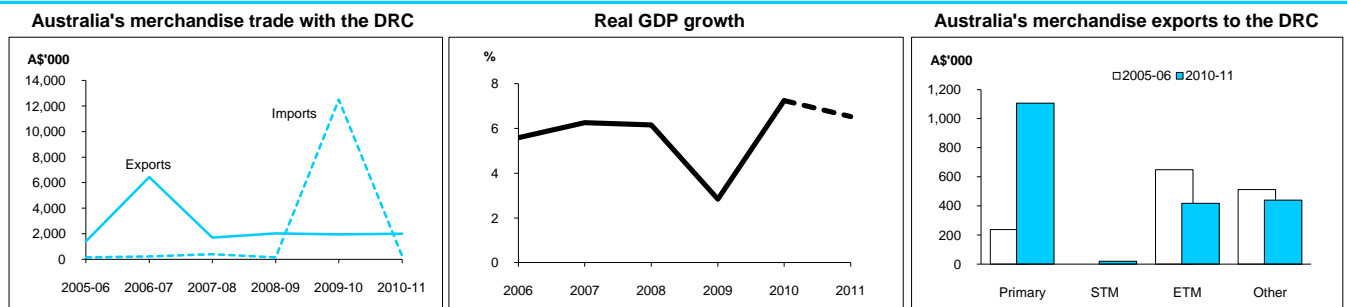
# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC) *Fact Sheet*

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

<b>Capital:</b>	Kinshasa	<b>Head of State:</b>	
<b>Surface area:</b>	2,345 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	President HE Major General Joseph Kabila
<b>Official language:</b>	French		
<b>Population:</b>	70.5 million (2010)		Prime Minister HE Mr Adolphe Muzito
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 993.3038 Congolese Francs (FC) (Jul 2011)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010(a)	2011(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	8.8	10.0	11.6	11.1	13.1	15.3
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	17.3	19.0	20.6	21.4	23.2	25.2
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	141	156	175	162	186	211
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	277	294	310	312	329	348
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	5.6	6.3	6.2	2.8	7.2	6.5
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	-238	-113	-2,025	-1,166	-898	-882
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	-2.7	-1.1	-17.5	-10.5	-6.9	-5.8
<b>Good exports (% GDP):</b>	33.2	61.3	56.8	39.3	63.7	71.4
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	13.2	16.7	18.0	46.2	23.5	14.8



## Australia's trade and investment relationship with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (d):

Australian merchandise trade with the DRC, 2010-11:		<u>Total share:</u>	<u>Rank:</u>	<u>Growth (yoy):</u>
Exports to the DRC (A\$'000):	1,982	0.0%	165th	2.1%
Imports from the DRC (A\$'000):	237	0.0%	168th	-98.1%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	2,219	0.0%	178th	-84.6%

Major Australian exports, 2010-11* (A\$'000):		Major Australian imports, 2010-11 (A\$'000):	
Worn clothing & rags	970	Fruit & nuts	108
Meat (excl beef)	130	Wood, simply worked	62
Food processing machines & parts	119	Civil engineering equipment & parts	34
Telecom equipment & parts	112	Natural abrasives	10

\*Includes A\$428,000 of confidential items, 22% of total exports

Australia's trade in services with the DRC, 2010-11:		<u>Total share:</u>
Exports of services to the DRC (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from the DRC (A\$m):	na	na

Australia's investment relationship with the DRC, 2010 (e):	<u>Total:</u>	<u>FDI:</u>
Australia's investment in the DRC (A\$m):	nil	nil
The DRC's investment in Australia (A\$m):	nil	nil

## The Democratic Republic of the Congo's global merchandise trade relationships:

The DRC's principal export destinations, 2009:			The DRC's principal import sources, 2009:		
1	China	48.7%	1	South Africa	17.9%
2	United States	14.8%	2	Belgium	10.0%
3	Belgium	10.3%	3	China	10.0%
50	Australia	0.0%	44	Australia	0.1%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF/EIU forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding; (e) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published. .. Data not meaningful