



SIERRA LEONE

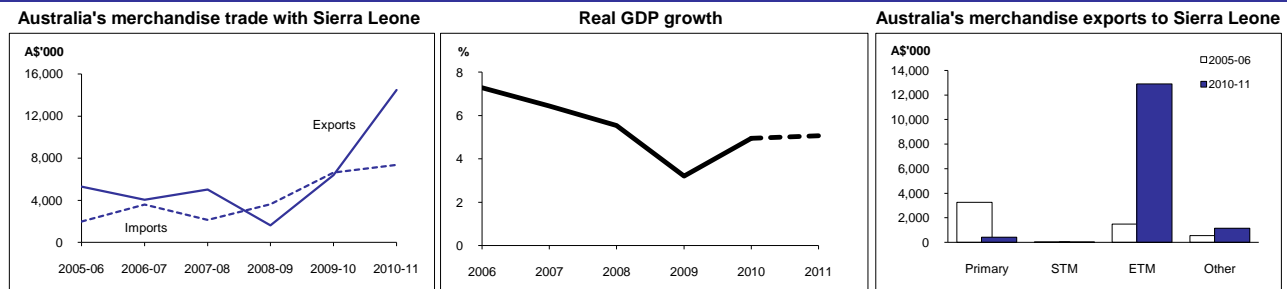
Fact Sheet

General information:

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Capital:	Freetown	Head of State and Head of Government:
Surface area:	72 thousand sq km	President HE Mr Ernest Bai Koroma
Official language:	English	
Population:	5.8 million (2010)	
Exchange rate:	A\$1= 4,597.77 Leones (Apr 2011)	

Recent economic indicators:	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010(a)	2011(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices):	1,423	1,664	1,952	1,856	1,905	2,084
GDP PPP (US\$m) (c):	3,619	3,964	4,276	4,460	4,734	5,081
GDP per capita (US\$):	270	307	351	326	326	347
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	687	731	769	782	810	847
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	7.3	6.4	5.5	3.2	5.0	5.1
Current account balance (US\$m):	-80	-91	-224	-155	-525	-1,026
Current account balance (% GDP):	-5.6	-5.5	-11.5	-8.4	-27.5	-49.2
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	21.4	20.1	17.2	17.7	22.2	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	9.5	11.7	14.8	9.2	17.8	18.0



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Sierra Leone (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Sierra Leone, 2010-11:	Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Sierra Leone (A\$'000):	0.0%	106th	127.1%
Imports from Sierra Leone (A\$'000):	0.0%	109th	10.7%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	0.0%	119th	67.7%

Major Australian exports, 2010-11 (A\$'000):	Value	Major Australian imports, 2010-11 (A\$'000):	Value
Specialised machinery & parts	3,190	Rubber tyres, treads & tubes	4,472
Civil engineering equipment & parts	2,005	Electrical machinery & parts	781
Trailers & semi-trailers	1,034	Plastic articles	334
Mechanical handling equip & parts	946	Medicaments (incl veterinary)	203

Australia's trade in services with Sierra Leone, 2010-11:	Total share:
Exports of services to Sierra Leone (A\$m):	na
Imports of services from Sierra Leone (A\$m):	na

Australia's investment relationship with Sierra Leone, 2010 (e):	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Sierra Leone (A\$m):	np	nil
Sierra Leone's investment in Australia (A\$m):	np	nil

Sierra Leone's global merchandise trade relationships:

Sierra Leone's principal export destinations, 2010:			Sierra Leone's principal import sources, 2010:		
1	Belgium	29.2%	1	South Africa	14.7%
2	Romania	15.3%	2	China	10.7%
3	United States	9.0%	3	Malaysia	6.7%
10	Australia	1.9%	24	Australia	0.9%

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 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.