



BHUTAN

Fact Sheet

General information:

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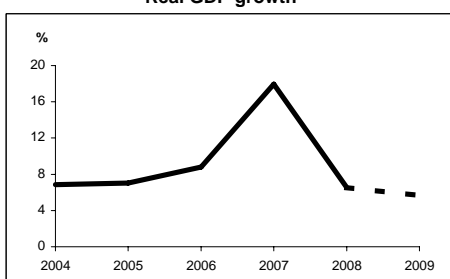
Capital:	Thimphu	Head of State:	HM King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk
Surface area:	47 thousand sq km		
Official language:	Dzongkha	Head of Government:	Prime Minister HE Lyonchen Jigmi Y Thinley
Population:	657,000 (2008)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 31.9645 Ngultrum (Feb 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices):	718	819	931	1,197	1,368	1,451
GDP PPP (US\$m) (c):	2,147	2,324	2,610	3,161	3,442	3,670
GDP per capita (US\$):	1,166	1,286	1,448	1,841	2,082	2,185
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	3,485	3,651	4,057	4,862	5,238	5,528
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	6.8	7.0	8.8	17.9	6.6	5.7
Current account balance (US\$m):	-129	-249	-40	132	160	41
Current account balance (% GDP):	-17.9	-30.4	-4.3	11.0	11.7	2.8
Goods exports (% GDP):	22.0	26.2	33.1	45.8	31.8	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	4.6	5.3	5.0	5.2	7.7	5.0

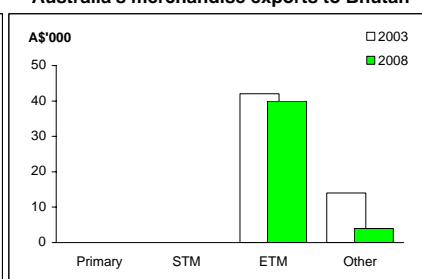
Australia's merchandise trade with Bhutan



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Bhutan



Australia's trade relationship with Bhutan (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Bhutan, 2008:

Exports to Bhutan (A\$'000):	44	Total share:	0.0%	Rank:	215th	Growth (yoy):	-13.7%
Imports from Bhutan (A\$'000):	15		0.0%		199th		400.0%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	58		0.0%		217th		7.4%

Major Australian exports, 2008 (A\$'000):

Pigments, paints & varnishes	16
Passenger motor vehicles	14
Electric power machinery & parts	4
Measuring & analysing instruments	4

Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$'000):

Plastic articles	8
Made-up textile articles	2
Cotton fabrics, woven	2
Women's clothing, knitted	1

Australia's trade in services with Bhutan, 2008:

Exports of services to Bhutan (A\$m):	na	Total share:	na
Imports of services from Bhutan (A\$m):	na		na

Bhutan's global merchandise trade relationships (e):

Bhutan's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	India	81.6%
2	Hong Kong, SAR of China	9.9%
3	Singapore	2.5%
	Australia	na

Bhutan's principal import sources, 2008:

1	India	69.4%
2	Indonesia	6.0%
3	Russian Federation	3.4%
	Australia	na

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) Data is for financial year 2007-08.

na Data not available.