



# BOTSWANA

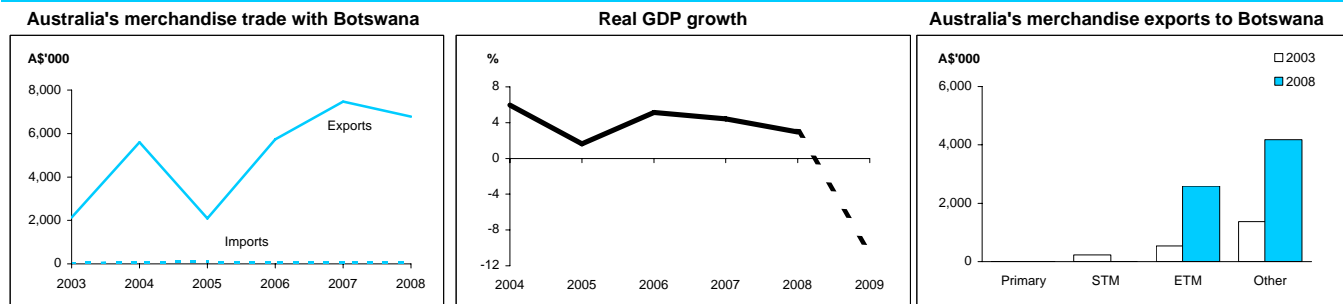
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Gaborone	<b>Head of State and Head of Government:</b>
<b>Surface area:</b>	582 thousand sq km	President HE Mr Seretse Ian Khama
<b>Official language:</b>	English	
<b>Population:</b>	1.8 million (2008)	
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 5.1690 Pula (Feb 2009)	

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	10.1	10.4	11.3	12.3	13.5	9.8
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	21.1	21.7	23.5	25.2	26.5	24.0
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	5,861	5,985	6,473	7,005	7,554	5,415
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	12,270	12,513	13,470	14,313	14,882	13,301
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	6.0	1.6	5.1	4.4	2.9	-10.4
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	350	1,575	1,947	1,766	945	-630
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	3.5	15.2	17.2	14.3	7.0	-6.5
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	44.5	51.1	46.8	49.4	na	na
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	7.0	8.6	11.6	7.1	12.6	8.1



## Australia's trade relationship with Botswana (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Botswana, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Botswana (A\$'000):	6,782	0.0%	136th	-9.2%
Imports from Botswana (A\$'000):	74	0.0%	178th	51.0%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	6,856	0.0%	152nd	-8.8%

Major Australian exports, 2008* (A\$'000):		Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$'000):	
Heating & cooling equipment & parts	853	Telecom equipment & parts	57
Specialised machinery & parts	730	Printed matter	15
Measuring & analysing instruments	439	Made-up textile articles	2
Electrical circuits equipment	104		

\*Includes A\$4.2m of confidential items and special transactions, 61% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Botswana, 2008:		Total share:
Exports of services to Botswana (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Botswana (A\$m):	na	na

## Botswana's global merchandise trade relationships:

Botswana's principal export destinations, 2007:			Botswana's principal import sources, 2007:		
1	United Kingdom	65.0%	1	South Africa	83.5%
2	South Africa	10.2%	2	China	1.8%
3	Norway	8.1%	3	Belgium	1.6%
35	Australia	0.0%	14	Australia	0.4%

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.

na Data not available.