



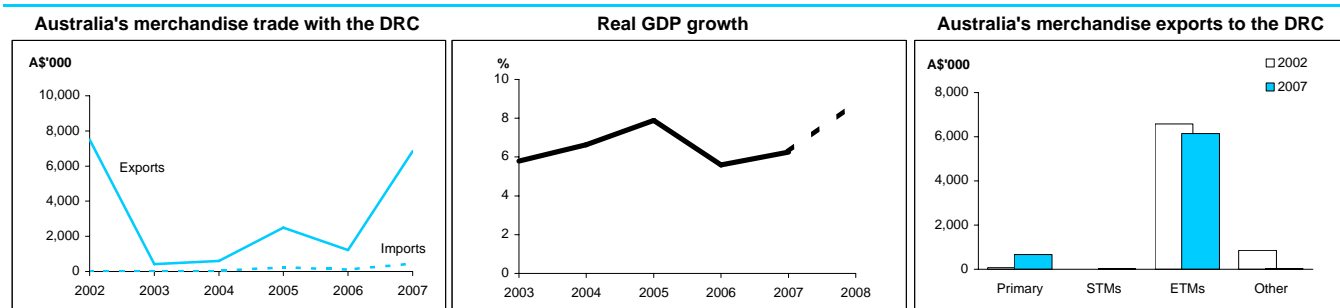
# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC) *Fact Sheet*

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

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|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Capital:</b>           | Kinshasa                                     | <b>Head of State:</b>      | President HE Major General Joseph Kabila |
| <b>Surface area:</b>      | 2,345 thousand sq km                         | <b>Head of Government:</b> | Prime Minister HE Mr Antoine Gizenga     |
| <b>Official language:</b> | French                                       |                            |  |
| <b>Population:</b>        | 61.1 million (2007)                          |                            |  |
| <b>Exchange rate:</b>     | A\$1 = 427.6860 Congolese Francs (FC) (2007) |                            |  |

| <i>Recent economic indicators:</i>      | 2003 | 2004 | 2005  | 2006 | 2007(a) | 2008(b) |
|---|------|------|-------|------|---------|---------|
| <b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>   | 5.7  | 6.5  | 7.2   | 8.7  | 10.1    | 11.8    |
| <b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>            | 13.1 | 14.3 | 15.9  | 17.3 | 18.8    | 20.9    |
| <b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>           | 105  | 117  | 124   | 147  | 166     | 187     |
| <b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>   | 241  | 256  | 276   | 291  | 309     | 333     |
| <b>Real GDP growth (% change YOY):</b>  | 5.8  | 6.6  | 7.9   | 5.6  | 6.3     | 8.8     |
| <b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b> | 56   | -157 | -753  | -212 | -402    | -1,260  |
| <b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b> | 1.0  | -2.4 | -10.5 | -2.4 | -4.0    | -10.7   |
| <b>Good exports (% GDP):</b>            | 23.6 | 27.7 | 28.9  | 27.1 | 24.8    | 22.9    |
| <b>Inflation (% change YOY):</b>        | 12.8 | 4.0  | 21.4  | 13.2 | 16.7    | 10.1    |



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

### Australian merchandise trade with the DRC, 2007:

|  |       |                     |      |              |       |                      |        |
|--|-------|---------------------|------|--------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Exports to the DRC (A\$'000):              | 6,853 | <b>Total share:</b> | 0.0% | <b>Rank:</b> | 134th | <b>Growth (yoy):</b> | 465.0% |
| Imports from the DRC (A\$'000):            | 450   |                     | 0.0% |              | 153rd |                      | 312.8% |
| Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000): | 7,303 |                     | 0.0% |              | 154th |                      | 452.4% |

### Major Australian exports, 2007 (A\$'000):

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Specialised machinery        | 5,534 |
| Worn clothing, rags          | 660   |
| Telecommunications equipment | 247   |
| Transmission shafts, parts   | 47    |

### Major Australian imports, 2007 (A\$'000):

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Cocoa               | 279 |
| Wood, simply worked | 92  |
| Flour of wheat      | 32  |
| Vegetables          | 21  |

### Australia's trade in services with the DRC, 2007:

|  |    |                     |    |
|--|----|---------------------|----|
| Exports of services to the DRC (A\$m):   | na | <b>Total share:</b> | na |
| Imports of services from the DRC (A\$m): | na |                     | na |

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

### The DRC's principal export destinations, 2006:

|    |           |       |
|----|-----------|-------|
| 1  | Belgium   | 34.0% |
| 2  | China     | 24.4% |
| 3  | Chile     | 9.0%  |
| 47 | Australia | 0.0%  |

### The DRC's principal import sources, 2006:

|    |              |       |
|----|--------------|-------|
| 1  | South Africa | 19.2% |
| 2  | Belgium      | 11.8% |
| 3  | France       | 9.3%  |
| 51 | Australia    | 0.1%  |

Compiled by the Market Information and Analysis 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.