



# MAURITANIA

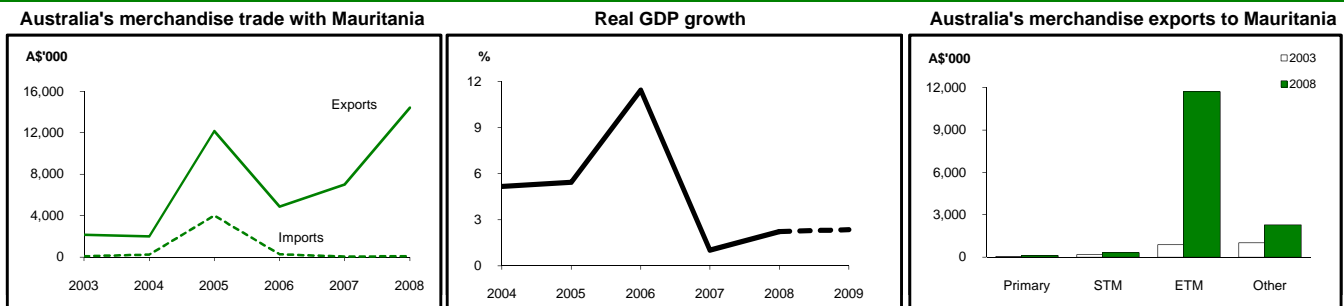
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Nouakchott	<b>Head of State:</b>	President General Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz
<b>Surface area:</b>	1,026 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister Moulaye Ould Mohamed Laghdaf
<b>Official languages:</b>	Hasaniya Arabic, Pular, Soninke, Wolof		
<b>Population:</b>	3.0 million (2008)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 209.5485 Ouguiyas (2008)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	1.5	1.9	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.2
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	4.6	5.0	5.7	6.0	6.2	6.4
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	542	658	933	952	1,042	1,044
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	1,666	1,767	1,985	2,011	2,052	2,070
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	5.2	5.4	11.4	1.0	2.2	2.3
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	-517	-877	-36	-321	-497	-293
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	-34.6	-47.2	-1.3	-11.4	-15.7	-9.0
<b>Goods exports (% GDP):</b>	29.4	33.7	50.6	51.4	52.1	37.0
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	10.4	12.1	6.2	7.3	7.3	5.0



## Australia's trade and investment relationship with Mauritania (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Mauritania, 2008:	Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Mauritania (A\$'000): 14,418	0.0%	109th	106.2%
Imports from Mauritania (A\$'000): 58	0.0%	182nd	61.1%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000): 14,476	0.0%	130th	105.9%

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

Specialised machinery & parts	1,386
Pumps (excl liquid pumps) & parts	1,338
Measuring & analysing instruments	1,141
Hand or machine tools	826

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

Orthopaedic appliances & splints	58
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\*Includes A\$1.5m of confidential items and special transactions, 11% of total exports.

### Australia's trade in services with Mauritania, 2008:

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

### Australia's investment relationship with Mauritania, 2008 (e):

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Mauritania (A\$m):	na	na
Mauritania's investment in Australia (A\$m):	na	na

## Mauritania's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Mauritania's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	France	16.3%
2	Germany	8.2%
3	China	7.8%
	Australia	na

### Mauritania's principal import sources, 2008:

1	France	16.3%
2	Russian Federation	11.2%
3	Netherlands	7.7%
34	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.