



# NEPAL

Fact Sheet

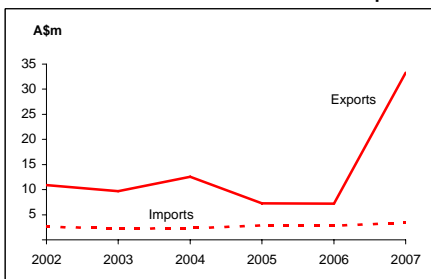
## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

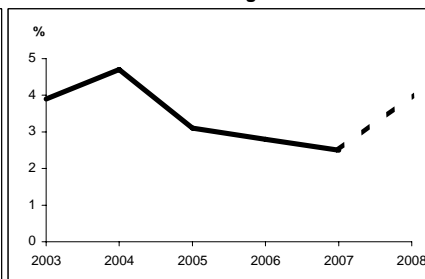
<b>Capital:</b>	Kathmandu	<b>Head of State:</b>	President HE The Rt Hon Dr Ram Baran Yadav
<b>Surface area:</b>	147 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister The Hon Mr Pushpa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda)
<b>Official language:</b>	Nepalese		
<b>Population:</b>	24.1 million (2007)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 58.1866 Rupees (Feb 2008)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007(a)	2008(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices) (c):</b>	6.3	7.3	8.3	8.9	9.6	10.5
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (d):</b>	22.5	24.1	26.0	27.6	29.0	30.8
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	276	316	355	376	400	422
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (d):</b>	984	1,040	1,114	1,170	1,207	1,244
<b>Real GDP growth (% change YOY) (c):</b>	3.9	4.7	3.1	2.8	2.5	4.0
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	141	198	165	192	58	52
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	2.2	2.7	2.0	2.2	0.6	0.5
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	17.0	16.9	15.5	13.9	na	na
<b>Inflation (% change YOY):</b>	4.8	4.0	4.5	8.0	6.4	6.4

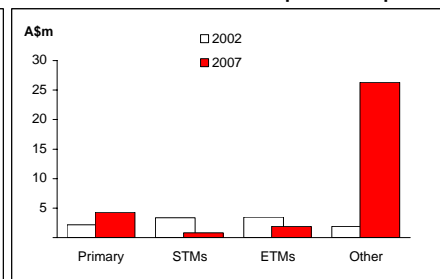
Australia's merchandise trade with Nepal



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Nepal



## Australia's trade relationship with Nepal (e):

### Australian merchandise trade with Nepal, 2007:

Exports to Nepal (A\$m):	33	<b>Total share:</b>	0.0%	<b>Rank:</b>	77th	<b>Growth (yoy):</b>	360.5%
Imports from Nepal (A\$m):	3		0.0%		121st		23.7%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	37		0.0%		92nd		266.5%

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

Non-monetary gold	26
Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits 'soft'	2
Telecommunications equipment	1
Vegetables	1

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

Floor coverings	1
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### Australia's trade in services with Nepal, 2007:

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

## Nepal's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Nepal's principal export destinations, 2006:

1	India	59.3%
2	United States	14.0%
3	Germany	5.9%
18	Australia	0.3%

### Nepal's principal import sources, 2006:

1	India	49.0%
2	China	12.4%
3	United Arab Emirates	11.7%
20	Australia	0.3%

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) Year ending July 15; (d) PPP is purchasing power parity; (e) Total may not add due to rounding.

na Data not available.