

SIERRA LEONE

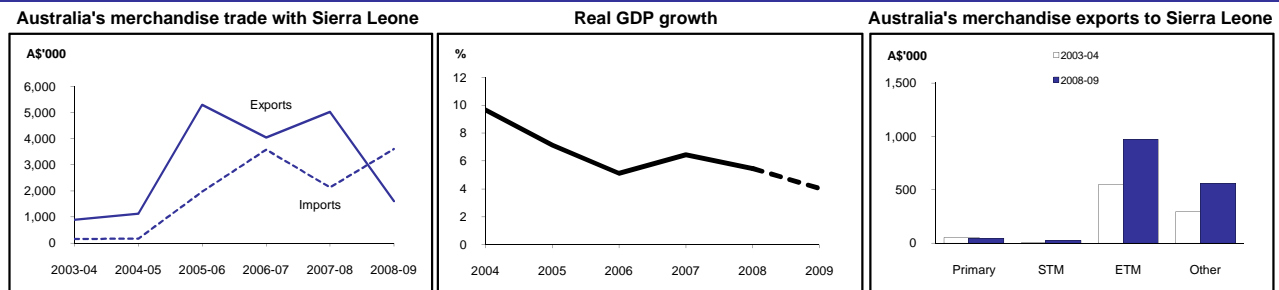
Fact Sheet

General information:

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Capital:	Freetown	Head of State and Head of Government:
Surface area:	72 thousand sq km	President HE Mr Ernest Bai Koroma
Official language:	English	
Population:	6.0 million (2009)	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 2,631.66 Leones (Jun 2009)	

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices):	1,096	1,239	1,422	1,664	1,953	2,064
GDP PPP (US\$m) (c):	3,026	3,334	3,619	3,962	4,268	4,509
GDP per capita (US\$):	206	227	254	290	332	342
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	570	612	647	691	725	747
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	9.7	7.1	5.1	6.4	5.5	4.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	-62	-86	-49	-57	-176	-187
Current account balance (% GDP):	-5.7	-7.0	-3.5	-3.4	-9.0	-9.1
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	19.7	21.1	21.4	20.1	na	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	14.2	12.1	9.5	11.7	14.8	10.6



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Sierra Leone (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Sierra Leone, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Sierra Leone (A\$'000):	1,603	0.0%	175th	-68.1%
Imports from Sierra Leone (A\$'000):	3,612	0.0%	118th	69.3%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	5,215	0.0%	158th	-27.2%

Major Australian exports, 2008-09* (A\$'000):		Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$'000):	
Tubes & pipes of iron or steel	238	Musical instruments & parts	1,011
Specialised machinery & parts	134	Tea & mate	541
Civil engineering equipment & parts	98	Rubber tyres, treads & tubes	426
Nails, screws, nuts, bolts & rivets	93	Crude vegetable matter	184

*Includes A\$560,000 of confidential items and special transactions, 35% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Sierra Leone, 2008-09:		Total share:
Exports of services to Sierra Leone (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Sierra Leone (A\$m):	na	na

Australia's investment relationship with Sierra Leone, 2008 (e):	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Sierra Leone (A\$m):	na	na
Sierra Leone's investment in Australia (A\$m):	np	na

Sierra Leone's global merchandise trade relationships:

Sierra Leone's principal export destinations, 2008:			Sierra Leone's principal import sources, 2008:		
1	Belgium	40.9%	1	China	10.3%
2	United States	23.1%	2	Côte d'Ivoire	8.8%
3	France	5.7%	3	United States	7.8%
11	Australia	0.9%	32	Australia	0.5%

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) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published.