

# SRI LANKA

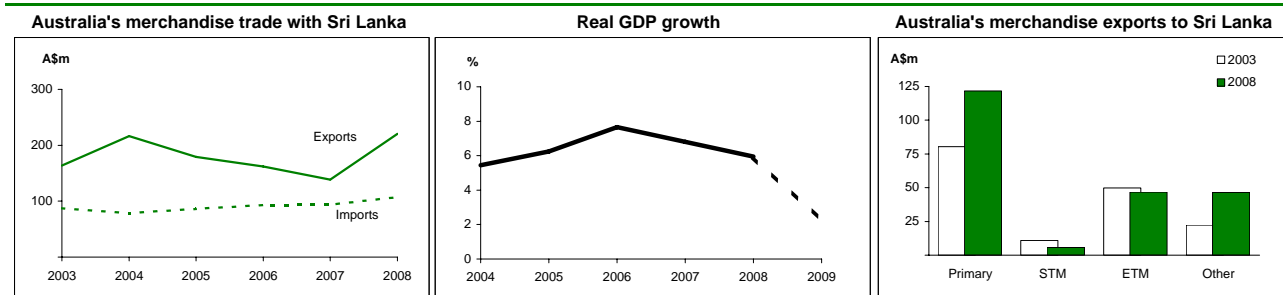
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Colombo	<b>Head of State:</b>	
<b>Surface area:</b>	66 thousand sq km	<b>President HE Mr Mahinda Rajapaksa</b>	
<b>Official languages:</b>	Sinhala, Tamil	<b>Head of Government:</b>	
<b>Population:</b>	20.1 million (2008)	<b>Prime Minister The Hon Ratanasiri Wickramanayaka</b>	
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 73.9204 Rupees (Feb 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	20.7	24.4	28.3	32.3	39.6	38.5
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	63.4	69.7	77.5	85.0	92.0	94.9
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	1,063	1,244	1,430	1,623	1,972	1,903
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	3,263	3,555	3,920	4,265	4,581	4,689
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	5.4	6.2	7.7	6.8	6.0	2.2
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	-648	-605	-1,500	-1,401	-3,719	-1,031
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	-3.1	-2.5	-5.3	-4.3	-9.4	-2.7
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	35.2	32.3	30.1	29.2	27.6	25.4
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	9.0	11.0	10.0	15.8	22.6	6.1



## Australia's trade relationship with Sri Lanka (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Sri Lanka, 2008:	Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Sri Lanka (A\$m):	0.1%	47th	58.8%
Imports from Sri Lanka (A\$m):	0.0%	59th	14.7%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	0.1%	57th	41.0%

Major Australian exports, 2008 (A\$m):	Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$m):
Vegetables: 72	Tea & mate: 31
Gold: 37	Rubber tyres, treads & tubes: 12
Milk & cream: 20	Manufactures of base metal: 7
Man-made fabrics, woven: 8	Clothing: 6

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

## Sri Lanka's global merchandise trade relationships.

Sri Lanka's principal export destinations, 2008:	Sri Lanka's principal import sources, 2008:
1 United States: 22.5%	1 India: 20.8%
2 United Kingdom: 13.1%	2 Singapore: 11.7%
3 Germany: 5.6%	3 Iran: 8.8%
17 Australia: 1.1%	20 Australia: 1.4%

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/EIU forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding.

na Data not available.