

Geography

Location: Western Africa, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean, between Cameroon and Gabon

Map references: Africa

Area:

total area: 28,050 sq km

land area: 28,050 sq km

comparative area: slightly larger than Maryland

Land boundaries: total 539 km, Cameroon 189 km, Gabon 350 km

Coastline: 296 km

Maritime claims:

exclusive economic zone: 200 nm

territorial sea: 12 nm

International disputes: maritime boundary dispute with Gabon because of disputed sovereignty over islands in Corisco Bay

Climate: tropical; always hot, humid

Terrain: coastal plains rise to interior hills; islands are volcanic

Natural resources: timber, petroleum, small unexploited deposits of gold, manganese, uranium

Land use:

arable land: 8%

permanent crops: 4%

meadows and pastures: 4%

forest and woodland: 51%

other: 33%

Irrigated land: NA sq km

Environment:

current issues: tap water is not potable; desertification

natural hazards: violent windstorms

international agreements: party to - Biodiversity, Endangered Species, Nuclear Test Ban; signed, but not ratified - Desertification, Law of the Sea

Note: insular and continental regions