

# CONGO, REPUBLIC



## Country Dialling Code (Tel/Fax): ++242

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**Capital Brazzaville Time: GMT + 1**

**Background:** Upon independence in 1960, the former French region of Middle Congo became the Republic of the Congo. A quarter century of experimentation with Marxism was abandoned in 1990 and a democratically elected government installed in 1992. A brief civil war in 1997 restored former Marxist President SASSOU-NGUESSO. Location: Western Africa, bordering the South Atlantic Ocean, between Angola and Gabon

**Map References:** Africa

**Climate:** tropical; rainy season (March to June); dry season (June to October); constantly high temperatures and humidity; particularly enervating climate astride the Equator

**Terrain:** coastal plain, southern basin, central plateau, northern basin

**Natural Resources:** petroleum, timber, potash, lead, zinc, uranium, copper, phosphates, natural gas, hydropower

**Population:** 2,830,961

**Nationality:** noun: Congolese (singular and plural) adjective: Congolese or Congo

**Ethnic Groups:** Kongo 48%, Sangha 20%, M'Bochi 12%, Teke 17%, Europeans NA%; note - Europeans estimated at 8,500, mostly French, before the 1997 civil war; may be half of that in 1998, following the widespread destruction of foreign businesses in 1997

**Religions:** Christian 50%, animist 48%, Muslim 2%

**Languages:** French (official), Lingala and Monokutuba (lingua franca trade languages), many local languages and dialects (of which Kikongo has the most users)

**Economy:** The economy is a mixture of village agriculture and handicrafts, an industrial sector based largely on oil, support services, and a government characterized by budget problems and overstaffing. Oil has supplanted forestry as the mainstay of the economy, providing a major share of government revenues and exports. In the early 1980s, rapidly rising oil revenues enabled the government to finance large-scale development projects with GDP growth averaging 5% annually, one of the highest rates in Africa. Moreover, the government has mortgaged a substantial portion of its oil earnings, contributing to the government's shortage of revenues. The 12 January 1994 devaluation of Franc Zone currencies by 50% resulted in inflation of 61% in 1994 but inflation has subsided since. Economic reform efforts continued with the support of international organizations, notably the World Bank and the IMF. The reform program came to a halt in June 1997 when civil war erupted. Denis SASSOU-NGUESSO, who returned to power when the war ended in October 1997, publicly expressed interest in moving forward on economic reforms and privatization and in renewing cooperation with international financial institutions. However, economic progress was badly hurt by slumping oil prices in 1998, which worsened the Republic of the Congo's budget deficit. A second blow was the resumption of armed conflict in December 1998. Even with high world oil prices, Congo is unlikely to realize growth of more than 5% in 2000-01.

**Industries:** petroleum extraction, cement kilning, lumbering, brewing, sugar milling, palm oil, soap, cigarette making

**Currency:** 1 Communaute Financiere Africaine franc (CFAF) = 100 centimes

**Railways:** total: 795 km (includes 285 km private track) narrow gauge: 795 km 1.067-m gauge (1995 est.)

**Highways:** total: 12,800 km paved: 1,242 km unpaved: 11,558 km (1996 est.)

**Ports and Harbors:** Brazzaville, Impfondo, Ouessou, Oyo, Pointe-Noire

**Airports:** 36 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 4 over 3,047 m: 1 1,524 to 2,437 m: 3 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 32 1,524 to 2,437 m: 8 914 to 1,523 m: 14 under 914 m: 10 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** required by all.

**Duty Free:** goods permitted: 200 cigarettes or 1 box of cigars or tobacco, 1 bottle of alcohol, a reasonable quantity of perfume in open bottles.

**Health:** a yellow fever certificate is required from travellers over one year of age. Malaria risk exists throughout the year. All water should be regarded as potentially contaminated.

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