

## SWAZILAND

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**Capital:** Mbabane **Time:** GMT + 2

**Background:** Autonomy for the Swazis of southern Africa was guaranteed by the British in the late 19th century; independence was granted 1968. Student and labor unrest during the 1990s have pressured the monarchy (one of the oldest on the continent) to grudgingly allow political reform and greater democracy.

**Location:** Southern Africa, between Mozambique and South Africa

**Map References:** Africa

**Area:** total: 17,363 sq km, land: 17,203 sq km, water: 160 sq km

**Climate:** varies from tropical to near temperate

**Terrain:** mostly mountains and hills; some moderately sloping plains

**Natural Resources:** asbestos, coal, clay, cassiterite, hydropower, forests, small gold and diamond deposits, quarry stone, and talc

**Population:** 1,083,289 (July 2000 est.)

**Nationality:** noun: Swazi(s), adjective: Swazi

**Ethnic Groups:** African 97%, European 3%

**Religions:** Christian 60%, indigenous beliefs 40%

**Languages:** English (official, government business conducted in English), siSwati (official)

**Economy:** In this small landlocked economy, subsistence agriculture occupies more than 60% of the population. Manufacturing features a number of agroprocessing factories. Mining has declined in importance in recent years; high-grade iron ore deposits were depleted by 1978, and health concerns have cut world demand for asbestos. Exports of soft drink concentrate, sugar, and wood pulp are the main earners of hard currency. Surrounded by South Africa, except for a short border with Mozambique, Swaziland is heavily dependent on South Africa from which it receives four-fifths of its imports and to which it sends three-fourths of its exports. Remittances from Swazi workers in South African mines supplement domestically earned income by as much as 20%. The government is trying to improve the atmosphere for foreign investment. Overgrazing, soil depletion, and drought persist as problems for the future.

**Industries:** mining (coal and asbestos), wood pulp, sugar, soft drink concentrates

**Currency:** 1 lilangeni (E) = 100 cents

**Railways:** total: 297 km; note - includes 71 km which are not in use, *narrow gauge*: 297 km 1.067-m gauge

**Highways:** total: 2,896 km (1997 est.), *paved*: NA km, *unpaved*: NA km

**Ports and Harbors:** none

**Airports:** 18 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 1, 2,438 to 3,047 m: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 17, 914 to 1,523 m: 7, under 914 m: 10 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** required by all except the following nationals of: British, Australian, Canadian, USA, other EU and Japanese.

**Duty Free:** permitted goods: 400 cigarettes and 50 cigars and 250g of tobacco; 1 bottle(750ml) of alcoholic beverages; 50ml of perfume and 250 eau de toilette per person; free export of souvenirs and present.

**Health:** a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travellers arriving from infected areas. Malaria risk exists all year throughout the country. Mains water is generally safe.

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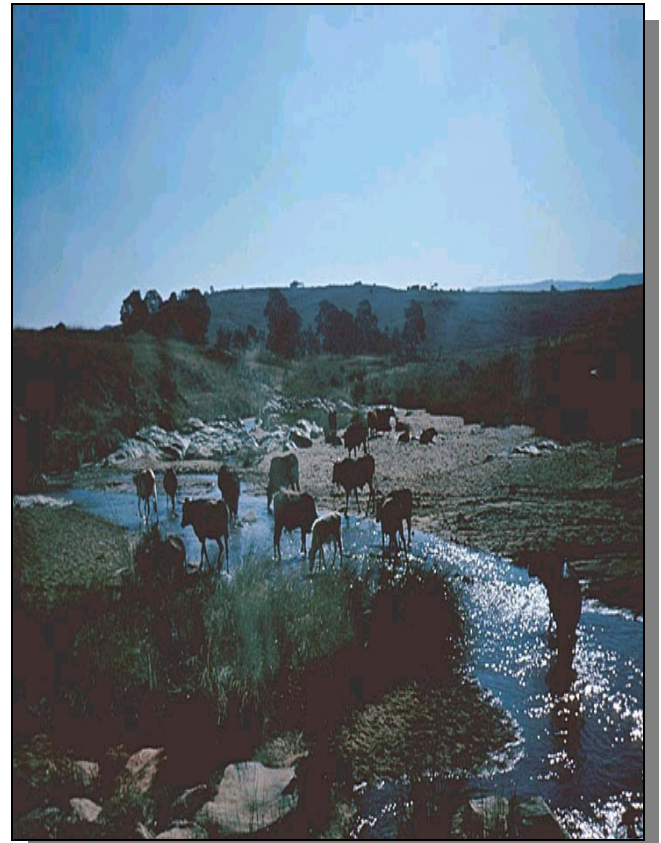
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