DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



Official Name:

Republique Democratique du Congo





Kinshasa Capital: Kinshasa

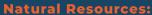


Population: 89,561,403

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Largest country in the world!



Cobalt, copper, cadmium, petroleum, industrial and gem diamonds, gold, silver, zinc, manganese, tin, germanium, uranium, radium, bauxite, iron ore, coal, hydro-power and timber.

Nine nations border DRC: Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic,Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan,Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia



Ethnic Group:

The DRC has over 250 African ethnic groups, and more than 240 identified languages.

Time Zone: WAT (GMT+1) & CAT (GMT+2)



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Dialling Code: +243



Agriculture: Coffee, sugar, palm oil, rubber, tea, quinine, cassava (tapioca), bananas, root crops, corn, fruits and wood products.



Major Cities:

- Kinshasa
- Lumbabashi
- Mbuji-Mayi



The world's second largest rain forest is found in the DR Congo.

Soccer: The DRC national soccer team is a two-time champion of the African Cup of Nations and is the most popular sport and loved by the Congolese people.

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Official Language: French Recognised regional

languages:Lingala, Kituba, Swahili, Tshiluba

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Birdlife: There are more varieties of birds in the DRC than in any other country on the African continent. More than 1,130 species of birds have been identified.

Kinshasa: The largest city in the DRC with a population of 7,785,965 and the third largest city on the African continent.

Mbuji-Mayi: A city known as "Goat-Water"in one of the many languages in the DRC known as Tshiluba with a population of 874,761.

Lumbabashi: A copper mining city with a population of 1,373,770.

Monetary Unit: Congolese franc The DRC has a coastline of 37 kilometres.



Music: The world famous African Rumba music originated in the DRC and which still dominates across central Africa today