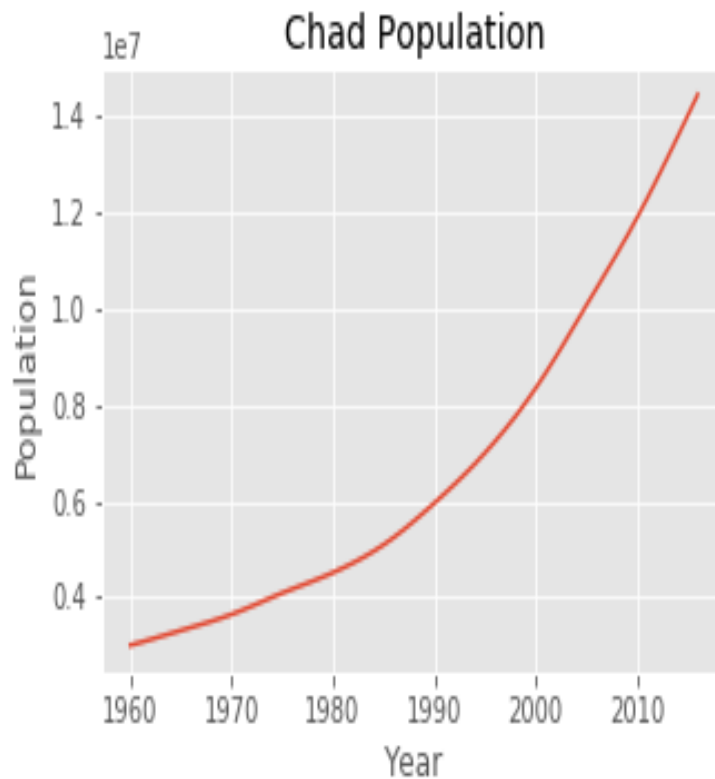


Chad



Coordinates: 15°N 19°E / 15°N 19°E / 15; 19Chad (/tʃæd/ (listen); Arabic: **تَشَاد** Tashād; French: Tchad pronounced [tʃa(d)], officially the Republic of Chad (Arabic: **جُمْهُورِيَّةُ تَشَاد** Jumhūriyyat Tshād; French: République du Tchad lit. "Republic of the Chad"), is a landlocked country in Central Africa. It is bordered by Libya to the north, Sudan to the east, the Central African Republic to the south, Cameroon and Nigeria to the southwest and Niger to the west. It is the fifth largest country in Africa in terms of area. Chad has several regions: a desert zone in the north, an arid Sahelian belt in the centre and a more fertile Sudanian Savanna zone in the south. Lake Chad, after which the country is named, is the largest wetland in Chad and the second-largest in Africa. The capital N'Djamena is the largest city. Chad's official languages are Arabic and French. Chad is home to over 200 different ethnic and linguistic groups. The major religions of Chad are Islam (at 55%), followed by Christianity (at 40%).