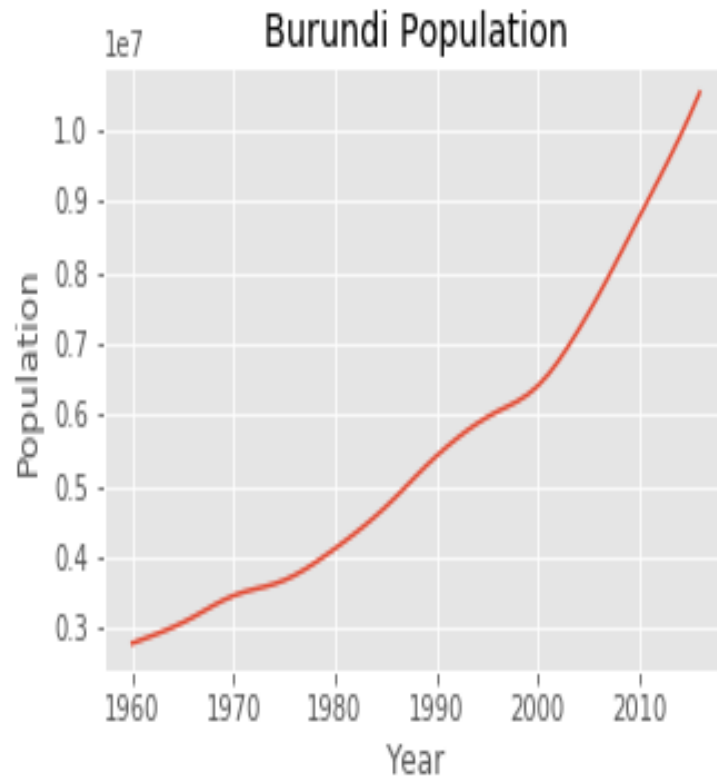


Burundi



Coordinates: $3^{\circ}30'S$ $30^{\circ}00'E$ / $3.500^{\circ}S$ $30.000^{\circ}E$ / -3.500 ; 30.000 – in Africa (light blue & dark grey) – in the African Union (light blue)Burundi (/bʊrʌndi/ or /bʊrʌndi/), officially the Republic of Burundi (Kirundi: Republika y'Uburundi, [buʀʌndi]; French: République du Burundi, [byʀyndi]), is a landlocked country in the African Great Lakes region of East Africa, bordered by Rwanda to the north, Tanzania to the east and south, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west. It is also considered part of Central Africa. Burundi's capital is Bujumbura. The southwestern border is adjacent to Lake Tanganyika. The Twa, Hutu and Tutsi peoples have lived in Burundi for at least 500 years. For more than 200 of those years, Burundi was an independent kingdom, until the beginning of the 20th century, when Germany colonised the region. After the First World War and Germany's defeat, it ceded the territory to Belgium. Both Germans and Belgians ruled Burundi and Rwanda as a European colony known as Ruanda-Urundi. Despite common misconceptions, Burundi and Rwanda had never been under common rule until the time of European colonisation.