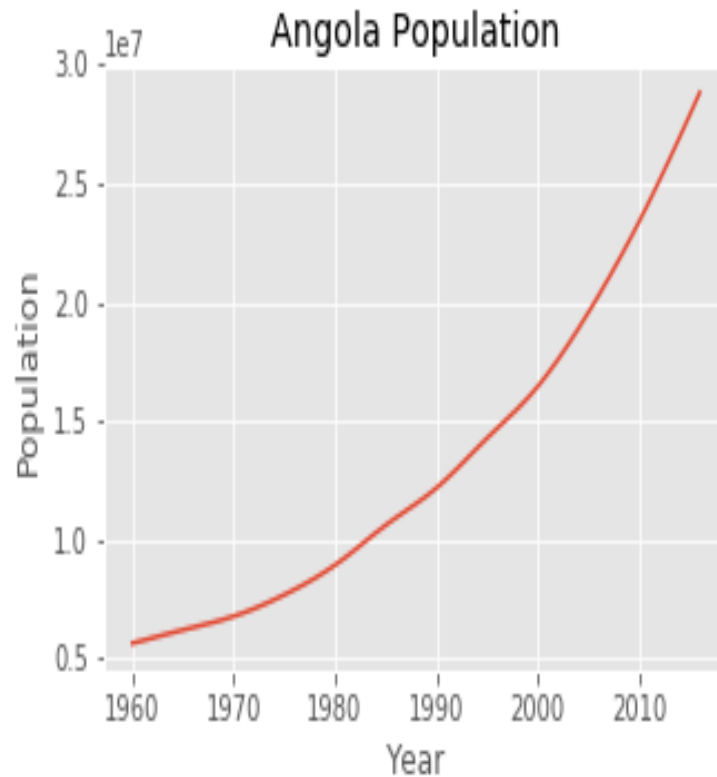


Angola



Coordinates: 12°30′S 18°30′E﻿ / ﻿12.500°S 18.500°E﻿ / -12.500; 18.500in the African Union (light blue)Angola (/æŋɡo/), officially the Republic of Angola (Portuguese: República de Angola pronounced [ʁɛˈpuβlikɐ dɐ ɐ̃ˈɡɔla]; Kikongo, Kimbundu and Umbundu: Repubilika ya Ngola), is a country in Southern Africa. It is the seventh-largest country in Africa, bordered by Namibia to the south, the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the north, Zambia to the east, and the Atlantic Ocean to the west. The exclave province of Cabinda borders the Republic of the Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The capital and largest city of Angola is Luanda.Although inhabited since the Paleolithic Era, what is now Angola was molded by Portuguese colonisation. It began with, and was for centuries limited to, coastal settlements and trading posts established starting in the 16th century. In the 19th century, European settlers slowly and hesitantly began to establish themselves in the interior. The Portuguese colony that became Angola did not have its present borders until the early 20th century because of resistance by groups such as the Cuamato, the Kwanyama and the Mbunda.