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Geography of Liberia

Location

- ▶ On the continent of Africa West respectively of Africa .
- ▶ Bordered by Sierra Leone to its Northwest
- ▶ Guinea to its North Ivory Coast to its east
- ▶ The Atlantic Ocean to the South and Southwest



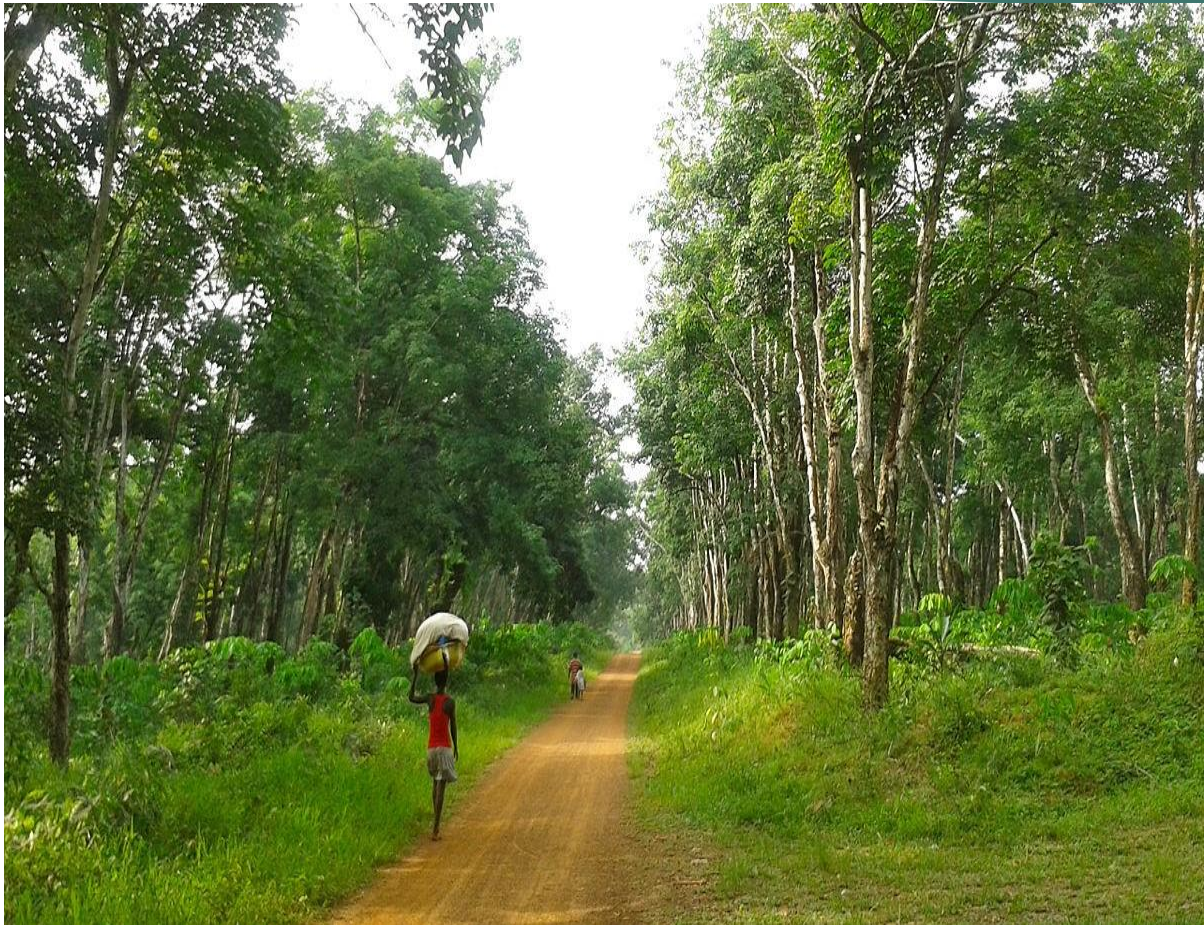
Geography of Liberia

- ▶ Land area: 37,189sqm(96320)
- ▶ Total area 43,000 sqm (111,370 sq/km)
- ▶ Six time bigger than New Jersey
- ▶ Landscape is most Flat to rolling Coastal Plains.
- ▶ Mangroves and Swamps
- ▶ Rise to a rolling plateau and Low Mountains in the Northeast.
- ▶ Tropical Rain Forest
- ▶ Climate
- ▶ Equatorial: Good Rainfall May-October and harsh harmattan winds continue through out the year November to April
- ▶ It is Global Biodiversity hotspot
- ▶ Elephants, Pygmy, hippopotamus, chimpanzees, Leopards, duiker and other.

Tropical Rain Forest in Liberia

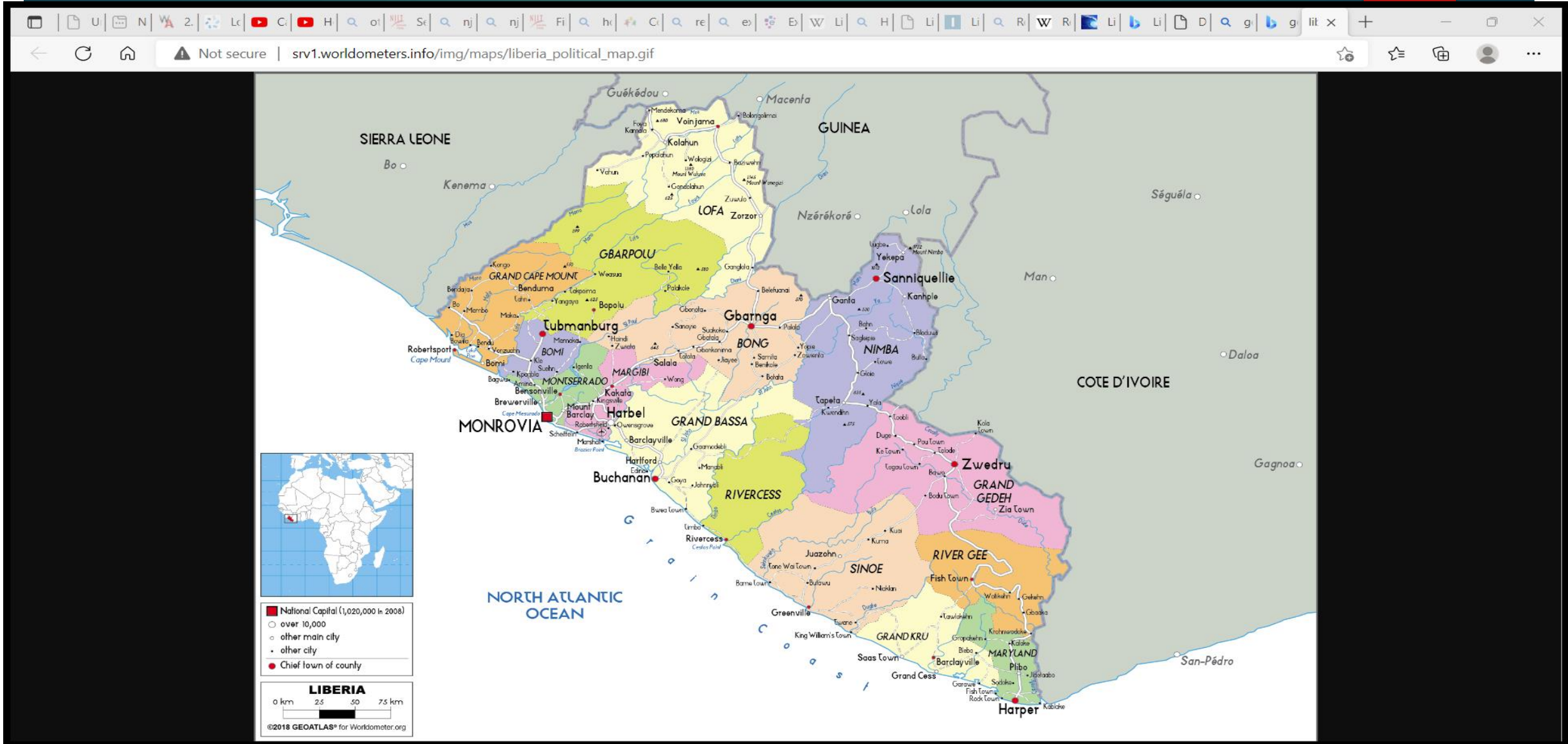


Tropical Landscape of Liberia



Physical Map of Liberia

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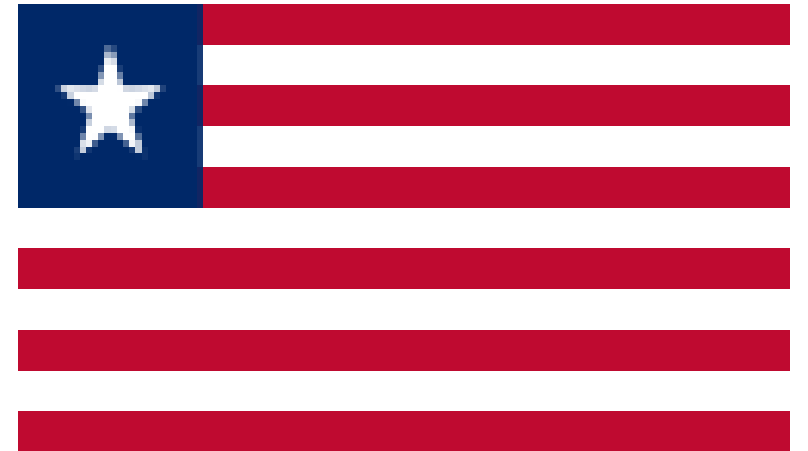


Liberia Population

- ▶ **Current Population is 5,302,681**
- ▶ **Monrovia is the nation capital and Largest city in the country.**
- ▶ **with approximately 1.5m inhabitation**
- ▶ **The rest live in small cities, town and villages.**

FLAG AND SEAL

- ▶ The flag sometime called the Lonestar close resemblance of the United States flag, representing Liberia founding by former black slave from the United States and Caribbean.
- ▶ The great seal of Liberia was adopted at the constitutional convention of 1847.



Holidays in Liberia

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National Holidays every institutions close. Only Hospitals, Medical Pharmacies, some time Security institutions and Gas stations are open.

1. January 1 New Year day
2. February 11 Arm Forces Day
3. Second Wednesday in March Decoration Day
4. March 15 First president birthday(JJ Roberts)
5. Second Friday in April Fast and Prayer Day
6. May 14 Unification Day
7. July 26 Impendence Day
8. August 24 Flag Day
9. First Thursday in November Thanks given day
10. November 29 Williams V.S Tubman Birthday
11. December 25 Christmas day

Brief History on Liberia

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- ▶ The early inhabitation came from the decline of West Sudanic Mali Empire and Songhai Empire in 1591. The Vai people arrived on the land followed by other groups.
- ▶ 1461 and 17th century, Portugues, Dutch and British traders in the region. They name it the Pepper Coast (Grain coast).
- ▶ American Colonization Society (ACS) was formed around 1820
- ▶ 1822(ACS) began sending free people of color to the Peppers Coast (present day Republic of Liberia)
- ▶ In 1822 they send more than 13,000 people of color to the grain coast (paper coast).
- ▶ July 26, 1847's pronounced the Declaration of Independence and promulgated a constitution. Not different from United States Constitution, Unfortunately it was to recognized by America.
- ▶ 20th Century Political Instability
- ▶ No free and fair Democratic elections
- ▶ April 12, 1980's a Military coup took place.
- ▶ 1989 to 1998 first national civil unrest about 80,000 to 100,000 Liberia died and 1.1 million as refugees.
- ▶ 1999 to 2003 Second civil unrest.
- ▶ 2004 - 2005 interim government was formed.
- ▶ 2005 – 2017 first and second democratic election. Won by first female in Liberia and Africa.
- ▶ 2017 - current third democratic election won by first football stars, world best football stars in 1995-1996.

Liberia civil war: These are roble groups

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Street fighting in Liberia



Liberia Civil Criss continue

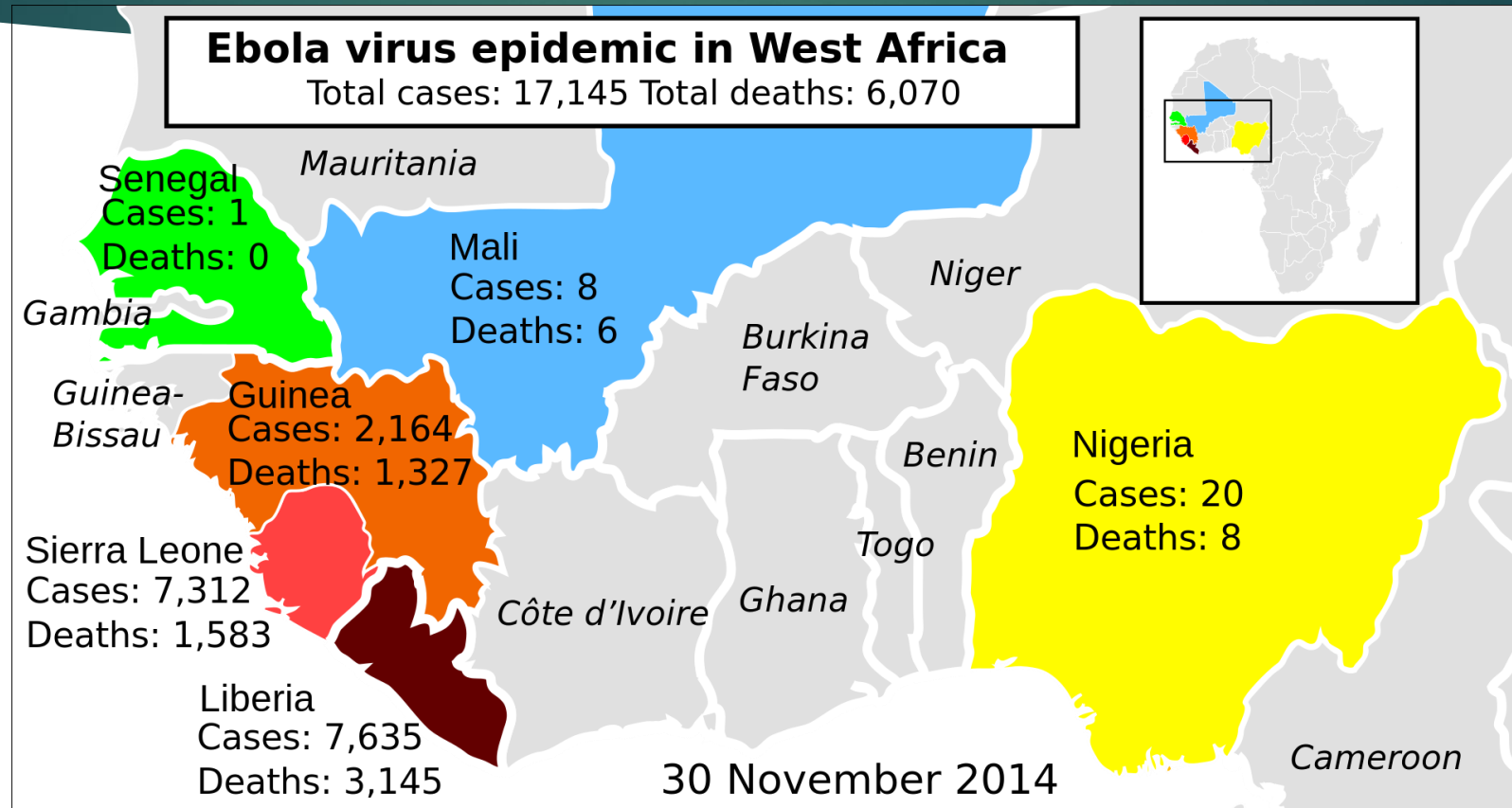
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Former warlord and head of State:
Charles Taylor

Liberian Military



Ebola Epidemic in West Africa



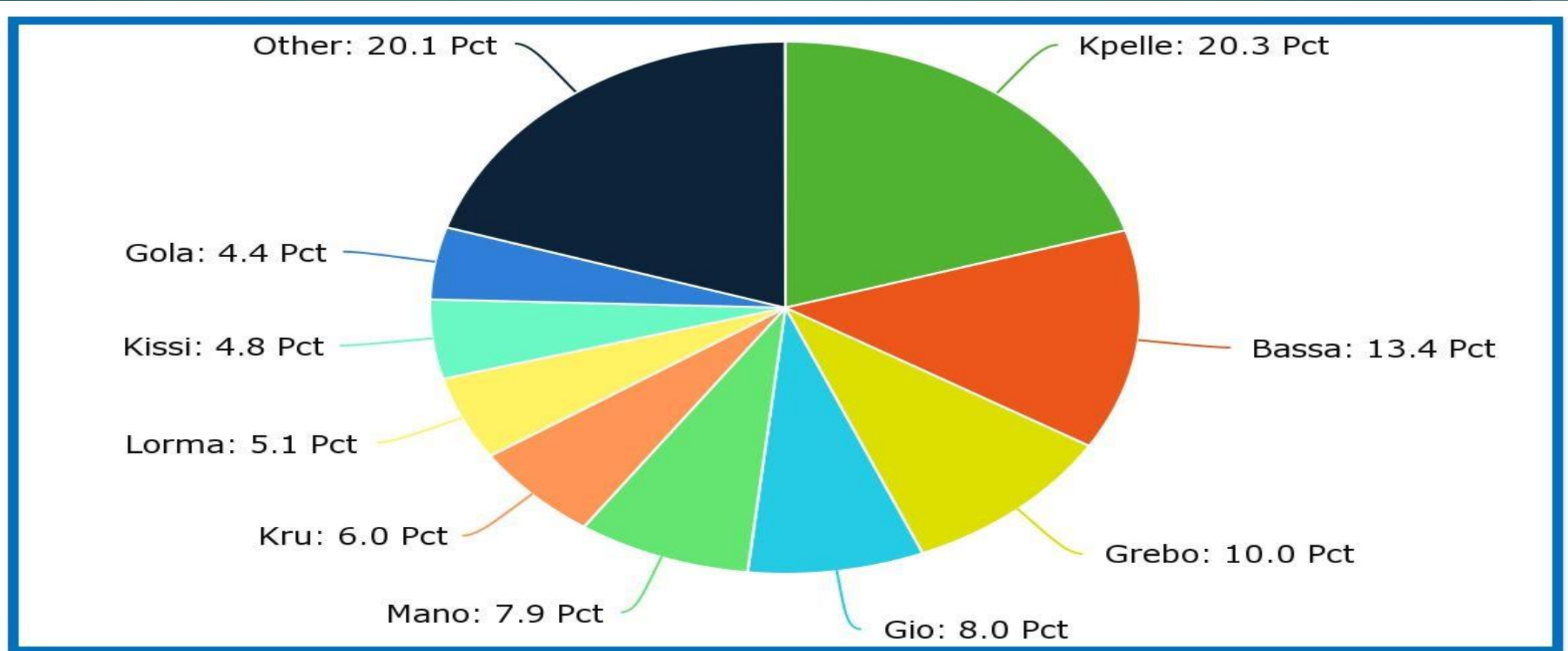
Culture of Liberia

- ▶ In a nation of diverse ethnicities and long African culture history.
- ▶ Both Southern and Southwest American culture date back to the immigration of people of color.
- ▶ Official language is English follow by 16 indigenous language
- ▶ Liberians are Good at hospitality and religion play a major part in their daily lives especially Christians and Muslims.
- ▶ They are very respectful, kind, Loving
- ▶ They love to party ,dress very well and clean their environment daily.
- ▶ Liberian also believe in working hard, Oral and Academic education play a major role.
- ▶ Majority of the population love to travel , get education and live in the United States of America
- ▶ Liberian love to Sing ,dance and polygamic is legal (one can marry up to four partners. But not everyone have interest in polygamic because about 85.6% of the population believe in the Christian faith.

Languages In Liberia

- ▶ Liberia is a multilogue country
- ▶ 20 indigenous languages are spoken.
- ▶ English is the official language
- ▶ Just small portion of the population speaks standard English.
- ▶ Kpelleh speaking people are in majority.
- ▶ The native language can be grouped in four language families: Mandes, Kru, Mel and divergent language Gola.

Liberian Language



Liberian Food

National Dish of Liberian Dumboy & Chicken Gravy

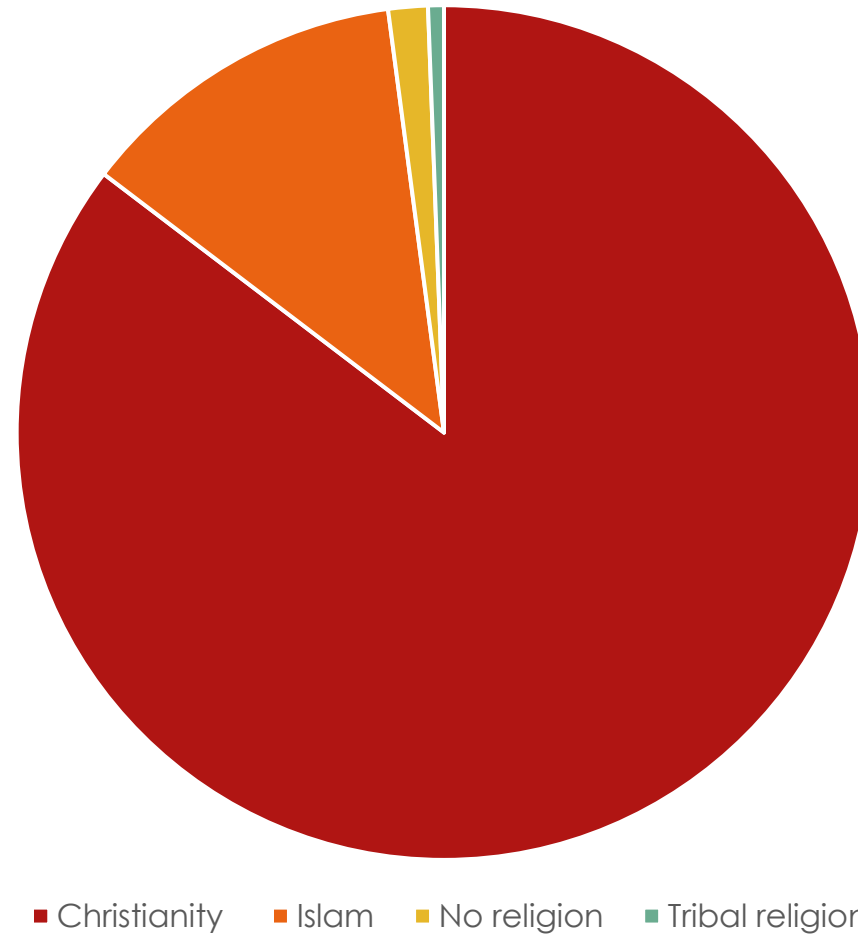
- ▶ Liberian Cuisine has rice as its staple diet.
- ▶ Also, ingredients include fish, cassava, beans, bananas, citrus fruits, plantains, coconut, Okra, potatoes and Varieties of chili pepper (very hot people)
- ▶ Oranges, grapefruits, papaya avocado, pineapples, sugar king, mango.
- ▶ Corn, yam, palm oil, tomato's, A-plants,
- ▶ Animal meat is part of their diet.
- ▶ Liberia is noted for growing varieties of food crops.
- ▶ Liberian Short bread, Rice Bread, Corn Bread, Banana Bread etc.



Liberian Food



Religions in Liberia



Education System in Liberia

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- ▶ The education sector was severely affected during the Civil Unrest.
- ▶ Primary, Secondary and High Education. All these sector are own and operated by both the Government and private sectors.
- ▶ Currently higher education is decentralized
 - University of Liberia, Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law and Tubman University of own and control by the Liberian government.
 - Major private own include:
 - African Methodist Episcopal University
 - Cuttington University
 - Don Bosco Technical College

Liberia Economy

- ▶ Extremely underdeveloped with only \$3.22 billion gross domestic product as of 2019.
- ▶ Before the civil unrest Liberia GDP was equal to the GDP of Japan's and other developed European nations.
- ▶ Economic sectors is largely controlled by foreigners especially Lebanese and Indian descent, also limited numbers of Chinese.
- ▶ Main source of revenue is collection of taxes and international aid from the world bank, United States, European Union, Japan.
- ▶ Firestone company is one of the oldest company in Liberia. Since 1926 to current.
- ▶ Exports goods include = rubber, timber, iron, diamond, cocoa, coffee etc.
- ▶ Main export partner Germany 36.2% , Switzerland 14.2, United Arab Emirates 8.8%, United States 6.8% and Indonesia 4.7

General Overview

Political

- President George M. Weah
- October 10, 2023, General and Presidential Election (every six years)
- Country is Peaceful 2005 – to present

Economic

- Liberia's economy expanded by 4.8% in 2022
- The government's fiscal position worsened in 2022
- Growth is expected to taper off to 4.3% in 2023

Agriculture

- Good climate
- More rain and better sunshine
- Good soil

Business

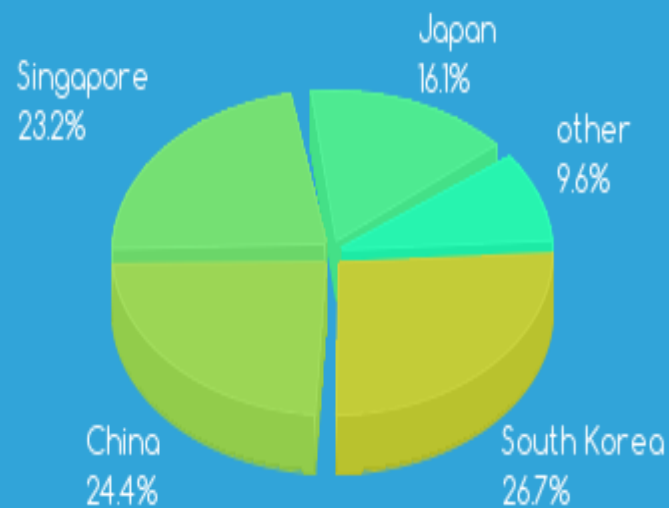
- Easy to start, time, cost and paid in minimum capital to start
- Getting electricity
- Paying taxes
- Getting credit
- Registering property
- Trading across and enforcing contracts

Liberia Economic Graph

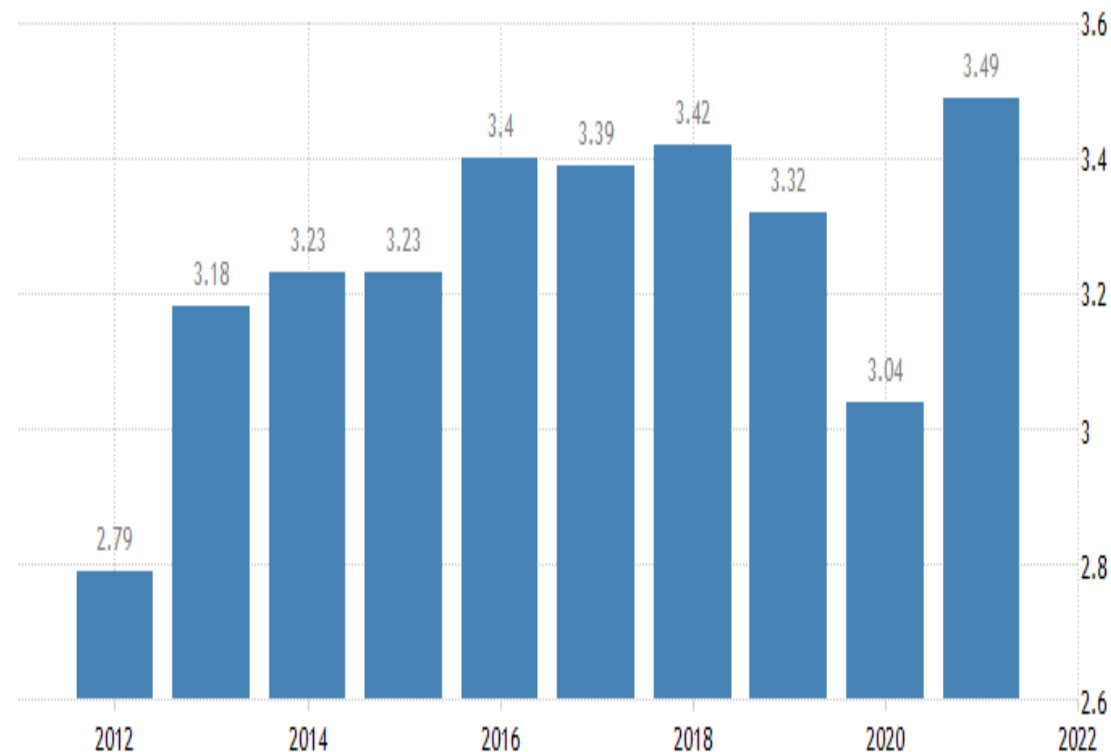
Gross Domestic Product(GDP)

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Import partners - Liberia



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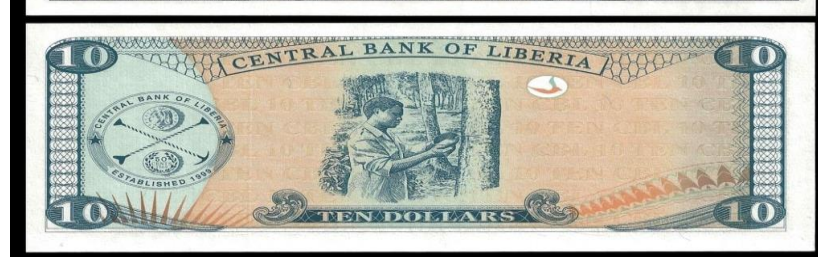


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Photos of Liberian currency

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- ▶ Currency code LRD(Liberia Dollar)\$L or LD\$
- ▶ United States of America currency is legal tender(you can use it any part of Liberia as a means of business transaction.
- ▶ Current exchange rate 1.00 us dollar is equal to 153.00 \$L Liberian Dollar.



Some importance place to visit

- ▶ **Monrovia= the capital is home to more than one million Liberia**
- ▶ **Many hotel and beaches are located near Monrovia.**
- ▶ **Sapo National part 1,8004 sq/km**
- ▶ **Robert sport**
- ▶ **Buchanan = located around just three hours by taxi south of the capital Monrovia and is a seaside city.**
- ▶ **Gola National Forest, Gbarnga and Harbor (Firestone)**
- ▶ **Marshall one of the well knew fishing town in Liberia.**

Hotels in Liberia

- ▶ Royal Grand Hotel
- ▶ Palm Spring Resort
- ▶ Mamba Point Hotel
- ▶ Other



Recommendations/ Conclusion

- ▶ Liberia is country rich in nature resources
- ▶ Right now, tourist play and major part in the country economy.
- ▶ Agricultures, Education, Health and Security is one of the most importance issue to the growth and development of Liberia.
- ▶ Liberia is a country good for investment in every sectors.
- ▶ It is good place to visit, live and have fun.

Questions, Comments and Feedback

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