Cape Verde at the 2008 Summer Olympics

Cape Verde competed at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing , China . Their participation marked their fourth Olympic appearance . Two Cape Verdeans competed in the Olympic games : Nelson Cruz participated as a marathon runner , and Wania Monteiro participated in gymnastics . Another athlete , Lenira Santos , was selected to compete in athletics but was forced to pull out due to injury . Monteiro was selected as the flag bearer for both the opening and closing ceremonies . Neither of the Cape Verdeans progressed beyond the first round .

Background

Cape Verde had participated in three previous Summer Olympics , between its debut in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta , United States and the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing . At their debut , the country sent three athletes to the games , all in athletics . The most number of Cape Verde athletes participating in a summer games , is three in 1996 , 2004 and 2012 . No Cape Verde athlete has ever progressed out of the first round . Two athletes from Cape Verde were selected to compete in the 2008 games ; Nelson Cruz in the men 's marathon and Wania Monteiro in the women 's all @-@ round gymnastics .

Athletics

Cape Verde was represented by one athlete at the 2008 Olympics in athletics . This person was Nelson Cruz a marathon runner . It was Cruz 's Olympic debut but he had competed in two IAAF World Championships , in 2005 and in 2007 . He competed on the 24 August in Beijing , and finished 48th out of 95 in a time of 2 hours , 23 minutes and 47 seconds , more than 17 minutes behind the winner , Samuel Kamau Wanjiru .

Gymnastics

Rhythmic

In the sport of rhythmic gymnastics , Cape Verde was represented by Wania Monteiro , who competed in the individual all @-@ round . The Beijing Olympics was Monteiro second Olympic Games after competing in the individual all @-@ round in 2004 . In 2008 Montero finished last in the qualifying round , with a score of 49 @.@ 050 points .