

The African Diaspora Map — I

Based on research by Joseph E. Harris

national boundaries c. 1989

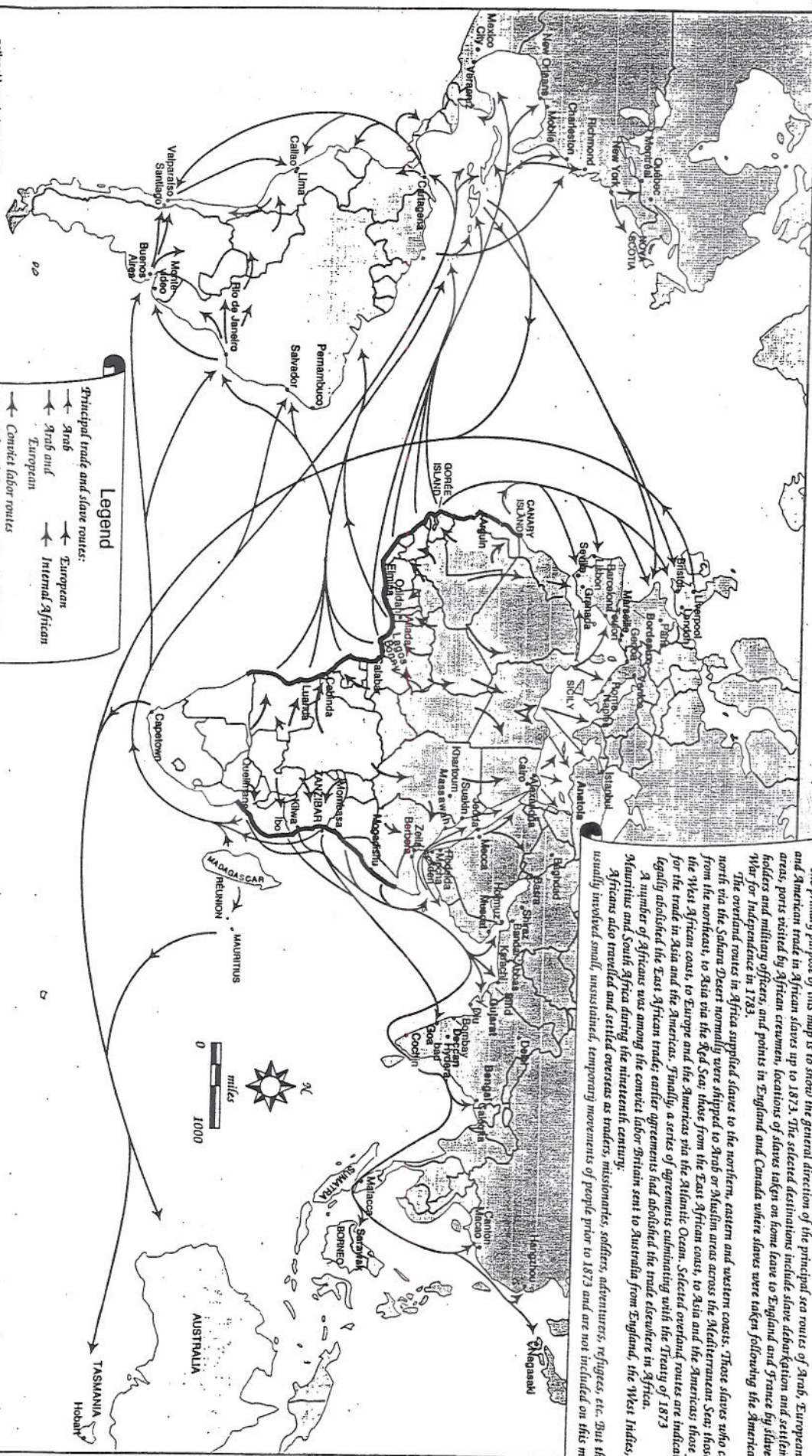
Legend

Principal trade and slave routes:

- Arab
- Arab and European
- Internal African

Selected slave destinations/transfer points:

- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary



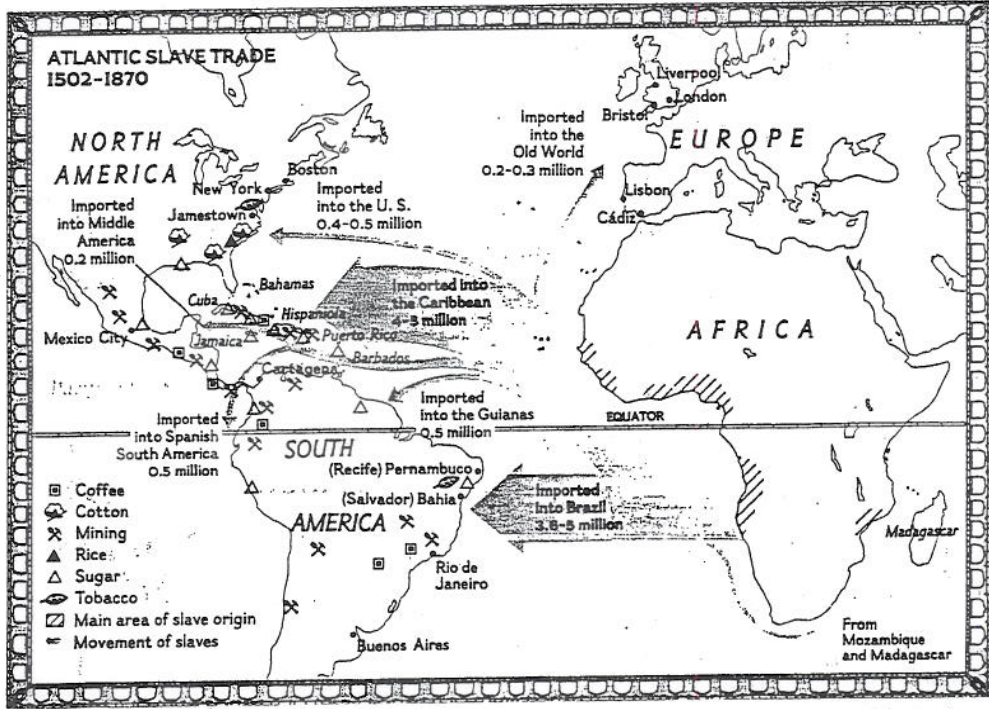
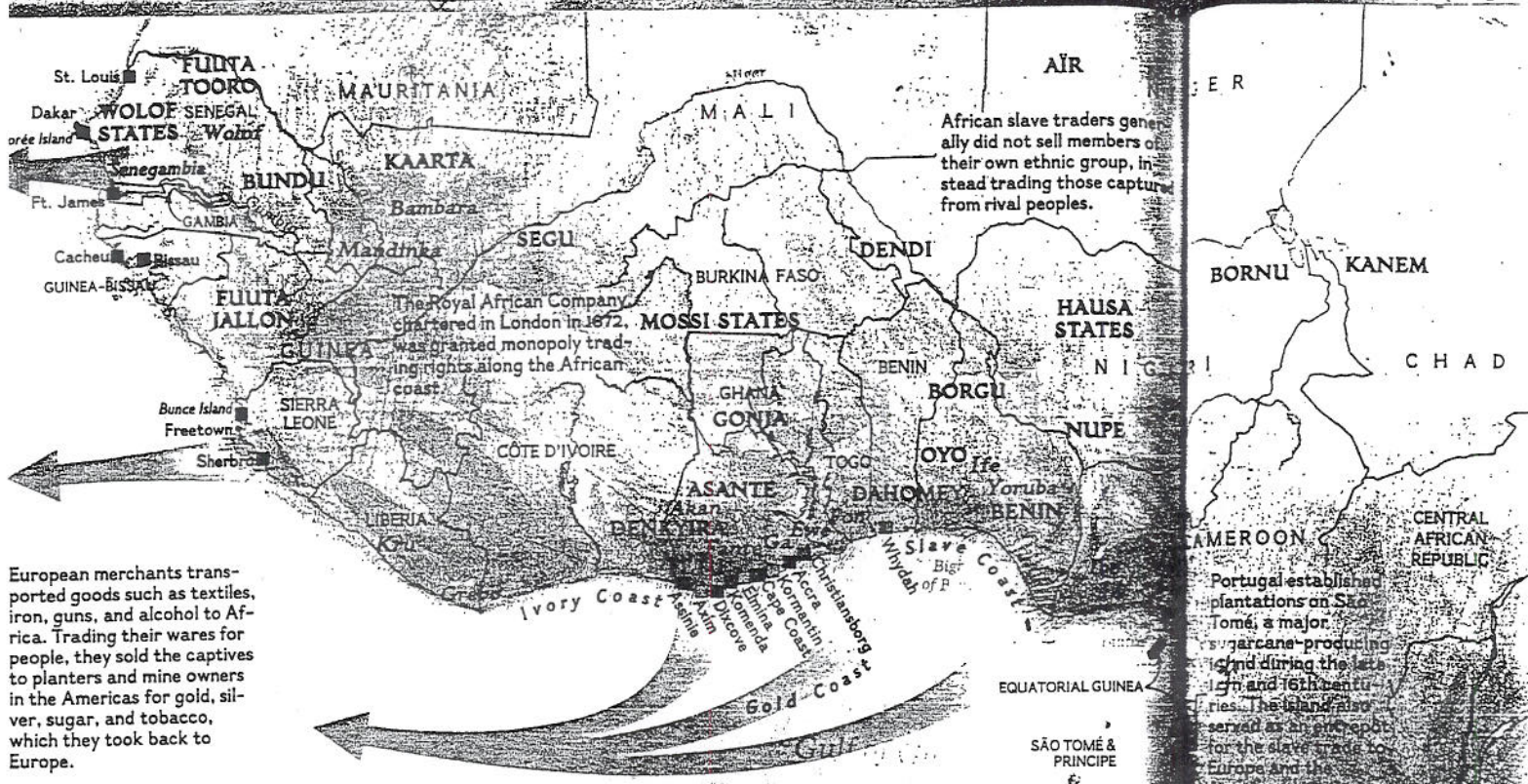
Scope of the Dispersion to 1873

The primary purpose of this map is to show the general direction of the principal sea routes of Arab, European and American trade in African slaves up to 1873. The selected destinations include slave detention and settlement areas, ports visited by African crewmen, locations of slaves taken on home leave to England and France by slaveholders and military officers, and points in England and Canada where slaves were taken following the American War for Independence in 1783.

The overland routes in Africa supplied slaves to the northern, eastern and western coasts. Those slaves who came north via the Saharan Desert normally were shipped to Arab or Muslim areas across the Mediterranean Sea; those from the northeast, to Asia via the Red Sea; those from the East African coast, to Asia and the Americas; those from the West African coast, to Europe and the Americas via the Atlantic Ocean. Selected overland routes are indicated for the trade in Asia and the Americas. Finally, a series of agreements culminating with the Treaty of 1873 legally abolished the East African trade; earlier agreements had abolished the trade elsewhere in Africa.

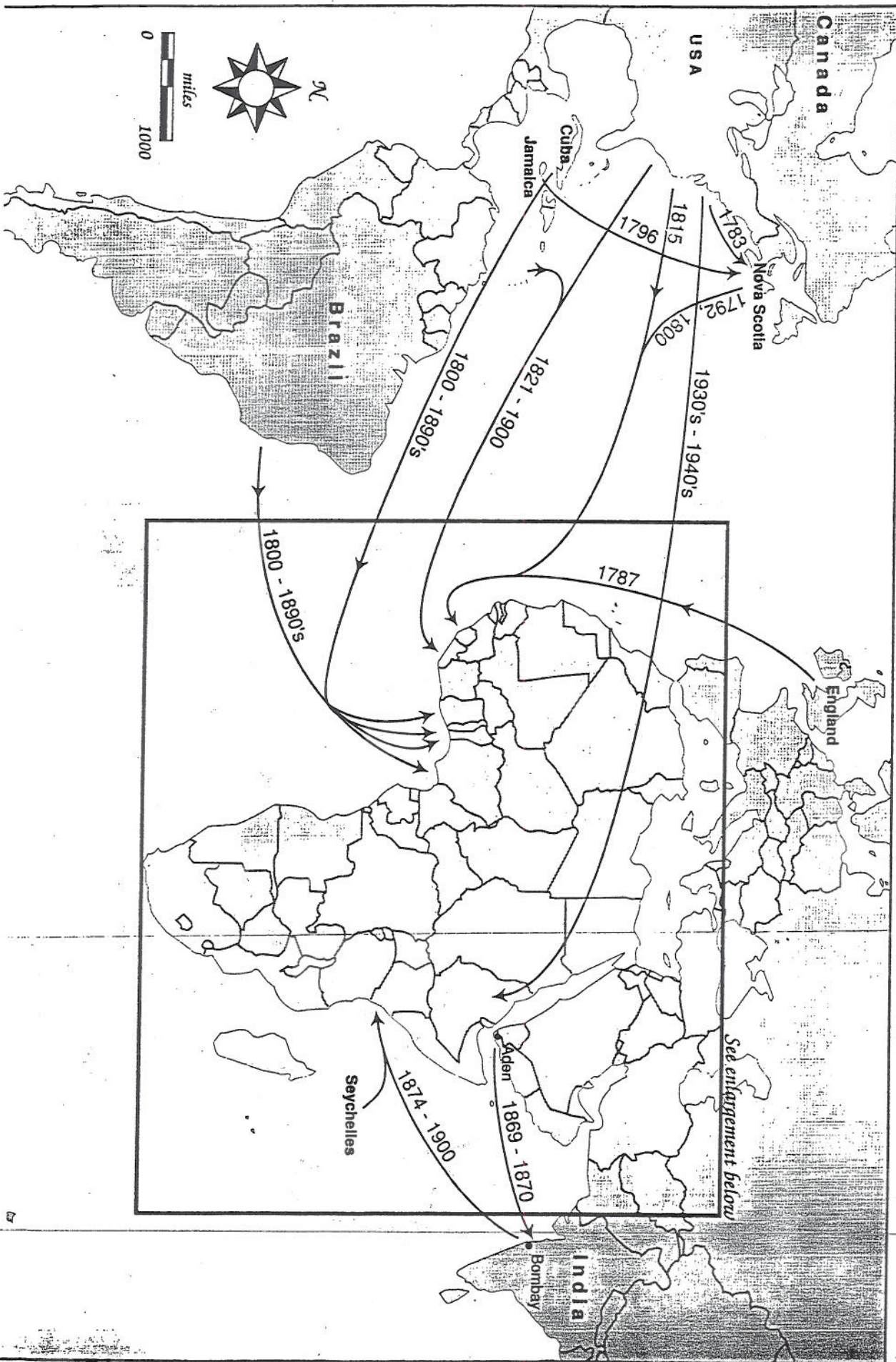
A number of Africans was among the convict labor British sent to Australia from England, the West Indies, Mauritius and South Africa during the nineteenth century.

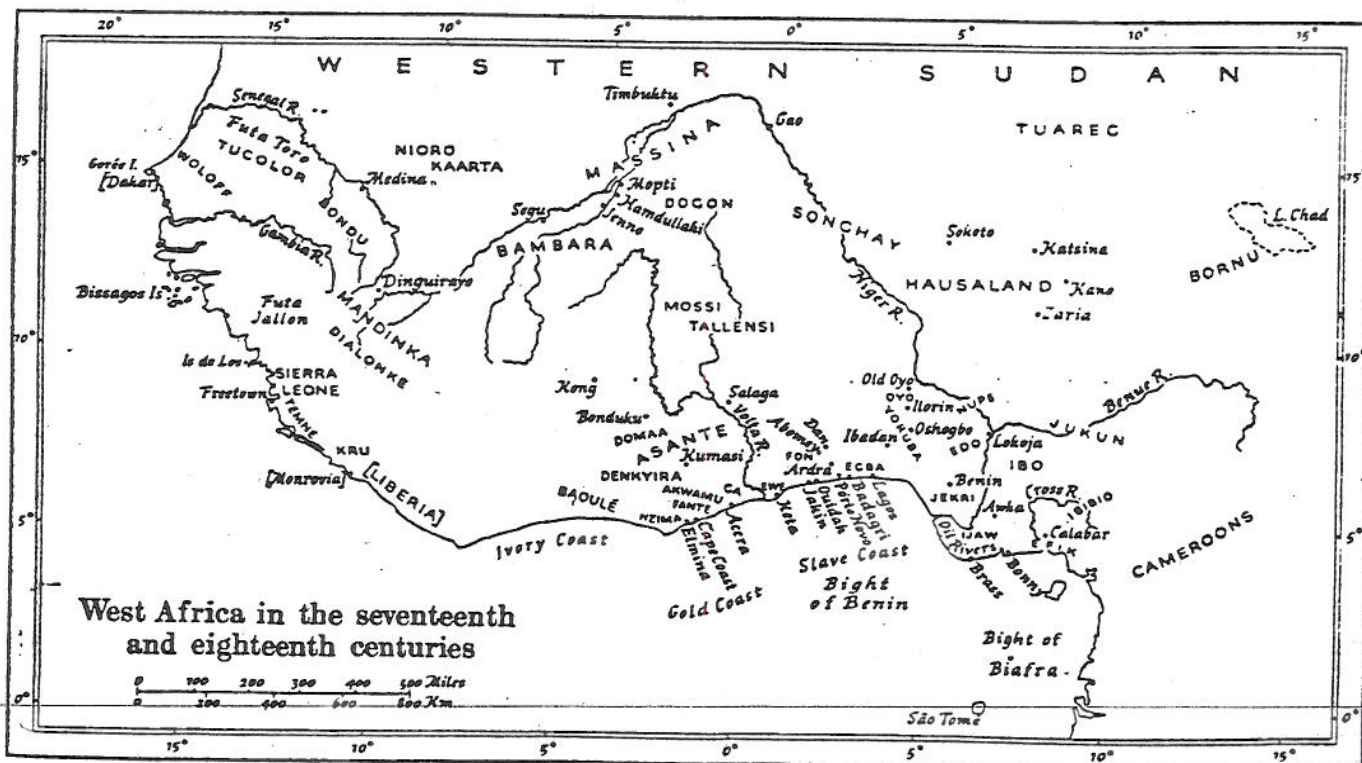
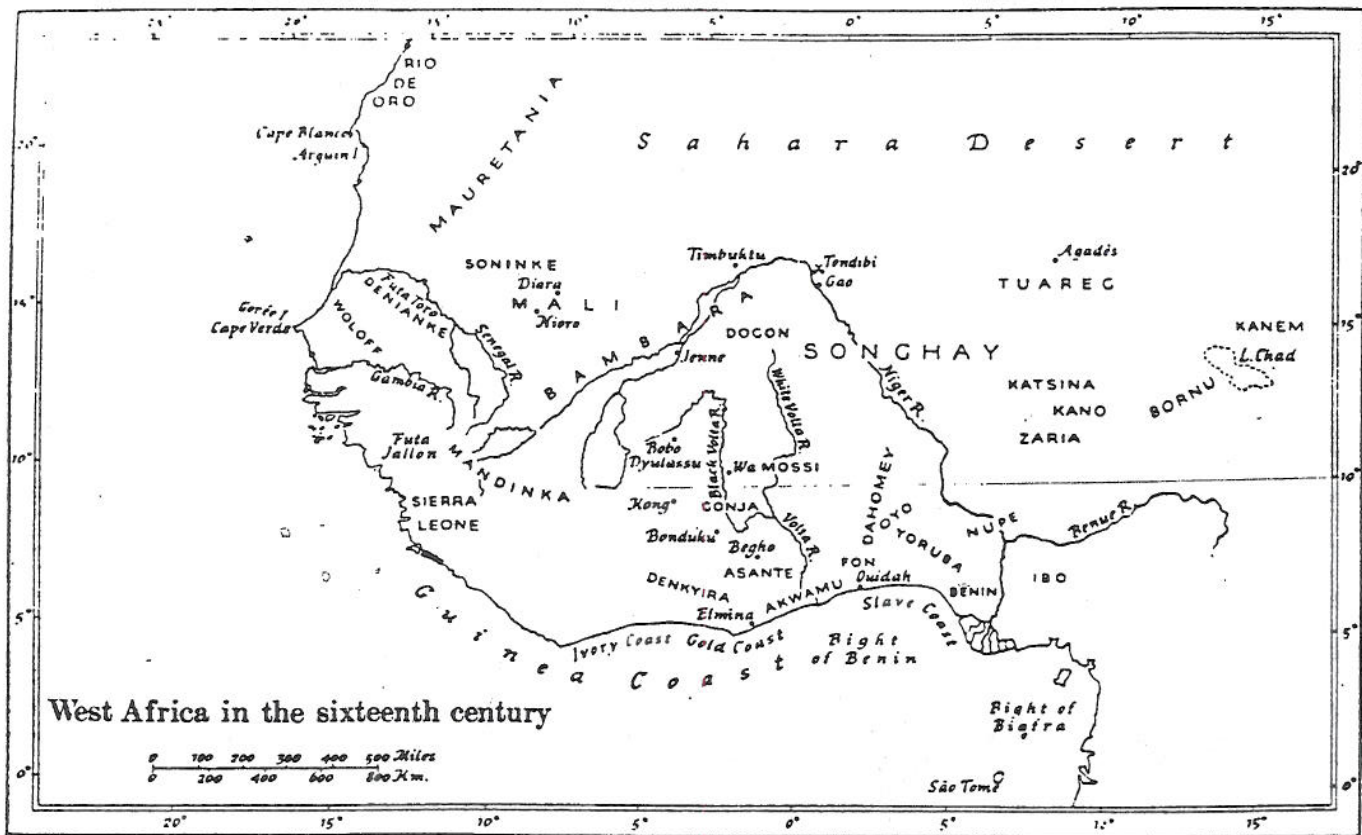
Africans also traveled and settled overseas as traders, missionaries, soldiers, adventurers, refugees, etc. But these usually involved small, unsustained, temporary movements of people prior to 1873 and are not included on this map.



The African Diaspora Map — II

Based on research by Joseph E. Harris





Davidson Africa in History

