



## Senegal

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## Geography

- 196 192km<sup>2</sup>, more than 1/3 of France area. Compared with its neighbours Mali and Mauritania, Senegal is very small
- Main resources : fishing along its 530 km of coasts
- Other resources : agriculture and phosphate

√ Unlike other countries in Africa, Senegal has few natural resources

- 11 regions,
- 34 districts
- 109 circonscriptions.

**UPDATE DECREE MAY 2007** : Three new regions were created in Senegal.

- Kedougou (part of the former Tambacounda region)
- Sedhiou (part of former Kolda region)
- Kaffrine (part of Kaolack region)

The number of departments remains unchanged but regions are now 14.



## Growth Domestic Products

- Currency: CFA Franc
- 1 Euro = 656 CFA Francs
  - GDP (Gross Domestic Product), 2002 : **5.1** billion dollars
  - GDP per inhabitant, 2002 : **438** dollars
  - GNP (Gross National Product ), 2005 : **8.25** billion dollars
  - GNP per inhabitant, 2005 : **708** dollars

## Population

- Men : 5 734 000 (2005)
- Women : 5 924 000 (2005)
- Total population : 11 658 000 (2005)
- Annual growth rate: 2.2% (2004)
- Fertility rate : 4.9 child par woman (2004)
- Urban population : 51% (2005)

## Religions : official figures

- Muslims : 88 %
- Catholics : 12 %

Around 15 % of the populations also have traditional religious practises.

## Ethnic groups

Our ethnic groups :

- Wolofs (1st ethnic group)
- Peulhs (2nd ethnic group)
- Sereres
- Sarakoles
- Diolas
- Mandingues
- Bambaras

## Native ethnic groups

- Tendas Bediks
- Coniaguis
- Diarankes
- Niominkas
- Soninkes

## Society

- Family is the pillar of the society
- Women are independant (despite our muslim religion)
- Despite the poverty, children have an enviable place.