



Country Profile Republic of GABON

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General Data



General info

- Capital: Libreville
- Type of State: Republic
- Location: Africa - Area: 267,670 Km²
- Time Zone: GMT +1

Demography

- Population : 2 538 952 - 2024
- Official language: French
- Business language: English

Currency

- CFA Franc (XAF)
- 1 USD = 566 XAF – July 2025.

Macro economy

- GDP: 20.77 MM USD - 2024
- GDP per capita: 9202 USD – 2024
- Employment rate of people aged 15 and over: 38.8 % - 2010

International trade

- Imports - 2024: 2.76 MM USD
- Exports – 2024: 7.86 MM USD

FDI

- Inward FDI flows in 2023: 1.15 MM USD

Strong facts

5th oil producer in Sub-Saharan Africa

2nd wood producer in Africa

2nd world producer of Manganese

Hydroelectric Potential

Emerging Gabon Strategic Plan



GDP growth



Gabon posted a solid 2.9 % GDP growth in 2024, reflecting strong performance in oil, manganese, timber, and infrastructure investments under the transitional government. Despite fiscal pressures, growth remained resilient and supported by expanding commodity output and rising public works activity.

Looking ahead, the IMF projects growth of 2.7 % in 2025 and maintains a steady pace of around 2.6 % annually through 2027.

Non-oil sectors such as forestry, agriculture, and iron ore (from new production sites like Belinga) are expected to contribute around 3.3 % growth annually in this period. Fitch Solutions estimates growth of 2.8 % in 2025, driven by private consumption and fixed investment, even amid a narrowing fiscal space.

With modest inflation (around 2.2 %), improving export diversification, and major public infrastructure investments underway, Gabon is positioned for stable, inclusive growth over the medium term.

Doing Business in Gabon



Gabon is rapidly emerging as an attractive destination for investors, thanks to abundant natural resources and a strong commitment to economic diversification. Through the Special Economic Zone of Nkok and the Mandji tax-free zone, investors enjoy up to 10 years of corporate tax exemption, VAT and customs duty waivers, and full profit repatriation. The government also offers a 20% tax credit on new job creation, with clear incentives tied to local hiring.

Strategic location on the Gulf of Guinea gives access to regional markets via ECCAS/CEMAC, while transparent legal protections ensure equal treatment for foreign-owned businesses. Major infrastructure and green energy projects—such as the Ayémé 120 MW solar farm and the 35 MW Kinguéle Aval hydroelectric station—are enhancing productivity and investment appeal.

President Brice Oligui Nguema has emphasized Gabon's openness and desire for "win-win" partnerships in local mineral processing and industrial expansion. With a growing ICT backbone, eco-tourism ambitions, and strong public-private cooperation, Gabon is positioning itself as a promising hub for sustainable, long-term investment.

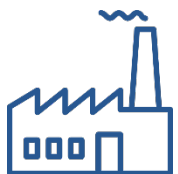


Main sectors of activity



6.4 %

Share of agriculture in GDP
It employs 30% of the population



41.5 %

Share of industry in GDP
It employs 10.7% of the population



46.2 %

Share of services in GDP
They employ 59.3% of the population

Sector Strategies



The objective of the Emergent Gabon Strategic Plan (PSGE 2025) is to accelerate and achieve the objectives that Gabon has set in its irreversible endeavour towards Emergence, namely:

- Position itself as a pioneer on one of the major challenges of the 21st century: preserving the environment and fight against global warming
- Become a regional reference in fields such as financial services, new information technologies, service professions linked to the green economy or even certain specialized fields of higher education or health.

One of the strategic axis of the PSGE is the diversification of the pillars of growth. In 2025, the Gabonese economy will no longer be based on a single sector because the Government tries to advance the diversification of the economy under the three strategic pillars.



**Industrial
Gabon**

1



**Green
Gabon**

2



**Gabon of
Services**

3

The foundation of the Industrial Gabon pillar requires better valorization of the wealth of the Gabonese subsoil, by bringing more added value and developing local subcontracting.



Infrastructure



Maritime

The country's two main commercial ports, Owendo and Port-Gentil, are undergoing major upgrades to improve Gabon's logistics competitiveness by reducing the cost and time of transporting goods. A second commercial port was built in Owendo. Thus, approximately 90% of Gabonese commercial traffic transits through the ports of Owendo and Port-Gentil, which account for 80% of the country's commercial exchanges.



Airport

Gabon has 3 International airports (Libreville, Port-Gentil and Franceville) and 8 national airports (Mouila, Koulamoutou, Oyem, Makokou, Tchibanga, Omboué, Lambaréné and Bitam).



Railway

The rehabilitation of the Transgabonais railway, a real liaison connecting the capital to the south-east of the country, will be completed in 2023. It presents a very significant logistical gain in the reliable transportation of manganese and wood exports.



Energy

1700 GWhs consumed in Gabon in 2019 for a population of $\approx 2M$ inhabitants, of which 70% of the consumption concentrated in the Interconnected Network (RIC) of Libreville)



Promising Sectors



01

ICT : rapid Development and Improvement of the quality and accessibility to services and network interconnections. Great opportunities for integrators

02

Mines and Hydrocarbons: minerals not yet developed: Gas, iron, barite, diamond, phosphate and gold. Free zone of 1500 ha dedicated to petrochemicals

03

Ecotourism : With a forest covering 80% of the territory characterized by an exceptional biodiversity, several national parks, pristine beaches covered with white sand visited by wild animals.

04

Agri-food: Food imports represent 20% of imports and cover 60% of needs.

05

Building & ceramics: Increase in the rural population (10%) resulting in a growing need for housing < 60,000 housing projects, of which 85% are subject to sale agreement.

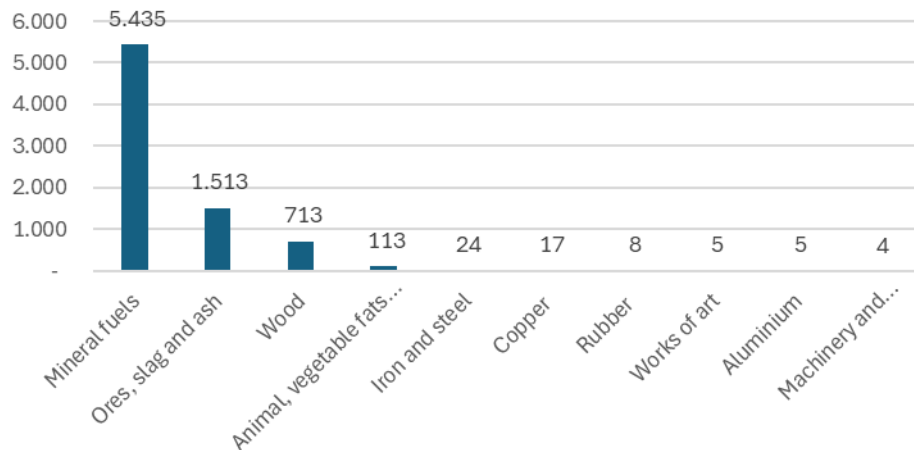




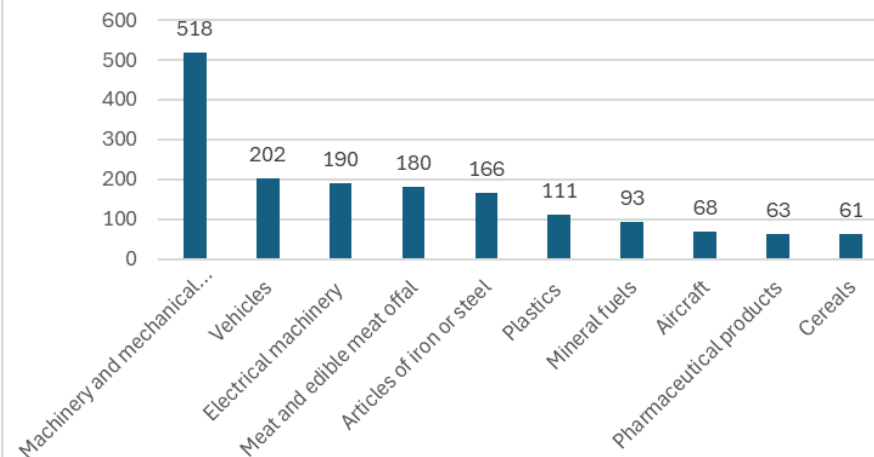
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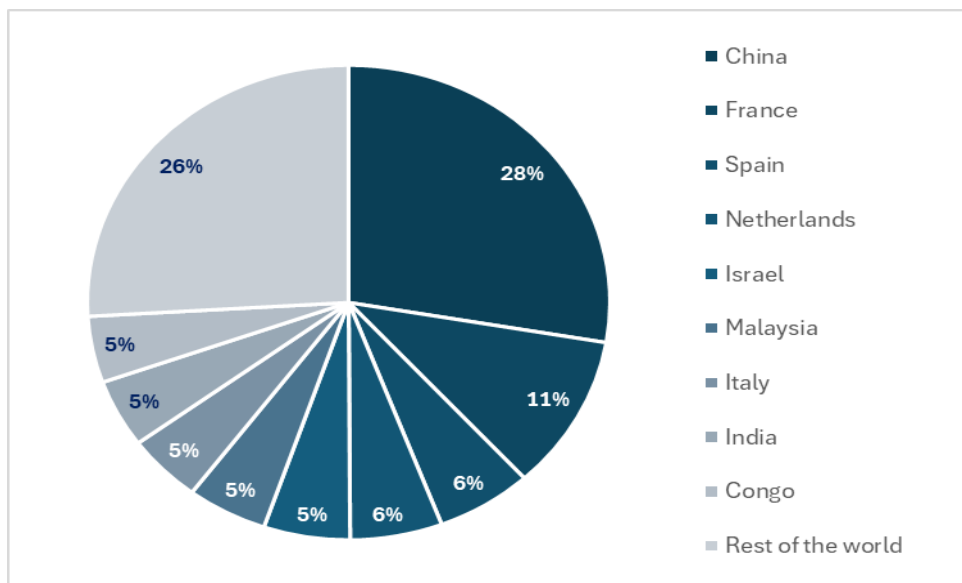
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-MUSD



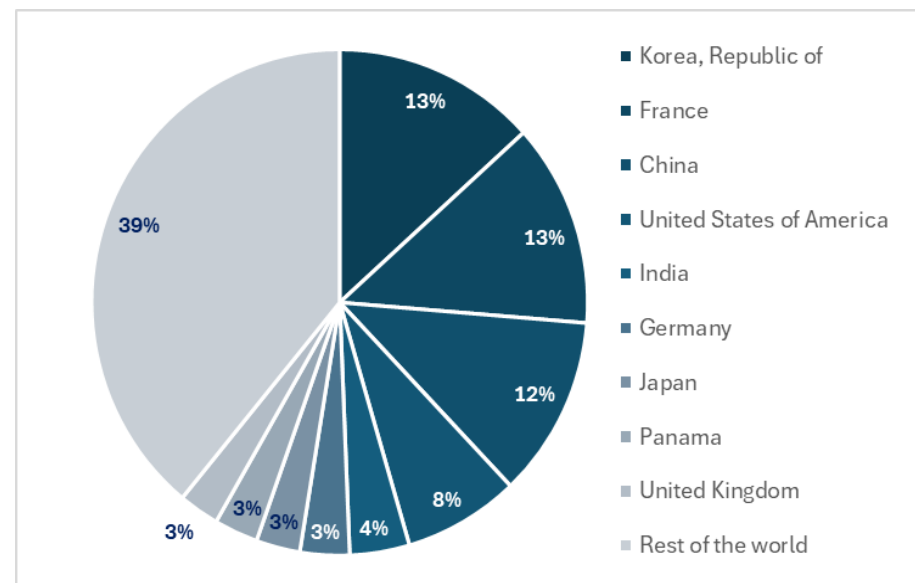
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Main customers of Gabon in 2023



Main suppliers of Gabon in 2023

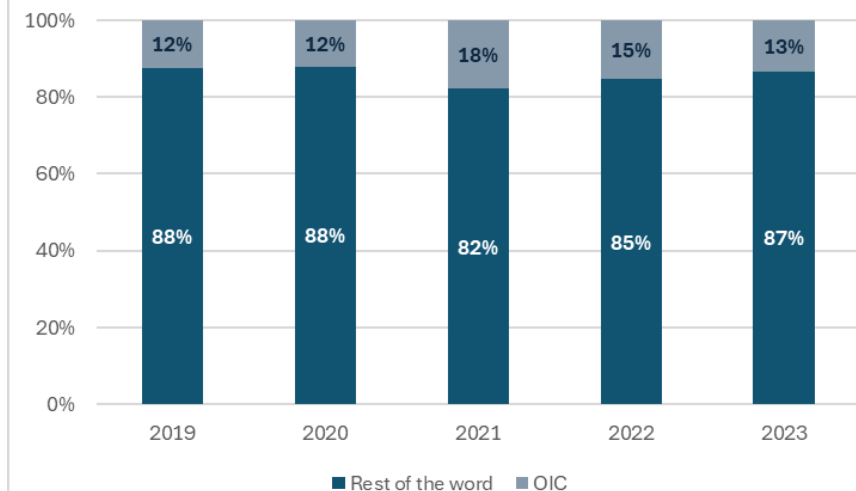




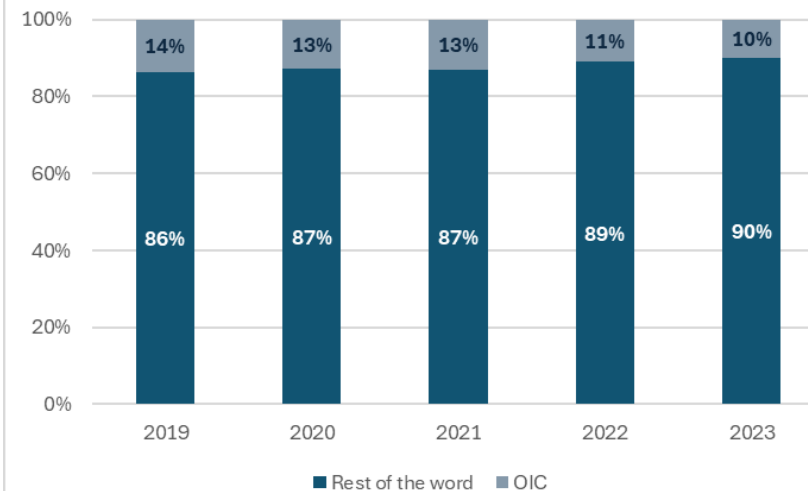
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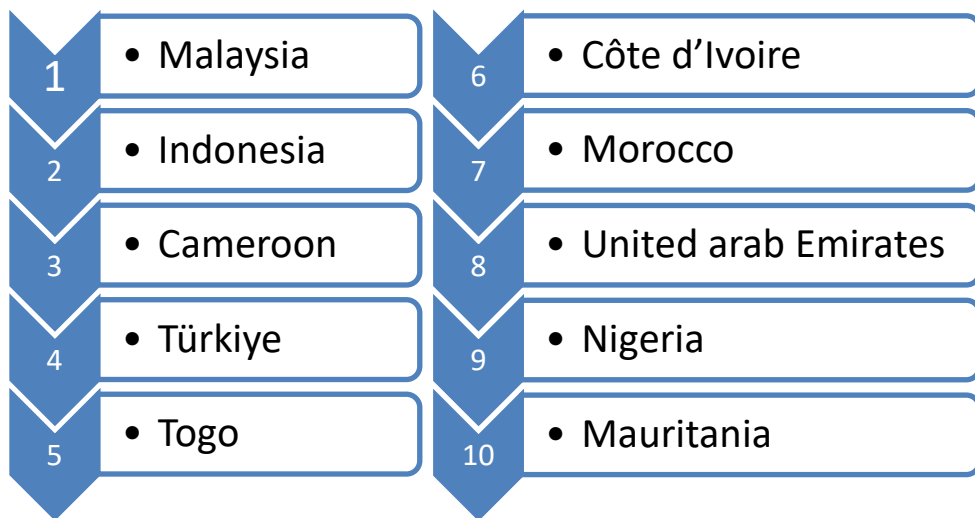
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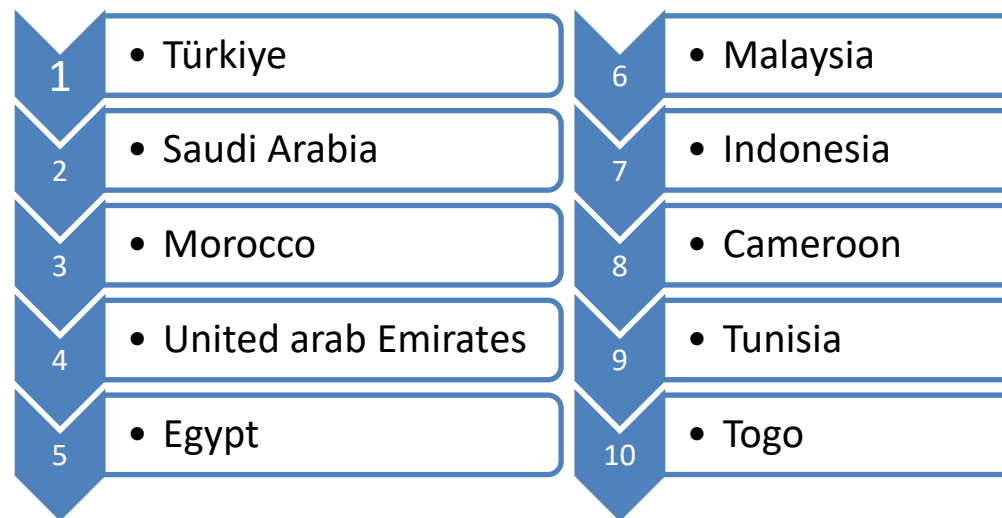
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Top 10 Customers, OIC Members in 2023



Top 10 Suppliers, OIC Members in 2023





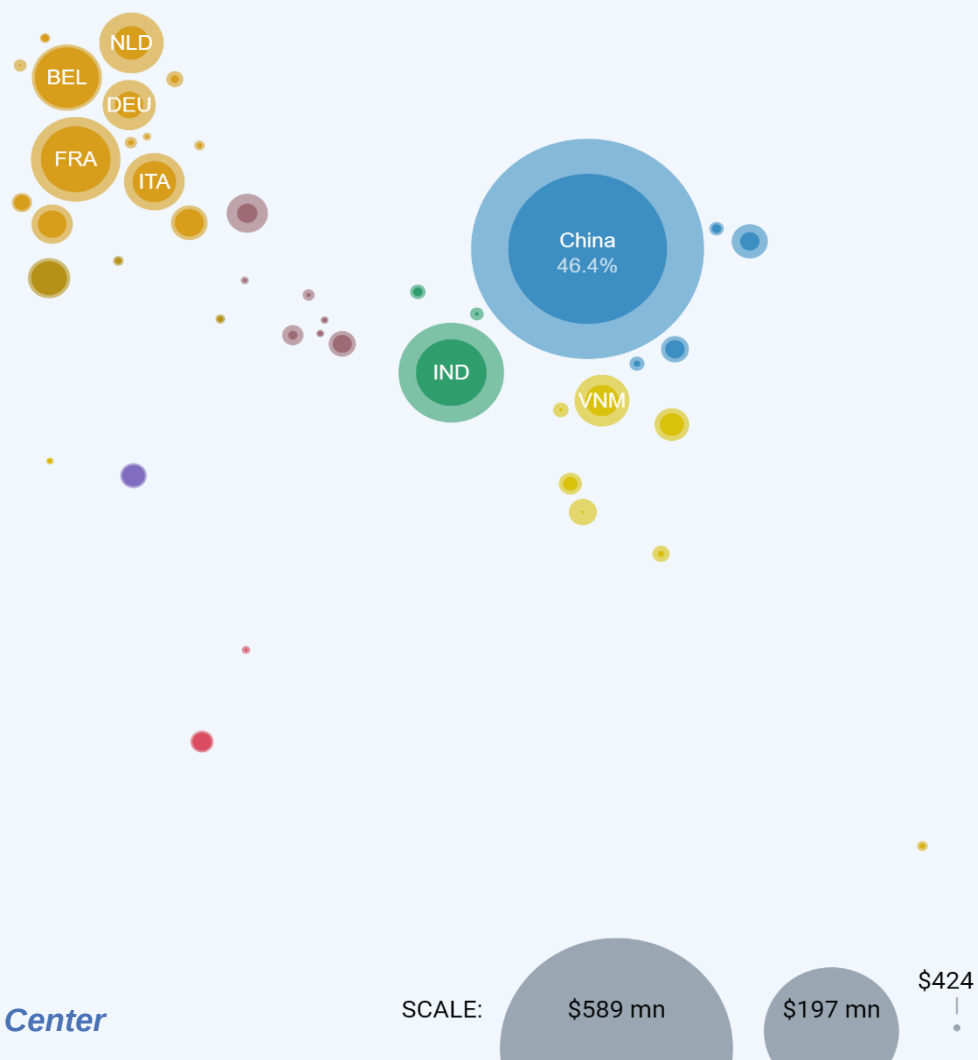
Gabon's export potential by country of destination



Markets with potential for Gabon's exports

Legend

- Export potential
- Tapped potential
- East Asia
- EU & West Europe
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia
- Middle East
- North America
- Northern Africa
- Central Africa
- Southern Africa
- Caribbean
- South & Central America
- Pacific
- Western Africa



Source: International Trade Center

Within the OIC region, the markets with the highest export potential are located in the Middle East and North Africa .



Gabon's Export Potential by Product

Source: International Trade Center



Gabon's products with potential

Legend

- Export potential
- Tapped potential
- Wood
- Metals (except ferrous & precious)
- Ferrous metals
- Natural latex & rubber
- Vegetable oils & fats
- Miscellaneous manufactured products
- Vegetal residues & animal feed
- Fish & shellfish
- Beauty products & perfumes

The products with the greatest export potential are wood, metals, latex and natural rubber.



Market Access



Customs Duties and Taxes

Average rate: 23.7%

Average rate of agricultural products: 58.6%

Average rate of non-agricultural products: 17.9%

Trade agreements

Member of the WTO

Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC)

Member of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)

Fairs and Exhibitions

For more information, visit the website:

https://www.eventseye.com/fairs/c0_salons_gabon.html

Investing in Gabon



Why Gabon

The abundance of natural resources, the country's strategic position along the Gulf of Guinea; growing economy, regional market of 250 million, competitive human capital.

Special Economic Zones

Nkok Special Economic Zone : Multi-sectoral industrial park

Implemented Measures

- Establishment of a Single Window
- Within SEZ Nkok : 0% tax on dividends • 0% tax on real estate • 10 years exemption from corporation tax, and only 10% in the 11th year • 25 years tax Value Added (VAT) exemption • 100% repatriation of funds • 100% foreign ownership permitted • 100% foreign ownership permitted • 10 years exemption from customs duties on imports of plants and machinery, including parts spare parts for industries

Public markets

Gabon's Calls for Tenders are published on the site: <http://dgmp.ga/>



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