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Legal Aspects of Doing Business in Gulf of Guinea

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Gulf of Guinea



Strategic Considerations

- Hydrocarbon Prospectivity
- Forein Exchange Regulations
- Commercial Upside
- Business and Regulatory Environment
- Country's Institutions
- Labour and Social Security Regulations
- Achievability / Do-ability
- Tax and Fiscal Regime
- Mitigation of Political Risk
- Time to Production (Discovered Reverves)

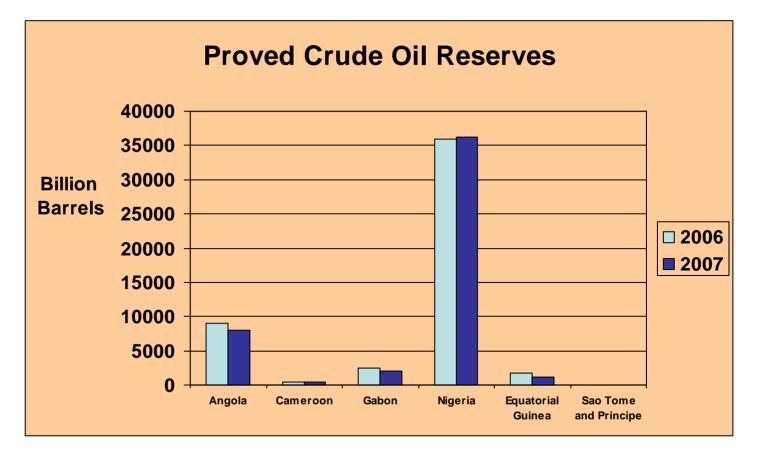


Economical Overview

- Private companies are the vast majority of operations in the Gulf of Guinea.
- Experts estimate that over the next 10 years, oil production in the Gulf of Guinea will grow around 40%.
- By 2020, the Gulf of Guinea is expected to be one of the world's top oil-producing regions.

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Economical Overview



Source: BP Statistical Review and Oil and Gas Journal







- Angola is Sub-Saharan Africa's second largest oil producer behind Nigeria.
- Angola's oil and oil derivatives industry accounts for 91.92 percent of total exports. (Source: MBendi website)
- Production 1,4Mbpd in 2006.

(Source: EIA website)

- Sonangol fuel production and distribution.
- Contracts:
 - Production Sharing Agreement
 - Consortium Agreement
 - Partnership
 - Risk Service Contract





- The 10th largest oil producer in the world, the 3rd largest in Africa and the most prolific oil producer in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- The Oil sector supplies 95% of foreign exchange earnings (MBendi website).
- Reserves 35.2 billion barrels of proven oil and 176 trillion cubic feet of proven natural gas (*Oil and Gas Journal*).
- Joint Development Zone agreement with São Tomé and Príncipe.
- Contracts;
 - Concession Agreement
 - Production Sharing Agreement







- Sixth largest oil producer in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Oil reserves 400 million barrels in January 2004 (MBendi website).
- Gas reserves 110 billion cubic metres bcm. still unexploited (MBendi website).
- Downstream Oil Industry Consumption of liquid fuel products is currently of 900.000 tonnes per annum. (MBendi website)
- Contracts:
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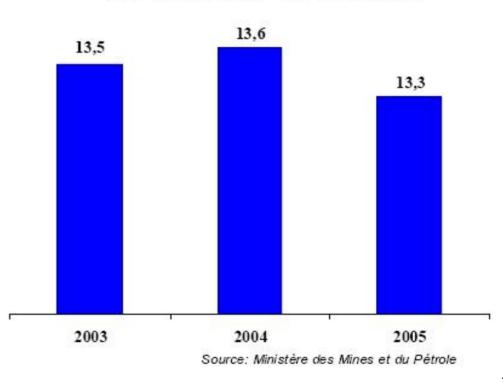
Gabon



Investments:

- The World Bank US\$ 50 million.
- the International Finance Corporation - US\$ 256 million.
- Contracts:
 - Concession Agreement
 - Production Sharing Agreement

Production pétrolière (en millions de tonnes)



São Tomé and Príncipe



- Joint Development Zone upstream joint agreement between Nigeria and São Tomé and Príncipe.
- In April 2003, the Joint Development Zone was opened for bids by international oil firms.
- Winning bidders: ChevronTexaco, ExxonMobil, Sinopec, etc.
- Contracts:
 - Production Sharing Agreement
 - Development Agreement

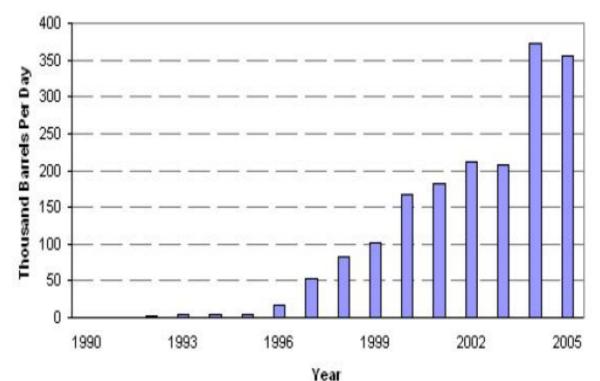
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Equatorial Guinea



Equatorial Guinea's Oil Production, 1990-2005

- Oil country's most important export commodity, accounting for nearly 90%.
- GEPetrol Equatorial Guinea's national oil company - since 2001.
- Contract
 - Production Sharing Agreement



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Conclusion

COUNTRY	Concession Agreement	Production Sharing Agreement	Crude Oil Production – 2006 (Thousands Barrels per Day)
Nigeria	X	X	2,440
Angola		X	1,420
Cameroon	X	X	400
Equatorial Guinea		X	356
Gabon	X	X	237
São Tomé and Príncipe		X	-/-

Source: EIA Official Energy Statistics



Thank you for your attention.

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