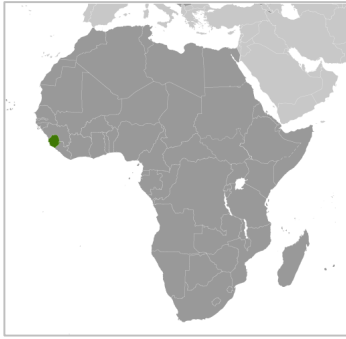




SIERRA LEONE



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Julius Maada BIO

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Freetown

Legislature

unicameral Parliament (146 seats)

Judiciary

Superior Court of Judicature (consists of the Supreme Court with the chief justice and 4 other judges; Court of Appeal with the chief justice and 7 other judges; High Court of Justice with the chief justice and 9 other judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Sidique Abou-Bakarr WAI

US Ambassador

Ambassador Maria E. BREWER

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 71,740 sq km

Land: 71,620 sq km

Water: 120 sq km

Climate

tropical; hot, humid; summer rainy season (May to December); winter dry season (December to April)

Natural Resources

diamonds, titanium ore, bauxite, iron ore, gold, chromite

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

extremely poor; nearly half of the working-age population engages in subsistence agriculture; substantial mineral, agricultural, and fishery resources but still recovering from a civil war that destroyed most institutions; growth driven by mining - particularly iron ore

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$11.55 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1,600 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$808.4 million (2017 est.)

partners: Cote d'Ivoire 37.7%, Belgium 20.5%, US 15.7%, China 10.2%, Netherlands 6.1% (2017)

Imports

\$1.11 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 11.5%, US 9.2%, Belgium 8.8%, UAE 7.7%, India 7.4%, Turkey 5.2%, Senegal 5.1%, Netherlands 4.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

6.6 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

2.43% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Temne 35.5%, Mende 33.2%, Limba 6.4%, Kono 4.4%, Fullah 3.4%, Loko 2.9%, Koranko 2.8%, Sherbro 2.6%, Mandingo 2.4%, Creole 1.2%, other 5%, unspecified 0.2% (2013 est.)

Language

English (official, regular use limited to literate minority), Krio (English-based Creole, understood by 95%), Mende, Temne

Religion

Muslim 78.6%, Christian 20.8%, other 0.3%, unspecified 0.2% (2013 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 42.9% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 3.12% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

43.2% (2018)

