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Gabon: Basic Data

Area, population, and GDP per capita 1/

Area	257,670 square kilometers
Agricultural land	19.2 percent of total
Population (1996 estimates)	
Total	1.125 million
Growth rate	2.4 percent
Density	4.0 per square kilometer
GDP per capita (1997)	US\$ 4,481

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
National accounts					Prel. act.	Est.
GDP at constant 1991 prices	1,474.5	1,509.7	1,561.6	1,670.4	1,734.5	1,804.8
GDP at current prices	1,480.3	1,531.7	2,326.8	2,475.2	2,890.8	3,013.7
(In billions of CFA francs)						
Consumption	65.3	63.3	54.7	54.8	52.0	51.7
Gross investment	22.4	22.4	21.9	23.7	23.4	26.4
Gross national savings	18.4	21.4	29.9	26.9	28.3	31.0
Resource balance (gap -)	12.3	14.2	23.4	21.5	24.6	22.0
Net financial balance	-4.0	-1.1	8.0	3.2	4.9	4.6
Excluding official transfers	-4.1	-1.3	7.6	3.2	4.9	4.3
Prices					(Percentage changes from previous year)	
Private consumption deflator	9.3	3.1	48.0	-2.6	-1.3	2.7
Export unit values	-7.7	-2.7	83.9	-3.6	21.9	2.3
Import unit values	-3.9	-1.0	103.5	-0.3	0.3	5.3
Terms of trade	-3.9	-1.7	-9.7	-3.3	21.5	-2.8
Central government finance					(In billions of CFA francs)	
Total revenue and grants	341.1	350.9	554.5	757.4	868.1	914.7
Total expenditure	418.3	438.2	592.4	650.9	676.5	756.1
Current	339.4	360.5	461.2	514.9	522.2	540.7
Capital	79.0	77.7	131.2	136.0	154.3	215.4
Primary balance	16.9	19.7	118.4	280.6	251.8	357.1
Overall balance (on a commitment basis)	-77.2	-87.3	-37.9	79.7	78.6	179.3
Change in arrears (reduction -)	63.7	38.4	-370.3	-53.6	-125.1	-170.0
Overall balance (on a cash basis)	-13.5	-48.8	-408.1	26.1	-46.5	9.2
Domestic financing	50.7	40.0	30.9	-80.4	-36.2	3.9
External financing	-37.2	8.8	377.3	54.4	82.7	-13.1
<i>Of which</i>						
Debt rescheduling	6.0	0.0	800.2	171.8	150.8	122.9
Debt cancellation	0.0	0.0	72.7	22.4	21.9	20.0

Gabon: Basic Data (continued)

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
					Prel. act.	Est.
Money and credit					(In billions of CFA francs)	
Net foreign assets	-20.9	-24.6	69.9	25.2	103.5	100.7
Net domestic assets	262.3	261.8	256.1	332.0	317.3	367.5
Credit to the government (net)	136.7	145.4	226.1	239.4	238.7	207.1
Credit to the private sector	176.7	173.3	176.6	217.9	214.4	305.8
Other items (net)	-51.0	-56.9	-146.5	-125.3	-135.8	-145.5
Broad money	241.5	237.3	326.0	357.1	420.8	468.2
Balance of payments					(In millions of SDRs, unless otherwise indicated)	
Trade balance	973.1	1,060.9	1,109.6	1,150.1	1,529.3	1,471.8
Exports, f.o.b.	1,602.6	1,666.1	1,652.1	1,742.2	2,197.0	2,211.8
Imports, f.o.b.	-629.5	-605.2	-542.5	-592.1	-667.7	-740.0
Services (net)	-1,002.2	-962.8	-771.8	-918.2	-1,189.9	-1,140.9
<i>Of which</i>						
Interest payments due and IMF charges	-204.9	-215.5	-150.7	-220.7	-204.9	-193.5
Unrequited transfers (net)	-131.2	-139.5	-103.4	-127.1	-148.7	-158.6
Current account balance	-160.3	-41.5	234.5	104.8	190.6	172.3
Official capital	-167.1	-196.0	-93.0	-184.7	-121.2	-194.3
Disbursements	71.6	42.5	138.0	109.6	136.7	67.0
Amortization due	-238.7	-238.5	-231.0	-294.3	-257.9	-261.3
Private capital (net)	-17.3	-120.1	-259.9	-204.0	-245.0	-127.5
Overall balance	-344.7	-357.6	-118.4	-283.9	-175.6	-149.5
Arrears (reduction -)	170.9	301.0	-884.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fund credit (net)	-22.3	-25.7	28.5	5.3	18.3	14.6
Debt relief	16.1	0.0	1,098.2	256.5	232.5	177.9
Other net assets	-509.3	-632.9	-360.7	-545.7	-426.4	-342.0
Official external reserves (end-year)						
Total (gross)	55.7	8.6	121.1	99.0	178.7	213.5
In months of imports	0.5	0.1	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.6
External debt					(In millions of SDRs, unless otherwise indicated)	
Public external debt outstanding 2/	2,136.4	2,077.5	2,480.5	2,631.5	2,642.8	2,443.1
<i>Of which</i>						
Fund credit	55.9	30.4	60.8	67.5	82.1	97.3
Debt service as percent of exports of goods and services (before debt relief) 3/	25.7	25.4	22.0	28.5	19.5	19.1
Exchange rate						
CFAF per SDR (end of period)	378.6	404.9	780.5	728.4	753.1	807.9
CFAF per US\$ (end of period)	264.7	283.2	553.7	499.0	511.6	583.7

Gabon: Basic Data (concluded)

Social Indicators 1/

Population characteristics (1996)

Life expectancy at birth (years)	55
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000)	87
Child death rate (under 5 years; per 1,000)	94
Urban population (percent of total)	73
Adult illiteracy (1990, percent of total)	37

Labor force (1996)

Total	520,154
Participation rate (percent of total)	46
Of which	
Female	21

Nutrition (1990)

Daily calorie supply (calories per person)	2,383
Daily protein supply (grams per person)	59
Prevalence of malnutrition (under 5 years; percentage of age group)	25

Energy consumption (1996)

Per capita (kilogram of oil equivalent)	587
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1/ Source: The World Bank: *World Development Indicators, 1998*

2/ Medium and long-term debt (non-publicly guaranteed).

3/ In percent of exports of goods and nonfactor services.

Table 1. Gabon: Gross Domestic Product by Sector at Current Prices, 1992-97

(In billions of CFA francs)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
Primary sector	550.4	558.2	1,143.3	1,201.8	1,482.7	1,530.6
Agriculture, livestock, hunting, and fishing	100.4	97.9	115.5	123.7	130.8	138.8
Forestry exploitation	21.7	31.9	95.9	75.1	71.0	85.7
Oil	394.6	403.4	882.8	951.3	1,226.7	1,247.5
Mining	33.7	24.9	49.1	51.7	54.2	58.6
Secondary sector	213.0	230.0	264.0	274.6	303.3	319.8
Agro-industry	41.5	43.1	45.4	42.5	45.6	44.1
Wood industry	5.7	7.5	11.6	12.5	14.5	15.4
Other industries	44.5	45.6	53.0	57.0	61.4	66.4
Refinery	10.6	11.9	4.7	12.6	12.3	11.2
Electricity and water	30.1	32.6	34.2	35.4	38.8	36.4
Construction and public works	58.1	63.9	83.5	92.8	102.4	116.3
Research and oil services	22.5	25.2	31.5	21.8	28.4	30.0
Tertiary sector	655.1	677.4	844.2	888.1	979.9	1,014.8
Merchant services	456.2	476.3	622.2	653.0	734.4	747.7
Transport	105.0	108.5	133.6	129.5	135.3	143.4
Services	166.8	173.5	209.8	265.2	300.1	345.4
Commerce	173.2	183.1	264.0	246.4	287.1	245.8
Financial services	11.2	11.2	14.8	11.9	11.8	13.0
Nonmerchant services	198.9	201.1	222.1	235.1	245.5	267.1
Government services	198.9	201.1	222.1	235.1	245.5	267.1
Gross domestic product at factor costs	1,418.4	1,465.6	2,251.6	2,364.4	2,765.8	2,865.1
Import duties	61.8	66.1	75.2	110.7	125.0	148.5
Gross domestic product at market prices	1,480.3	1,531.7	2,326.8	2,475.2	2,890.8	3,013.7
Memorandum items:						
Value added						
Oil sector	427.7	440.5	919.0	985.7	1,267.4	1,288.7
Non-oil sector	1,052.6	1,091.2	1,407.8	1,489.5	1,623.4	1,724.9
Public sector	198.9	201.1	222.1	235.1	245.5	267.1
Private sector	853.7	890.1	1,185.7	1,254.4	1,377.9	1,457.8

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

Table 2. Gabon: Gross Domestic Product by Sector at Constant 1991 Market Prices, 1992-97

(In billions of CFA francs)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
Primary sector	583.2	602.9	681.7	709.0	715.5	723.0
Agriculture, livestock, hunting, and fishing	94.0	87.8	82.4	74.1	74.4	74.9
Forestry exploitation	21.5	26.2	29.7	25.6	25.0	23.9
Oil	425.3	452.1	525.6	560.2	564.5	572.2
Mining	42.4	36.8	44.0	49.1	51.6	52.1
Secondary sector	199.4	206.1	188.2	191.2	201.4	207.4
Agro-industry	38.9	38.7	32.4	32.8	32.4	32.2
Wood industry	5.3	6.8	8.3	7.8	8.4	10.2
Other industries	41.7	40.9	37.8	44.7	52.8	56.2
Refinery	9.9	10.7	3.4	7.1	6.7	6.5
Electricity and water	28.2	29.3	24.4	24.4	24.3	24.0
Construction and public works	54.4	57.3	59.5	57.1	59.7	61.3
Research and oil services	21.1	22.6	22.5	17.3	17.1	17.0
Tertiary sector	619.6	627.7	627.3	712.1	753.9	794.4
Merchant services	426.9	436.3	424.7	509.1	544.4	571.0
Transport	98.3	97.2	95.3	86.8	89.0	93.2
Services	156.1	155.5	149.6	139.2	143.3	147.7
Commerce	107.5	119.1	78.1	138.3	158.7	173.0
Financial services	65.0	64.5	101.7	144.8	153.3	157.1
Nonmerchant services	192.7	191.4	202.6	203.0	209.5	223.5
Government services	192.7	191.4	202.6	203.0	209.5	223.5
Gross domestic product at factor costs	1,402.3	1,436.7	1,497.3	1,612.3	1,670.8	1,724.9
Import duties	72.2	73.0	64.3	58.1	63.7	79.9
Gross domestic product at market prices	1,474.5	1,509.7	1,561.6	1,670.4	1,734.5	1,804.8
Memorandum items:						
Value added						
Oil sector	456.2	485.4	551.4	584.6	588.3	595.6
Non-oil sector	1,018.2	1,024.3	1,010.2	1,085.8	1,146.2	1,209.2
Public sector	192.7	191.4	202.6	203.0	209.5	223.5
Private sector	825.5	832.9	807.6	882.8	936.7	985.7

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

Table 3. Gabon: Gross Domestic Product at Market Prices, 1992-97

(Annual percentage changes)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
GDP at current prices						
Total	-2.9	3.5	51.9	6.4	16.8	4.3
Oil sector 1/	-6.7	3.0	108.6	7.3	28.6	1.7
Non-oil sector	-1.2	3.7	29.0	5.8	9.0	6.3
GDP at constant 1991 prices						
Total	-3.3	2.4	3.4	7.0	3.8	4.1
Oil sector 1/	-0.5	6.4	13.6	6.0	0.6	1.2
Non-oil sector	-4.5	0.6	-1.4	7.5	5.6	5.5
GDP deflator						
Total	0.4	1.1	46.9	-0.6	12.5	0.2
Oil sector 1/	-6.3	-3.2	83.6	1.2	27.8	0.4
Non-oil sector	3.4	3.0	30.8	-1.6	3.3	0.7
Consumer prices (period average)						
Index for African households	-10.8	0.6	36.1	9.6	4.5	2.5
Index for high-income families	2.3	2.9	33.0	13.7	3.5	...
Terms of trade	-3.9	-1.7	-9.7	-3.3	21.5	-2.8

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

1/ The oil sector consists of the oil extracting industry, refining, research, and oil services.

Table 4. Gabon: Supply and Use of Resources at Current Prices, 1992-97

(In billions of CFA francs)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
GDP at market prices	1,480.3	1,531.7	2,326.8	2,475.2	2,890.8	3,013.7
Oil sector	427.7	440.5	919.0	985.7	1,267.4	1,288.7
Non-oil sector	1,052.6	1,091.2	1,407.8	1,489.5	1,623.4	1,724.9
Resource balance	181.8	218.1	545.0	533.4	712.3	661.6
Exports	682.0	747.0	1,435.0	1,455.5	1,780.2	1,923.0
Goods	597.4	658.7	1,313.2	1,319.2	1,631.6	1,776.3
Nonfactor services	84.6	88.2	121.8	136.2	148.6	146.7
Imports	-500.2	-528.9	-890.0	-922.1	-1,067.9	-1,261.5
Goods	-234.7	-239.3	-431.2	-448.4	-495.9	-594.3
Nonfactor services	-265.6	-289.6	-458.8	-473.7	-572.0	-667.2
Domestic demand	1,298.5	1,313.6	1,781.7	1,941.8	2,178.5	2,352.1
Consumption	966.6	970.0	1,272.9	1,355.9	1,502.1	1,557.2
Public	229.4	234.3	278.9	291.0	327.4	339.5
Private	737.2	735.7	994.0	1,064.9	1,174.7	1,217.7
Investment	331.9	343.6	508.8	585.9	676.4	794.9
Stockbuilding	5.4	-6.7	18.5	24.5	0.0	0.0
Gross fixed capital formation	326.5	350.3	490.3	561.3	676.4	794.9
Public	79.0	77.7	131.2	136.0	154.3	215.4
Private	247.6	272.7	359.1	425.3	522.1	579.5
Oil sector	157.6	157.5	215.9	269.9	315.0	350.0
Non-oil sector	89.9	115.1	143.2	155.4	207.1	229.5

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

Table 5. Gabon: Supply and Use of Resources at Current Prices, 1992-97

(Annual percentage changes)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
GDP at market prices	-2.9	3.5	51.9	6.4	16.8	4.3
Oil sector	-6.7	3.0	108.6	7.3	28.6	1.7
Non-oil sector	-1.2	3.7	29.0	5.8	9.0	6.3
Resource balance	-14.7	20.0	149.9	-2.1	33.5	-7.1
Exports	-5.3	9.5	92.1	1.4	22.3	8.0
Goods	-5.0	10.3	99.4	0.5	23.7	8.9
Nonfactor services	-7.4	4.3	38.1	11.8	9.1	-1.3
Imports	-1.4	5.7	68.3	3.6	15.8	18.1
Goods	-3.4	2.0	80.2	4.0	10.6	19.8
Nonfactor services	0.5	9.1	58.4	3.3	20.8	16.6
Domestic demand	-1.0	1.2	35.6	9.0	12.2	8.0
Consumption	6.5	0.4	31.2	6.5	10.8	3.7
Public	5.5	2.1	19.1	4.3	12.5	3.7
Private	6.8	-0.2	35.1	7.1	10.3	3.7
Investment	-17.7	3.5	48.1	15.1	15.5	17.5
Fixed capital formation	-18.0	7.3	40.0	14.5	20.5	17.5
Public	-1.1	-1.6	69.0	3.6	13.5	39.6
Private	-22.2	10.1	31.7	18.5	22.7	11.0
Oil sector	-27.6	-0.1	37.0	25.0	16.7	11.1
Non-oil sector	-10.6	28.0	24.4	8.5	33.3	10.8
Stockbuilding	0.5	-226.1	-374.2	32.5	-100.0	...

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

Table 6. Gabon: Supply and Use of Resources at Constant 1991 Prices, 1992-97

(In billions of CFA francs)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
GDP at market prices	1,474.5	1,509.7	1,561.6	1,670.4	1,734.5	1,804.8
Oil sector	456.2	485.4	551.4	584.6	588.3	595.6
Non-oil sector	1,018.2	1,024.3	1,010.2	1,085.8	1,146.2	1,209.2
Resource balance	218.1	275.1	408.8	435.8	364.8	348.7
Exports	738.8	831.4	868.8	913.8	916.5	967.6
Goods	647.1	733.2	795.0	828.2	840.0	893.8
Nonfactor services	91.6	98.2	73.7	85.5	76.5	73.8
Imports	-520.6	-556.3	-460.0	-477.9	-551.7	-618.8
Goods	-244.3	-251.7	-222.9	-232.4	-256.2	-291.5
Nonfactor services	-276.4	-304.6	-237.1	-245.5	-295.5	-327.3
Domestic demand	1,256.3	1,234.6	1,152.8	1,234.6	1,369.7	1,456.1
Consumption	903.0	876.0	793.6	849.4	938.4	947.7
Public	229.8	225.2	227.0	227.8	244.9	247.8
Private	673.2	650.8	566.6	621.6	693.5	699.9
Investment	353.3	358.6	359.3	385.2	431.2	508.4
Stockbuilding	5.4	-6.7	18.5	24.5	0.0	0.0
Gross fixed capital formation	348.0	365.3	340.7	360.6	431.2	508.4
Public	88.8	94.4	99.8	95.0	118.2	145.8
Private	259.2	270.9	240.9	265.6	313.1	362.6
Oil sector	157.2	153.2	132.4	157.4	182.8	200.7
Non-oil sector	102.0	117.7	108.6	108.2	130.2	161.9

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

Table 7. Gabon: Supply and Use of Resources at Constant 1991 Prices, 1992-97

(Annual percentage changes)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
GDP at market prices	-2.9	3.5	51.9	6.4	16.8	4.3
Oil sector	-6.7	3.0	108.6	7.3	28.6	1.7
Non-oil sector	-1.2	3.7	29.0	5.8	9.0	6.3
Resource balance	2.3	26.1	48.6	6.6	-16.3	-4.4
Exports	2.6	12.5	4.5	5.2	0.3	5.6
Goods	2.9	13.3	8.4	4.2	1.4	6.4
Nonfactor services	0.3	7.2	-24.9	16.0	-10.6	-3.5
Imports	2.7	6.8	-17.3	3.9	15.4	12.2
Goods	0.5	3.0	-11.5	4.3	10.2	13.8
Nonfactor services	4.6	10.2	-22.2	3.6	20.4	10.8
Domestic demand	-4.2	-1.7	-6.6	7.1	10.9	6.3
Consumption	-0.5	-3.0	-9.4	7.0	10.5	1.0
Public	5.7	-2.0	0.8	0.4	7.5	1.2
Private	-2.4	-3.3	-12.9	9.7	11.6	0.9
Investment	-12.4	1.5	0.2	7.2	12.0	17.9
Fixed capital formation	-12.6	5.0	-6.7	5.8	19.6	17.9
Public	11.2	6.4	5.7	-4.8	24.4	23.4
Private	-18.6	4.5	-11.1	10.2	17.9	15.8
Oil sector	-27.8	-2.5	-13.6	18.9	16.1	9.8
Non-oil sector	1.4	15.4	-7.8	-0.4	20.4	24.3
Stockbuilding	0.5	-226.1	-374.2	32.5	-100.0	0.0

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

Table 8. Gabon: Savings and Investment Balances, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
Total economy						
			(In percent of total GDP)			
Gross national savings	18.4	21.4	29.9	26.9	28.3	31.0
Gross domestic savings	34.7	36.7	45.3	45.2	48.0	48.3
Investment	22.4	22.4	21.9	23.7	23.4	26.4
Net domestic financial balance (external resource balance)	12.3	14.2	23.4	21.5	24.6	22.0
Net financial balance (external current account balance)	-4.0	-1.1	8.0	3.2	4.9	4.6
Excluding official transfers	-4.1	-1.3	7.6	3.2	4.9	4.3
Government						
Gross national savings	0.1	-0.6	4.0	8.7	8.1	13.1
Gross domestic savings	5.2	4.7	8.8	15.5	13.3	18.3
Investment	5.3	5.1	5.6	5.5	5.3	7.1
Net domestic financial balance	-0.2	-0.4	3.2	10.0	8.0	11.1
Net financial balance	-5.2	-5.7	-1.6	3.2	2.7	5.9
Private sector 1/						
Gross national savings	18.3	22.0	25.9	18.2	20.2	17.9
Gross domestic savings	29.5	32.0	36.5	29.8	34.7	30.1
Investment	17.1	17.4	16.2	18.2	18.1	19.2
Net domestic financial balance	12.4	14.6	20.3	11.6	16.7	10.8
Net financial balance	1.2	4.6	9.6	0.0	2.2	-1.4
Oil sector						
Gross national savings 2/	16.0	15.8	25.5	24.3	24.1	28.5
Gross domestic savings 2/	20.5	20.7	29.6	29.7	34.0	33.2
Investment	10.6	10.3	9.3	10.9	10.9	11.6
Net domestic financial balance	9.9	10.4	20.3	18.8	23.1	21.6
Net financial balance	5.3	5.6	16.2	13.4	13.2	16.9
Non-oil sector						
Gross national savings 2/	2.3	6.1	0.4	-6.1	-3.9	-10.6
Gross domestic savings 2/	9.0	11.3	6.9	0.0	0.8	-3.2
Investment	6.4	7.1	6.9	7.3	7.2	7.6
Net domestic financial balance	2.6	4.3	0.0	-7.2	-6.4	-10.8
Net financial balance	-4.1	-0.9	-6.6	-13.4	-11.1	-18.2
Memorandum items:						
			(Annual percentage changes, unless otherwise indicated)			
Real GDP	-3.3	2.4	3.4	7.0	3.8	4.1
Real non-oil GDP	-4.5	0.6	-1.4	7.5	5.6	5.5
GDP per capita (in U.S. dollars)	5,488.2	5,176.3	3,913.0	4,516.2	5,023.2	4,480.7

Source: Gabonese authorities.

1/ Including nonfinancial public enterprises.

2/ Owing to data limitations, the split between the savings of the oil and the non-oil private sectors is subject to some uncertainty.

Table 9. Gabon: Crude Oil Production and Prices, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In millions of metric tons)						
Crude oil production	14.7	15.6	17.8	18.4	18.3	18.5
Mandji (Elf)	4.6	4.5	5.5	4.4	4.0	3.7
Avocette (Elf)	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.6	1.8	2.0
Gamba (Shell)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Lucina (Shell) 1/	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rabi (Shell)	7.2	8.6	9.3	10.0	10.4	10.7
Echira (Shell)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.1
Coucal (Shell)	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5
Oguendjo (Kelt) 1/	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.1	1.0
Obando (British Gas) 1/	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Prices (annual averages)					(In U.S. dollars per barrel)	
Aggregate export price	17.8	16.1	15.1	16.5	20.3	18.1
Mandji						
Posted 2/	17.1	14.4	14.0	17.6	21.5	18.9
Official 3/	15.1	...	...	15.6	19.0	16.7
Gamba						
Posted 2/	19.5	16.7	15.6	19.8	23.4	21.2
Official 3/	17.2	...	...	16.9	20.7	18.7
Lucina						
Posted 2/	19.6	16.8	15.7	19.0	22.6	20.7
Official 3/	17.3	...	...	10.7	18.9	18.3
Oguendjo						
Posted 2/	16.3	16.0	15.0	15.8	18.5	17.9
Official 3/	...	...	...	12.6	15.8	14.3
Production of refined products					(In thousands of metric tons)	
Butane	10.9	10.4	...	...	...	...
High-test gasoline ("super")	84.5	80.2	80.0	77.0	85.0	79.0
Regular gasoline	5.2	5.1	...	...	...	...
Kerosene	113.1	107.5	100.0	96.0	106.0	99.0
Diesel and gas oil	241.8	229.9	240.0	231.0	255.0	237.0
Fuel oil	294.8	280.3	289.0	278.0	307.0	285.0
Naphtha	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gas production	155.0	153.0	...	...	...	...

Sources: Ministry of Mining, Energy, and Oil; Banque des Etats d'Afrique Centrale (BEAC); and Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in charge Privatization.

1/ The data for the production of these wells were consolidated for 1996 and 1997.

2/ World market price for this type of crude oil.

3/ As determined for tax purposes on the basis of posted prices for the main fields, taking into account the gravity of the crude oil produced.

Table 10. Gabon: Capital Expenditure and Oil Exploration, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In billions of CFA francs, unless otherwise indicated)						
Capital expenditure 1/	167.2	110.4	198.0	205.9	198.2	253.8
Research and exploration	70.8	35.1	83.5	82.3	73.9	128.0
Development and production	96.4	75.3	114.5	123.6	124.3	125.8
Seismic kilometers	10,809.0	16,800.0	46,440.0	31,715.0	22,000.0	21,660.0
Number of exploration wells	12.0	3.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	13.0
Number of discovery wells	3.0	1.0	3.0	...	...	...
Number of development wells	20.0	26.0	20.0	...	...	...
Memorandum items:						
Exports of oil	487.5	503.4	1,019.2	1,055.4	1,335.1	1,369.6
(In percent of oil exports)						
Capital expenditure for research and exploration	14.5	7.0	8.2	7.8	5.5	9.3
Capital expenditure for development and production	19.8	15.0	11.2	11.7	9.3	9.2

Source: Ministry of Mining, Energy, and Oil.

1/ These data are different from National accounts data, especially for 1996 and 1997, because of different classifications.

Table 11. Gabon: Recently Discovered Oil Fields, 1990-97 1/

Field	Year of Discovery	Operator
Avocette	1990	Elf Gabon
Pingouin Cap Lopez	1991	Elf Gabon
Mandji South / Tchengue South	1991	Elf Gabon
Mandji South / Tchengue North East	1991	Elf Gabon
Mokabou Dianongo	1991	Elf
Remboue Abanga	1991	British Gas
Barbier Guiffette	1991	Elf Gabon
Alonha	1991	Conoco
Dimande / Mpira	1991	Agip
Vanneau Nord	1991	Elf Gabon
Pomarin Dianongo	1991	Elf Gabon
Remboue	1992	British Gas
Maguelou	1992	Conoco
Pélican Est	1992	Elf Gabon
Roussette Ouest	1993	Elf Gabon
Pingouin Est	1993	Elf Gabon
Mayonami	1994	Total Gabon
Vera	1994	Total Gabon
Ozima 1	1995	Elf Gabon
Sanderlaing 1	1995	Elf Gabon
Mboukou 1	1995	Elf Gabon
Mboukou 1. G.2	1995	Elf Gabon
Sitatounga	1995	Elf Gabon
Tchatamba marine 1	1995	Marathon
Walt Whitman	1996	Amoco
Kenige	1997	Shell Gabon
Tchatamba sud	1997	Marathon Gabon
Atora	1997	Elf Gabon

Source: Ministry of Mining, Energy, and Oil.

1/ For previous years see SM/97/110, Table 11.

Table 12. Gabon: Mineral Production, Exports, and Prices, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
Manganese						
			(In thousands of metric tons)			
Production	1,556.4	1,289.9	1,435.6	1,934.4	1,983.0	1,903.7
Minerals	1,455.1	1,257.4	1,361.7	1,885.0	1,920.0	1,860.8
Mineral R1 R2 S D	1,204.4	956.7	1,085.9	1,610.7	1,642.5	1,455.4
Hydrometal	181.7	174.8	167.4	175.3	134.1	117.2
Mineral F1 F2	69.0	125.9	108.3	99.1	143.4	288.1
Bioxide	101.3	32.5	73.9	45.7	63.1	43.0
Bioxide G	98.8	29.7	71.8	43.4	60.3	39.9
Bioxide P	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.3	2.8	3.1
Exports	1,455.0	1,665.0	1,691.0	2,010.0	1,976.9	1,995.5
Variation in stock	101.4	-170.1	-255.4	-75.6	-6.1	91.8
Export prices						
			(In thousands of CFA francs per metric ton)			
Minerals	28,300.5	22,424.0	38,295.0	34,930.0	37,600.0	43,777.5
Bioxide	60,714.3	53,958.0	...	113,278.0	115,037.0	114,157.5
Uranium						
			(In metric tons)			
Production	539.4	592.1	567.5	622.9	600.0	516.0
Exports	590.2	555.0	644.3	652.2	600.0	517.0
Variation in stock	-50.8	42.2	-76.8	-29.3	0.0	1.0
Export prices						
			(In thousands of CFA francs per metric ton)			
Export prices	19.2	18.0	24.9	23.9	23.5	22.8

Sources: Compagnie Minière de l'Ogoué, and BEAC.

Table 13. Gabon: Production and Export of Timber, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In thousands of cubic meters)						
Production	1,623.3	1,997.2	2,310.1	2,298.5	2,408.9	2,775.4
Okoumé / Ozigo	1,184.2	1,539.2	1,755.0	1,740.4	1,903.0	1,993.0
Other	439.1	458.1	555.1	558.1	505.9	782.4
Exports	1,401.8	1,875.4	1,906.3	2,219.0	2,350.7	2,671.2
Okoumé	953.0	1,378.0	1,322.0	1,553.0	1,788.0	1,850.0
Ozigo	85.0	127.0	160.0	158.0	119.0	140.0
Other	363.8	370.4	424.3	508.0	443.7	681.2
Consumption by local industries	177.7	176.3	187.4	160.9	168.6	134.3
Okoumé / Ozigo	110.9	112.0	120.6	103.0	108.6	124.4
Other	66.8	65.9	66.8	57.9	60.6	69.9
Variation in stock	44.2	-53.9	216.3	...	...	...
Okoumé / Ozigo	35.8	-75.7	152.3	-65.0	-28.0	-48.0
Other	8.5	21.8	64.0	...	...	...
Memorandum items:	(In thousands of CFA francs per cubic meters)					
Producer prices						
Okoumé / Ozigo	27.6	33.0	71.7	63.8	59.7	64.1
Other	34.3	35.3	68.9	...	...	...
Export prices						
Okoumé	37.5	45.3	102.2	81.3	80.7	83.6
Ozigo	25.3	33.2	75.6	56.6	56.6	62.4
Other	45.0	48.2	94.6	93.6	113.6	117.4

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

Table 14. Gabon: Marketing of Timber by SNBG, 1992-97 1/

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In thousands of cubic meters)						
Okoum�						
Purchases in domestic market	1,014.8	1,332.1	1,461.3	1,529.7	1,779.1	1,836.0
Total sales	983.9	1,423.8	1,347.9	1,582.1	1,809.6	1,877.6
Exports	952.1	1,400.0	1,322.4	1,552.7	1,790.8	1,850.4
Sales in domestic market	31.8	23.8	25.5	29.4	18.8	27.2
Variation in stock	27.6	-60.5	113.4	-52.4	-30.5	-41.6
Ozigo						
Purchases in domestic market	98.3	127.0	204.6	141.1	124.2	156.9
Total sales	580.6	567.4	695.5	479.3	124.2	164.4
Exports	572.6	560.8	689.4	474.8	118.9	155.5
Sales in domestic market	8.0	6.6	6.1	4.5	5.3	8.9
Variation in stock	5.6	-6.6	38.9	-21.3	0.0	7.5
Average purchase price						
(In thousands of CFA francs per cubic meter)						
Okoum�	28.1	34.0	75.9	64.1	59.7	64.9
Ozigo	20.9	26.0	57.4	46.9	41.8	44.3
Average export price						
Okoum�	37.5	45.3	102.2	81.2	80.7	83.6
Ozigo	25.3	33.2	75.6	56.6	58.8	62.4

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

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Table 15. Gabon: Production in Agriculture, Livestock, and Fishing, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
					Prel. act.	Est.
Agriculture		(In thousands of tons)				
Cassava	230.0	207.0	211.1	202.0	214.0	211.4
Plantains	253.0	238.0	242.8	237.0	258.0	235.0
Taro	49.0	54.4	55.5	53.0	55.0	52.9
Rice	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Maize	24.6	26.9	28.3	22.7	23.5	24.0
Peanuts	14.7	15.3	15.6	16.4	17.1	17.9
Palm oil	72.1	71.3	74.7	85.5	88.5	...
Coffee	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Cocoa	2.9	2.0	0.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
Soya	2.5	2.3	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9
Sugarcane	171.1	189.7	170.6	199.3	185.0	190.6
Refined sugar	14.4	15.4	15.4	14.4	14.6	14.5
Livestock population		(In thousands of head)				
Cattle	36.8	37.3	38.0	36.1	33.0	21.1
Sheep	168.0	171.4	175.7	150.1	25.9	18.6
Goats	82.7	84.3	86.4	580.0	40.7	25.4
Pigs	194.9	206.5	207.0	150.0	180.7	220.0
Industrial fishing		(In thousands of tons)				
Fish	5.2	10.0	9.5	10.2	10.4	0.5
Shrimp	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.5

Sources: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Rural Development; Ministry of Water and Forestry; and Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

Table 16. Gabon: Industrial Production, 1992-95 1/

(Period averages; 1989 = 100)

	Food-stuffs	Beverages and Tobacco	Textile Products	Wood Products	Printing	Chemical Products	Refining	Cement	Electricity and Water	General Index
1992	104.9	105.6	94.0	68.2	111.4	124.9	102.9	119.9	104.5	104.3
I	66.3	108.2	91.3	45.9	96.3	118.1	115.3	100.5	112.2	103.2
II	74.8	107.5	90.3	65.3	99.7	109.3	96.7	109.7	108.4	101.3
III	190.9	103.2	92.6	86.1	138.0	149.9	111.1	157.3	97.7	113.7
IV	82.4	103.6	101.8	75.5	111.5	122.2	87.1	112.3	99.7	98.5
1993	99.3	111.5	87.0	70.9	258.1	105.1	97.8	123.3	104.5	107.5
I	61.2	104.9	76.9	73.7	270.4	107.2	85.3	103.6	101.9	100.1
II	68.6	116.5	98.0	76.0	291.5	84.9	104.2	123.6	109.8	109.0
III	178.2	110.0	82.7	46.1	264.6	125.8	96.8	157.1	97.8	112.3
IV	83.0	114.4	90.6	87.9	205.9	102.3	103.8	109.0	108.5	108.0
1994	92.9	97.5	60.5	70.3	...	88.7	90.9	128.5	104.5	97.8
I	48.9	101.2	48.8	87.7	...	85.1	123.2	115.7	103.9	97.9
II	57.9	96.9	60.0	75.0	...	81.8	45.4	125.4	110.4	92.1
III	167.8	94.4	51.8	43.4	...	97.0	87.8	148.7	101.3	101.6
IV	87.6	97.6	57.4	74.9	...	90.6	106.9	124.2	102.3	98.2
1995	98.1	103.0	54.9	94.3	...	85.3	89.2	134.4	106.0	98.7
I	55.4	104.8	48.6	98.1	...	74.4	99.4	90.6	107.7	97.5
II	58.8	109.4	61.3	103.9	...	80.1	27.9	124.8	109.3	94.5
III	185.8	99.8	52.3	79.2	...	109.9	89.7	182.5	103.4	109.6
IV	92.3	98.1	57.4	96.2	...	76.8	98.6	139.5	103.5	99.4

Source: Ministry of Planning, Environment, and Tourism.

1/ A revision of the index is under way; the data for 1996 and 1997 are still being compiled.

Table 17. Gabon: Wood Production and Prices, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In thousands of cubic meters)						
Intermediate consumption of logs						
Total	177.7	176.3	187.4	203.5	245.6	296.4
Wood peeling	94.2	93.9	103.9	...	...	...
Sawing	83.5	82.4	83.5	...	...	...
Production						
Plywood	42.7	42.5	47.1	57.2	55.7	52.5
Sawed wood	40.1	39.5	40.1	29.0	30.1	30.4
(In thousands of CFA francs per cubic meter)						
Production prices						
Plywood	150.1	168.9	274.0	294.1	309.9	313.9
Sawed wood	112.8	102.3	117.0	167.1	154.4	...

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

Table 18. Gabon: Production and Distribution of Electricity and Water, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
Electricity (In millions of kilowatt-hours)						
Production	945	958	960	1,024	1,040	1,076
Libreville	591	608	611	655	677	697
Port-Gentil	170	169	167	171	154	168
Franceville	132	127	129	138	105	145
Other	52	54	53	61	105	65
Sales and transfers	804	803	802	811	887	917
Low voltage	368	365	348	367	407	453
Medium voltage	407	400	425	412	447	430
Internal transfers	30	38	28	33	33	34
Number of subscriptions	83,830	83,791	81,551	84,113	99,013	99,621
Low voltage	83,394	83,364	81,129	83,681	98,575	99,164
Medium voltage	436	427	422	432	438	457
Water (In millions of cubic meters)						
Production	35.2	36.0	37.7	40.2	41.9	42.0
Libreville	24.0	24.7	25.6	27.9	30.0	29.0
Port-Gentil	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.3	3.0	4.5
Franceville	2.6	2.7	2.8	1.9	1.5	2.0
Other	4.6	4.7	4.9	6.1	7.4	6.5
Sales and transfers	29.4	28.8	30.3	30.5	34.9	34.6
Private customers	25.2	24.7	25.3	25.3	28.2	32.9
Industrial customers	3.8	3.8	4.3	4.6	5.2	
Internal transfers	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5
Number of subscriptions	43,678	42,528	44,294	47,221	61,489	59,200
Private customers	43,558	42,460	44,142	47,130	...	...
Industrial customers	120	68	152	91	...	...
Memorandum items: (In billions of CFA francs)						
Turnover	44.9	45.8	48.0	54.0	59.6	57.8
Electricity	37.9	38.2	38.8	45.0	48.4	48.5
Water	7.0	7.6	9.2	9.0	11.2	9.3

Source: Société d'Energie et d'Eau du Gabon (SEEG).

Table 19. Gabon: Production and Consumption of Refined Oil Products, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In thousands of metric tons)						
Production of refined products	751.9	714.9	661.4	739.4	729.1	676.3
Butane	10.9	10.4	9.2	10.7	10.7	10.1
High-test gasoline	84.5	80.2	69.7	74.3	71.6	66.3
Regular gasoline	5.2	5.1	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.2
Naphtha	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	4.0	3.0
Kerosene	113.1	107.5	100.0	91.7	97.5	79.2
Diesel and gas oil	241.8	229.9	210.0	241.2	234.6	230.1
Fuel oil	294.8	280.3	289.0	315.3	304.4	284.8
Asphalt	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6
Sales of refined products by SOGARA						
Domestic market						
Butane	11.9	12.2	13.2	12.9	13.9	15.7
Fuel oil	55.6	55.7	32.1	28.6	31.8	31.9
Asphalt	1.9	3.5	4.1	14.8	15.0	9.2
(In thousands of cubic meters)						
High-test gasoline	41.9	40.0	37.2	41.1	39.0	51.0
Regular gasoline	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.9	5.6	5.2
Refined oil	36.4	37.4	35.3	37.2	36.1	36.7
Kerosene	55.5	49.3	68.9	63.5	67.5	101.5
Diesel and gas oil	208.6	237.0	206.6	244.7	267.2	298.3
Exports						
Fuel oil	64.5	64.8	126.0	164.4	170.1	186.0
(In thousands of cubic meters)						
High-test gasoline	0.0	10.3	15.6	17.9	18.2	15.0

Source: Société Gabonaise de Raffinage (SOGARA).

Table 20. Gabon: Transportation, 1992-97

(In thousands of tons, unless otherwise indicated)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
Railroad transportation						
Number of passengers	160,262	150,502	180,813	175,788	191,909	195,492
Parcels	3.7	3.7	3.5	4.7	4.8	5.0
Merchandise	2,539.2	2,402.8	2,548.1	3,012.9	2,973.0	2,959.0
Total	2,542.8	2,406.5	2,551.6	3,016.5	2,977.8	2,964.0
Merchandise traffic in harbors						
Owendo						
In	454.5	485.6	447.9	477.9	540.5	570.8
Out	2,312.9	2,418.7	2,211.9	2,816.1	2,937.2	2,728.1
Total	2,767.4	2,904.3	2,659.9	3,294.0	3,477.6	3,269.7
Port-Gentil						
In	129.9	192.6	119.7	155.0	158.6	208.2
Out	12,492.7	13,403.7	16,976.6	17,293.1	17,533.3	18,756.9
Total	12,622.6	13,596.4	17,096.3	17,448.2	17,692.0	18,965.1
Air transportation						
Number of passengers	661,652.0	647,792.0	580,014.0	580,168.0	639,519.0	754,181.0
Number of flights	37,539.0	33,251.0	30,015.0	21,534.0	24,058.0	27,666.0
Shipping and mail	16.3	13.1	10.6	12.2	14.8	17.4

Source: Ministry of Planning, Environment, and Tourism.

Table 21. Gabon: Accounts of the Corporate Sector, 1992-96

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.
Total 1/	(In billions of CFA francs)				
Production	1,523.5	1,560.5	2,431.0	2,590.0	3,057.8
Value added	857.7	887.0	1,521.2	1,561.1	1,928.5
Wage bill	269.3	263.2	327.5	353.4	371.2
Investment	216.4	235.0	305.5	370.5	400.0
Oil sector 2/					
Production	607.4	627.1	1,180.1	1,445.0	1,800.3
Value added	458.1	475.5	954.7	1,021.0	1,339.2
Wage bill	58.6	58.1	84.8	97.5	97.7
Investment	159.7	160.2	221.8	273.3	280.8
Non-oil sector					
Production	916.1	933.4	1,250.9	1,145.3	1,257.6
Value added	399.6	411.5	566.5	540.1	589.3
Wage bill	210.7	205.1	242.7	255.9	273.5
Investment	56.7	74.8	83.7	97.2	119.2
	(In percent)				
Total 1/					
Value added/production	56.3	56.8	62.6	60.3	63.1
Wage bill/value added	31.4	29.7	21.5	22.6	19.2
Investment/value added	25.2	26.5	20.1	23.7	20.7
Oil sector 2/					
Value added/production	75.4	75.8	80.9	70.7	74.4
Wage bill/value added	12.8	12.2	8.9	9.5	7.3
Investment/value added	34.9	33.7	23.2	26.8	21.0
Non-oil sector					
Value added/production	43.6	44.1	45.3	47.2	46.9
Wage bill/value added	52.7	49.8	42.8	47.4	46.4
Investment/value added	14.2	18.2	14.8	18.0	20.2

Source: Ministry of Planning, Environment, and Tourism.

1/ Excluding financial institutions.

2/ The oil sector comprises companies involved in oil extracting, refining, research, and oil services.

Table 22. Gabon: Price Indices in Libreville, 1993-98 1/
(1975=100)

	Food-Stuffs	Clothing	Housing	Hygiene and Medical Care	Transport and Telecommunications	Leisure and Other	General Index	Local Products	Imported Products
Index for African households 2/									
1993	285.8	241.5	255.7	479.8	495.4	252.2	288.9	284.6	297.1
1994	376.5	310.5	342.6	996.1	645.1	437.6	393.3	355.6	465.1
1995	406.3	325.3	406.0	1,058.3	690.1	540.3	431.2	383.4	522.4
1996	410.6	369.6	396.9	633.1	556.7	700.0	434.2	400.5	498.4
1997									
June	445.6	384.7	399.8	652.6	559.7	701.4	455.9	430.8	503.8
July	445.6	384.7	399.8	652.6	559.7	701.4	457.0	430.9	506.8
August	480.5	384.7	399.5	650.1	566.1	701.4	476.4	459.0	509.7
September	440.8	385.3	399.5	631.3	566.1	702.3	454.5	425.9	509.2
October	432.0	385.3	403.5	630.3	558.3	702.3	449.7	418.9	508.5
November	430.5	385.3	405.0	635.3	558.3	702.6	449.2	417.9	508.8
December	426.5	385.2	400.1	636.3	595.7	702.6	448.7	411.9	518.9
1998									
January	450.9	383.3	398.2	647.9	551.9	699.0	441.4	409.9	501.5
February	438.7	383.3	399.7	647.9	551.9	700.2	441.3	411.6	498.0
March	447.0	384.5	399.2	649.4	559.7	701.2	437.8	405.8	498.7
April	447.8	384.5	398.8	650.1	559.7	701.1	449.2	420.9	503.2
May	448.1	384.5	399.1	651.1	559.7	701.1	455.9	430.8	503.8
June	453.1	387.9	393.1	630.3	614.1	706.7	464.1	432.0	525.4
July	462.7	387.6	394.9	628.9	621.9	706.9	470.1	440.3	526.9
August	462.7	387.6	394.9	628.9	621.9	706.9	470.1	440.3	526.9
September	457.9	387.5	393.8	628.7	621.9	705.4	467.2	436.0	526.6
Memorandum items:									
Weights used in the index for African households	547.0	175.0	130.0	19.0	63.0	66.0	1,000.0	...	...

Source: Ministry of Planning, Environment, and Tourism.

1/ From 1997 onwards, the consumer price index is computed based on the index for African households. The index for high-income families was discontinued in September, 1997. Work is in progress to update the CPI basket and to base it on a more recent base year.

2/ Index of 125 items.

Table 23. Gabon: Salaried Employment in the Formal Sector, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(Number of employees)						
Public sector	64,938	65,300	66,222	66,786	66,219	67,152
Civil service	43,949	44,772	45,746	47,232	47,007	48,669
Central government	31,985	32,514	34,034	35,689	35,684	36,886
Local governments	3,664	3,758	3,750	3,379	3,379	3,758
Temporary workers	8,300	8,500	7,962	8,164	7,944	8,025
Public enterprises 1/	20,989	20,528	20,476	19,554	19,212	18,483
Private sector	27,722	28,118	26,462	30,323	32,447	34,899
Total employment	92,660	93,418	92,684	97,109	98,666	102,051
(Annual percentage changes)						
Public sector	-0.2	1.6	1.4	0.9	-0.8	1.4
Civil service	0.7	2.9	2.2	3.2	-0.5	3.5
Central government	0.9	2.2	4.7	4.9	0.0	3.4
Local governments	2.5	2.6	-0.2	-9.9	0.0	11.2
Temporary workers	-0.7	5.4	-6.3	2.5	-2.7	1.0
Public enterprises 1/	-2.0	-1.2	-0.3	-4.5	-1.7	-3.8
Private sector	-0.6	-1.1	-5.9	14.6	7.0	7.6
Total employment	-0.3	0.8	-0.8	4.8	1.6	3.4
(In percent of total employment)						
Public sector	70.1	70.6	71.4	68.8	67.1	68.1
Civil service	47.4	48.4	49.4	48.6	47.6	49.3
Central government	34.4	34.9	36.7	36.8	36.2	37.4
Local governments	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.8
Temporary workers	9.0	9.4	8.6	8.4	8.1	8.1
Public enterprises 1/	22.7	22.3	22.1	20.1	19.5	18.7
Private sector	29.9	29.4	28.6	31.2	32.9	35.4

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

1/ Including public agencies.

Table 24. Gabon: Salaried Employment by Sector of Activity, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(Number of employees, unless otherwise indicated)						
Primary sector	11,276	11,277	11,421	12,535	12,940	13,120
Agriculture	2,410	2,175	2,085	2,193	2,191	2,146
Oil and oil research	2,167	2,153	1,843	1,683	1,680	1,680
Mining	2,251	2,245	2,019	1,842	1,775	1,544
Forestry and wood industries	4,448	4,704	5,474	6,817	7,294	7,750
Secondary sector	12,179	11,852	11,516	11,993	12,094	12,256
Agro-industries	3,574	3,485	3,426	3,363	3,339	3,443
Other industries	2,483	2,348	2,134	2,349	2,335	2,258
Electricity and refining	2,230	2,261	2,135	2,022	1,935	1,846
Construction	3,892	3,758	3,821	4,259	4,485	4,709
Tertiary sector	69,205	70,289	69,747	72,581	73,630	76,675
Transportation	9,668	9,585	9,225	9,502	9,977	10,177
Services	8,409	8,984	8,171	8,673	9,193	9,929
Commerce	5,057	4,838	4,586	5,179	5,438	5,873
Financial institutions	2,122	2,110	2,019	1,995	2,015	2,027
Civil service 1/	43,949	44,772	45,746	47,232	47,007	48,669
(In percent of total employment)						
Primary sector	12.2	12.1	12.3	12.9	13.1	12.9
Secondary sector	13.1	12.7	12.4	12.4	12.3	12.0
Tertiary sector	74.7	75.2	75.3	74.7	74.6	75.1
Memorandum items:	(Number of employees)					
Total employment	92,660	93,418	92,684	97,109	98,666	102,051
Public sector	64,938	65,300	66,222	66,786	66,219	67,152
Civil service 1/	43,949	44,772	45,746	47,232	47,007	48,669
Public enterprises	20,989	20,528	20,476	19,554	19,212	18,483
Private sector	27,722	28,118	26,462	30,323	32,447	34,899

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

1/ Comprising the central and local governments workers.

Table 25. Gabon: Employment in the Civil Service and Wage Bill, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(Number of employees)						
Central government	31,985	32,514	34,034	35,689	35,684	36,886
Civilians	14,366	14,810	15,839	17,167	...	...
Contractuals 1/	4,776	4,719	5,132	5,422	...	...
Military	12,843	12,985	13,063	13,100	...	...
(In billions of CFA francs)						
Total wage bill	143.7	149.1	165.1	178.1	184.8	189.3
Base salary	94.0	101.3	115.2	121.8	...	...
Civilians	45.8	50.1	58.4	60.1	...	...
Contractuals 1/	17.1	15.4	17.6	20.1	...	...
Military	31.1	35.7	39.2	41.7	41.7	42.6
Other payments	49.6	47.9	49.9	56.3	...	...
<i>Of which</i>						
Benefits	-26.1	-26.9	-31.4	-33.8	...	...
(In percent of total wage bill)						
Base salary	65.5	67.9	69.8	68.4	...	...
Civilians	31.9	33.6	35.4	33.7	...	...
Contractuals 1/	11.9	10.3	10.6	11.3	...	...
Military	21.7	23.9	23.8	23.4	22.6	22.5
Other payments	34.5	32.1	30.2	31.6	...	...
<i>Of which</i>						
Benefits	-18.2	-18.0	-19.0	0.0	...	...
Memorandum items:	(Annual percentage changes)					
Wage bill	8.8	3.8	10.7	7.9	3.8	2.4
Consumer price 2/	-10.8	0.6	36.1	9.6	4.5	2.5

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

1/ Includes local and expatriate contractuals.

2/ Period average; based on the index for African households.

Table 26. Gabon: Public Enterprises - Financial Performance, 1995-97

(In millions of CFA francs, unless otherwise indicated)

Enterprise and sector	Acronym	Total Equity Base	Gov't Share in Total 1/	Net Income			Employees		
				1995 Prel. act.	1996 Est.	1997 Est.	1995	1996	1997
Agriculture, forestry, and livestock									
Sté Agricole de Port Gentil	AGRIPOG	120	55	-18	-14	-204	225	216	205
Sté de Dév. d'Agri. et d'Eleva. au Gab.	AGROGAB	2,788	96	-1,269	...	-3,599	1,235	...	1,108
Compagnie Forestière du Gabon	CFG	6,785	52	-845	698	-956	713	723	778
Sté des Eaux Minérales de Lekoni	EAULECO	557	54	-311	23	...	40	41	...
Sté de Dév. de l'Hévéaculture au Gabon	HEVEGAB	5,500	95	-72	...	171	783	...	779
Sté Indust. d'Agri. et d'Elev. de Boumango	SIAEB	2,100	35	-2,054	-813	-1,353	240	241	220
Sté Meunière et Agricole du Gabon	SMAG	910	39	-1,068	-100	101	410	350	195
Sté Nationale des Bois du Gabon	SNBG	4,000	51	410	2,356	...	293	271	...
Sté de Café et Cacao Gabonais	SOCAGAB	1,250	66	-8	-123	...	40	38	...
Sté Gabonaise de Dév. d'Elevage	SOGADEL	2,287	94	...	...	...	...	...	457
Sté Sucrerie du Haut-Ogooué	SOSUHO	500	41	-589	-247	...	666	554	...
		26,797	62	-5,513	1,781	-5,840	4,605	2,434	3,742
Transportation									
Compagnie Nationale Air Gabon	AIR GABON	6,500	80	-1,644	584	98	875	1,192	1,246
Compagnie Nationale de Navigation Intérieure	CNI	500	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
Office du Chemin de Fer Transgabonais	OCTRA	346,855	100	...	...	...	1,894	...	...
Office des Ports et Rades du Gabon	OPRAG	40,381	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sté Nationale d'accorage et de Transit	SNAT	600	51	153	204	348	381	340	337
Sté Nationale de Transports Maritimes	SONATRAM	1,500	51	1,069	421	308	38	41	41
		396,336	80	-422	1,209	754	3,188	1,573	1,624
Services									
Africa Un	AFRICA I	100	35	92	169	121	95	93	137
Aéroport de Libreville	ADL	340	26	137	148	545	98	105	110
Laboratoire du Bâtiment et des TP	LBTPG	320	100	2	-35	...	34	38	...
Sté d'Exploit. Com. Afr. Sté Gab. de Distr.	CECAGADIS	437	29	1,751	...	1,395	528	...	433
Sté Gabon Informatique	GABINFORM	364	36	-73	...	...	40	...	...
Sté de l'Hotel de Mandji	SHM	630	55	-72	-19	330	70	69	77
1/ These data only refer to taxable imports; data prior to	SNI	750	77	136	1,555	2,418	75	61	...
Sté Nationale de Presse et d'Edition	SONAPRESSE	100	73	58	100	149	19	21	32
		3,041	54	2,103	1,918	2,897	889	387	789
Energy and petroleum									
Sté Pizo de Formulation de Lubrifiants	PIZOLUB	500	49	151	-216	...	33	26	...
Sté Gab. d'Entrepôt des Produits Pétroliers	SGEPP	900	25	394	915	964	72	80	80
Sté Gabonaise de Raffinage	SOGARA	1,200	25	285	404	-732	416	376	403
Sté d'Energie et d'Eau du Gabon	SEEG	1,950	64	-852	1,586	...	1,614	1,505	...
		4,550	41	-22	2,689	232	2,135	1,987	483
Financial and social security									
Banque Gabonaise de Développement	BGD	10,500	69	2,758	2,400	...	204	201	...
Banque Nationale de Crédit Rural	BNCR	1,017	98	-499	-19	...	30	34	...
Crédit Foncier du Gabon	CREFOGA	2,000	66	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sté Nationale d'Investissement du Gabon	SONADIG	100	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
Caisse Nationale de Garantie Sociale	CNGS	1,250	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
Caisse Nationale de Sécurité Sociale	CNSS	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
		14,867	89	0	...	...	0	...	...
Post and telecommunications									
Office des Postes et Télécommunications	OPT	601	100	525	...	...	2,103	...	...
Sté Télécom. Internationales Gabonaises	TIG	3,000	61	-403	...	...	279	...	...
		3,601	81	122	...	...	2,382	...	...
Industry									
Sté des Ciments du Gabon	CIMENTGAB	12,505	91	-981	88	-2,111	305	308	307
Sté Gabonaise de Fûts	SOGAFUTS	400	59	138	23	-38	21	21	18
		12,905	75	-843	112	-2,148	326	329	325
Total		462,097	64	-4,575	...	...	13,525	...	...

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

1/ In percent of total.

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Table 27. Gabon: Fiscal Operations of the Central Government, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In billions of CFA francs)						
Total revenue and grants	341.1	350.9	554.5	730.6	755.1	935.4
Revenue	339.6	347.0	546.1	730.6	755.1	935.4
Oil revenue	156.9	157.3	324.9	442.4	449.1	583.3
Non-oil revenue	182.7	189.6	221.2	288.2	306.0	352.0
Direct taxes	45.6	44.5	58.3	76.8	80.2	100.3
Indirect taxes	53.3	55.0	58.5	61.7	43.0	64.0
Taxes on international trade	65.8	73.3	87.2	128.7	147.8	175.9
Import duties	61.8	66.1	75.2	110.7	125.2	148.5
Export taxes	4.0	7.2	12.0	18.0	22.6	27.4
Other revenue	18.0	16.8	17.2	21.0	35.0	11.9
Foreign grants	1.5	4.0	8.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total expenditure	418.3	438.2	592.4	650.9	676.5	756.1
Current expenditure	339.4	360.5	461.2	514.9	522.2	540.7
Wages and salaries	143.7	149.1	165.1	178.1	184.8	189.3
Purchases of goods and services	85.7	85.1	113.8	112.9	142.6	150.2
Transfers and subsidies	15.9	19.3	26.0	23.0	21.6	23.3
Interest payments	94.1	107.0	156.3	201.0	173.1	177.9
Capital expenditure	79.0	77.7	131.2	136.0	154.3	215.4
Primary balance	16.9	19.7	118.4	280.6	251.8	357.1
Overall balance (on a commitment basis)	-77.2	-87.3	-37.9	79.7	78.6	179.3
Change in arrears	63.7	38.4	-370.3	-53.6	-125.1	-170.0
External	44.6	32.7	-281.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Domestic	19.1	5.8	-89.1	-53.6	-125.1	-170.0
Overall balance (on a cash basis)	-13.5	-48.8	-408.1	26.1	-46.5	9.2
Financing	13.5	48.8	408.1	-26.1	46.5	-9.2
External (net)	-37.2	8.8	377.3	54.4	82.7	-13.1
Drawings	26.7	16.8	109.7	83.0	101.5	53.8
Amortization	-89.0	-94.3	-183.6	-222.9	-191.5	-209.8
Arrears (- = reduction)	19.1	86.3	-421.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debt rescheduling	6.0	0.0	800.2	171.8	150.8	122.9
Debt cancellation	0.0	0.0	72.7	22.4	21.9	20.0
Domestic (net)	50.7	40.0	30.9	-80.4	-36.2	3.9
Banking system	78.7	23.8	65.5	13.3	-0.7	-31.6
Nonbank sources	-28.0	16.2	-34.7	-93.7	-35.5	35.5
(In percent of total GDP)						
Total revenue (excluding grants)	22.9	22.7	23.5	29.5	26.1	31.0
Oil revenue	10.6	10.3	14.0	17.9	15.5	19.4
Non-oil revenue	12.3	12.4	9.5	11.6	10.6	11.7
Total expenditure	28.3	28.6	25.5	26.3	23.4	25.1
Total expenditure, excluding interest	21.9	21.6	18.7	18.2	17.4	19.2
Current expenditure	22.9	23.5	19.8	20.8	18.1	17.9
Wage bill	9.7	9.7	7.1	7.2	6.4	6.3
Other current spending	6.9	6.8	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.8
Interest	6.4	7.0	6.7	8.1	6.0	5.9
Capital expenditure	5.3	5.1	5.6	5.5	5.3	7.1
Primary balance (on a commitment basis)	1.1	1.3	5.1	11.3	8.7	11.9
Overall balance (on a commitment basis)	-5.2	-5.7	-1.6	3.2	2.7	5.9
(In percent of non-oil GDP)						
Non-oil revenue	17.4	17.4	15.7	19.3	18.8	20.4
Wage bill	13.6	13.7	11.7	12.0	11.4	11.0
Memorandum items:	(In billions of CFA francs)					
GDP at market prices	1,480.3	1,531.7	2,326.8	2,475.2	2,890.8	3,013.7
Non-oil GDP at market prices	1,052.6	1,091.2	1,407.8	1,489.5	1,623.4	1,724.9
Stock of public debt (including domestic)	998.6	1,130.0	2,877.7	2,771.8	2,691.7	2,474.0
Stock of public debt (in percent of GDP)	67.5	73.8	123.7	112.0	93.1	82.1

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

Table 28. Gabon: Central Government Revenue and Grants, 1992-97

(In billions of CFA francs)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
Total revenue and grants	341.1	350.9	554.5	757.4	868.1	914.7
Total revenue	339.6	347.0	546.1	757.4	868.1	914.7
Oil revenue 1/	156.9	157.3	324.9	469.2	562.1	562.6
Profits tax	70.8	57.9	151.2	265.5	341.8	330.0
Royalties	65.0	67.3	139.8	155.8	182.7	192.2
Production sharing and assets	21.1	32.1	23.9	18.0	22.6	25.4
Dividends	0.0	0.0	10.0	30.0	15.0	15.0
Non-oil revenue	182.7	189.6	221.2	288.2	306.0	352.0
Tax revenue	169.2	180.9	210.5	277.7	293.9	346.2
Direct taxes	45.6	44.5	58.3	76.8	80.2	100.3
Company taxes	20.6	18.1	25.0	42.7	45.0	61.2
Mining companies	0.9	...	...	...	...	...
Other	19.8	18.1	25.0	42.7	...	...
Individual taxes	25.0	26.3	33.4	34.1	35.2	39.0
Individual income tax (IRPP)	10.2	10.6	15.0	16.1	...	...
Complementary taxes	10.9	11.4	12.8	13.3	...	...
Other taxes	1.8	2.1	2.6	2.8	...	...
Taxes on wages and salaries	2.0	2.3	3.0	2.0	...	...
Indirect taxes	53.3	55.0	58.5	61.7	43.0	64.0
Of which						
VAT	...	...	33.2	29.2	59.5	80.0
Turnover taxes	31.4	33.9	45.0	51.6	29.4	56.0
Domestic turnover	23.9	25.0	34.5	45.9	...	...
Tax on transactions	7.6	8.8	10.4	5.7	...	...
Taxes on goods and services	21.9	21.1	13.5	10.1	13.6	8.0
Of which						
Taxes on refined oil products	13.3	12.3	6.2	4.3	...	...
Taxes on int'l trade and transactions	65.8	73.3	87.2	128.7	147.8	175.9
Import taxes	61.8	66.1	75.2	110.7	125.2	148.5
Of which						
TCAI/VAT 2/	...	...	16.9	43.1	62.4	80.1
Export duties	4.0	7.2	12.0	18.0	22.6	27.4
Other revenue	18.0	16.8	17.2	21.0	35.0	11.9
Other taxes	4.5	8.1	6.4	10.5	22.9	6.0
Taxes on rent incomes	3.4	6.5	4.2	8.3	...	...
Property change taxes	1.0	1.6	2.2	2.3	...	...
Nontax revenue	13.5	8.7	10.7	10.4	12.1	5.8
Foreign grants 3/	1.5	4.0	8.4	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

1/ In 1993, includes CFAF 7 billion of oil advances.

2/ Tax on import turnover and value-added tax, respectively.

3/ French technical assistance.

Table 29. Gabon: Central Government Revenue, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In billions of CFA francs)						
Total revenue	339.6	347.0	546.1	730.6	755.1	935.4
Oil revenue	156.9	157.3	324.9	442.4	449.1	583.3
Non-oil revenue	182.7	189.6	221.2	288.2	306.0	352.0
Taxes on income and net profits	45.6	44.5	58.3	76.8	80.2	100.3
Taxes on goods and services	53.3	55.0	58.5	61.7	43.0	64.0
Taxes on international trade	65.8	73.3	87.2	128.7	147.8	175.9
Other revenue	18.0	16.8	17.2	21.0	35.0	11.9
(In percent of total revenue)						
Oil revenue	46.2	45.3	59.5	60.6	59.5	62.4
Non-oil revenue	53.8	54.7	40.5	39.4	40.5	37.6
Taxes on income and net profits	13.4	12.8	10.7	10.5	10.6	10.7
Taxes on goods and services	15.7	15.9	10.7	8.4	5.7	6.8
Taxes on international trade	19.4	21.1	16.0	17.6	19.6	18.8
Other revenue	5.3	4.9	3.1	2.9	4.6	1.3
(In percent of GDP)						
Total revenue	22.9	22.7	23.5	29.5	26.1	31.0
Oil revenue	10.6	10.3	14.0	17.9	15.5	19.4
Non-oil revenue	12.3	12.4	9.5	11.6	10.6	11.7
Taxes on income and net profits	3.1	2.9	2.5	3.1	2.8	3.3
Taxes on goods and services	3.6	3.6	2.5	2.5	1.5	2.1
Taxes on international trade	4.4	4.8	3.7	5.2	5.1	5.8
Other revenue	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.4
(Annual percent changes)						
Total revenue	-8.3	2.2	57.4	33.8	3.4	23.9
Oil revenue	-12.1	0.3	106.5	36.2	1.5	29.9
Non-oil revenue	-4.7	3.8	16.7	30.3	6.2	15.1
Taxes on income and net profits	-5.7	-2.5	31.3	31.6	4.5	25.0
Taxes on goods and services	-2.6	3.2	6.3	5.4	-30.3	48.9
Taxes on international trade	-15.8	11.4	19.0	47.6	14.8	19.0
Other revenue.	72.5	-6.3	2.0	22.2	66.8	-66.1
Memorandum items:						
(In billions of CFA francs)						
Nominal GDP	1,480.3	1,531.7	2,326.8	2,475.2	2,890.8	3,013.7
Total expenditure	418.3	438.2	592.4	650.9	676.5	756.1

Source: Staff calculations, based on data provided in Table 28.

Table 30. Gabon: Central Government Expenditure, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In billions of CFA francs)						
Total expenditure	418.3	438.2	592.4	650.9	676.5	756.1
Current expenditure	339.4	360.5	461.2	514.9	522.2	540.7
Wages and salaries	143.7	149.1	165.1	178.1	184.8	189.3
Goods and other services	85.7	85.1	113.8	112.9	142.6	150.2
Transfers and subsidies	15.9	19.3	26.0	23.0	21.6	23.3
Interest payments	94.1	107.0	156.3	201.0	173.1	177.9
Capital expenditure	79.0	77.7	131.2	136.0	154.3	215.4
(In percent of total expenditure)						
Current expenditure	81.1	82.3	77.8	79.1	77.2	71.5
Wages and salaries	34.3	34.0	27.9	27.4	27.3	25.0
Goods and other services	20.5	19.4	19.2	17.3	21.1	19.9
Transfers and subsidies	3.8	4.4	4.4	3.5	3.2	3.1
Interest payments	22.5	24.4	26.4	30.9	25.6	23.5
Capital expenditure	18.9	17.7	22.2	20.9	22.8	28.5
(In percent of GDP)						
Total expenditure	28.3	28.6	25.5	26.3	23.4	25.1
Current expenditure	22.9	23.5	19.8	20.8	18.1	17.9
Wages and salaries	9.7	9.7	7.1	7.2	6.4	6.3
Goods and other services	5.8	5.6	4.9	4.6	4.9	5.0
Transfers and subsidies	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.8
Interest payments	6.4	7.0	6.7	8.1	6.0	5.9
Capital expenditure	5.3	5.1	5.6	5.5	5.3	7.1
(In percent of total revenue)						
Total expenditure	123.2	126.3	108.5	89.1	89.6	80.8
Current expenditure	99.9	103.9	84.5	70.5	69.2	57.8
Wages and salaries	42.3	43.0	30.2	24.4	24.5	20.2
Goods and other services	25.2	24.5	20.8	15.5	18.9	16.1
Transfers and subsidies	4.7	5.6	4.8	3.1	2.9	2.5
Interest payments	27.7	30.8	28.6	27.5	22.9	19.0
Capital expenditure	23.3	22.4	24.0	18.6	20.4	23.0
Memorandum items:	(In billions of CFA francs)					
Nominal GDP	1,480.3	1,531.7	2,326.8	2,475.2	2,890.8	3,013.7
Total revenue	339.6	347.0	546.1	730.6	755.1	935.4

Sources: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization; and staff calculations.

Table 31. Gabon: Monetary Survey and Summary Accounts of the Central Bank, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996				1997							
		Adj. 1/			Mar.	June	Sep.	Dec.	Mar.	June	Sep.	Dec.				
Stocks					(In billions of CFA francs)											
Net foreign assets	-20.9	-49.1	69.9	25.2	66.2	69.3	43.8	103.5	134.1	105.4	20.7	100.7				
Central bank	-5.5	-27.8	48.0	27.2	25.4	19.9	17.5	69.5	112.2	86.9	14.4	92.4				
Deposit money banks	-15.4	-21.3	21.9	-2.1	40.8	49.5	26.3	34.0	21.9	18.5	6.3	8.4				
Net domestic assets	262.3	286.4	256.1	332.0	299.5	322.9	343.3	317.3	298.8	332.4	420.8	367.5				
Net domestic credit	311.3	331.9	396.4	454.9	418.4	421.9	463.4	439.8	425.8	459.5	549.6	503.0				
Net credit to the public sector	134.6	158.7	219.8	237.0	227.9	230.4	266.9	225.4	192.2	201.6	256.2	197.1				
Net credit to the government	136.7	160.5	226.1	239.4	243.4	241.9	277.8	238.7	213.1	217.8	264.7	207.1				
Central bank	50.0	72.7	77.3	89.4	89.2	99.1	131.3	91.2	68.7	79.1	132.1	71.4				
Deposit money banks	84.5	84.4	147.0	148.2	151.9	140.2	144.2	144.7	141.9	135.6	129.7	132.8				
Post office savings	2.1	3.5	1.8	1.8	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.5	3.2	2.9	2.9				
Claims on public agencies, net	-2.1	-1.8	-6.2	-2.4	-15.5	-11.5	-11.0	-13.3	-20.9	-16.2	-8.5	-10.0				
Credit to the economy	176.7	173.3	176.6	217.9	190.4	191.5	196.6	214.4	233.6	257.9	293.4	305.8				
Other items, net	-49.0	-45.6	-140.3	-123.0	-118.9	-99.0	-120.1	-122.5	-126.9	-127.1	-128.8	-135.5				
Broad money	241.5	237.3	326.0	357.1	365.6	392.2	387.2	420.8	433.0	437.8	441.5	468.2				
Currency outside banks	56.8	50.5	76.9	98.8	83.7	90.2	98.8	110.9	106.3	107.7	108.8	121.0				
Demand deposits	85.6	87.0	118.1	118.4	133.2	163.8	140.7	165.1	171.2	173.7	169.2	177.2				
Time deposits	99.1	99.9	131.0	139.9	148.7	138.2	147.7	144.8	155.5	156.5	163.4	170.0				
Central Bank																
Net foreign assets	-5.5	-27.8	48.0	27.2	25.4	19.9	17.5	69.5	112.2	86.9	14.4	92.4				
Assets	20.8	3.4	96.3	75.0	73.0	83.8	80.5	132.7	176.9	168.7	94.7	171.4				
Liabilities	-26.2	-31.2	-48.3	-47.8	-47.6	-64.0	-63.0	-63.2	-64.7	-81.8	-80.3	-79.1				
Net domestic assets	68.2	86.2	85.8	98.7	96.4	85.4	107.7	76.4	27.7	59.5	113.0	75.5				
Net credit to the government	50.0	72.7	77.3	89.4	89.2	99.1	131.3	91.2	68.7	79.1	132.1	71.4				
Claims	58.0	75.8	95.8	101.9	102.7	137.0	146.3	109.6	89.2	98.7	146.6	166.6				
Statutory advances	35.8	49.1	47.9	54.6	54.1	72.1	82.4	61.0	23.1	29.4	78.6	102.8				
Use of IMF credit	22.2	26.6	47.9	47.3	47.0	63.3	62.4	47.0	64.5	67.7	66.4	62.2				
Deposits	8.0	3.1	18.5	12.5	13.5	38.0	15.0	19.5	20.5	19.7	14.6	30.5				
Claims on deposit money banks	26.7	19.8	0.2	3.7	3.1	2.3	1.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Claims on nonbank institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Other items, net	-8.5	-6.3	8.3	5.5	4.1	-16.0	-24.9	-15.6	-41.0	-19.6	-19.1	4.2				
Reserve money	62.7	58.3	133.8	125.9	121.8	105.2	125.2	146.0	139.9	146.4	127.4	167.9				
Currency outside banks	56.8	50.5	76.9	98.8	83.7	90.2	98.8	110.9	106.3	107.7	108.8	121.0				
Banks' reserves	5.9	7.9	56.9	27.1	38.1	15.0	26.4	35.1	33.7	38.7	18.5	46.9				
Deposits at BEAC	2.8	4.1	52.0	22.0	31.4	9.1	17.8	25.6	23.2	27.4	8.0	32.7				
Currency in vault	3.1	3.7	4.8	5.0	6.7	5.9	8.7	9.4	10.5	11.2	10.5	11.5				
Memorandum items:					(Annual percentage changes of beginning of period)											
Monetary survey																
Net foreign assets	-22.0	-11.7	50.2	-13.7	11.5	12.4	5.2	21.9	30.5	22.5	-1.2	21.2				
Net domestic assets	10.8	10.0	-12.8	23.3	-9.1	-2.5	3.2	-4.1	-9.3	0.1	24.9	9.9				
Net domestic credit	15.2	8.5	27.2	18.0	-10.2	-9.3	2.4	-4.2	-8.2	1.3	26.5	13.5				
Net credit to the government	28.9	9.9	27.6	4.1	1.1	0.7	10.8	-0.2	-7.4	-6.0	7.1	-9.0				
Credit to the economy	-2.4	-1.4	1.4	12.7	-7.7	-7.4	-6.0	-1.0	4.4	11.2	21.1	24.6				
Broad money	-11.2	-1.7	37.4	9.6	2.4	9.8	8.4	17.8	21.2	22.6	23.6	31.1				
					(Annual percentage changes, unless otherwise indicated)											
Credit to the economy	-3.6	-1.9	1.9	23.4	-1.2	-12.1	-10.7	-1.6	22.6	34.7	49.3	42.6				
Broad money	-11.2	-1.7	37.4	9.6	8.7	9.8	14.1	17.8	18.4	11.6	14.0	11.3				
Nominal non-oil GDP	-1.2	3.7	29.0	5.8	...	...	...	9.0	...	...	...	6.3
Velocity to non-oil GDP																
End of period	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.2	...	...	...	3.9	...	...	...	3.7
Average	4.1	4.6	5.0	4.4	...	...	...	4.2	...	...	...	3.9
Cover ratio	29.4	5.5	63.2	54.2	53.9	58.5	57.4	74.4	110.3	101.6	66.7	93.1				

Source: BEAC.

1/ Incorporates the effects of the devaluation of January 1994.

Table 32. Gabon: Summary Accounts of the Central Bank, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996				1997			
		Adj. 1/			Mar.	June	Sep.	Dec.	Mar.	June	Sep.	Dec.
(In billions of CFA francs; end of period)												
Net foreign assets	-5.5	-27.8	48.0	27.2	25.4	19.9	17.5	69.5	112.2	86.9	14.4	92.4
Assets	20.8	3.4	96.3	75.0	73.0	83.8	80.5	132.7	176.9	168.7	94.7	171.4
Liabilities	-26.2	-31.2	-48.3	-47.8	-47.6	-64.0	-63.0	-63.2	-64.7	-81.8	-80.3	-79.1
Net domestic assets	68.2	86.2	85.8	98.7	96.4	105.1	138.0	76.4	59.5	82.5	133.4	75.5
Net credit to the government	50.0	72.7	77.3	89.4	89.2	99.1	131.3	91.2	68.7	79.1	132.1	71.4
Claims	58.0	75.8	95.8	101.9	102.7	137.0	146.3	123.6	89.2	98.7	146.6	87.5
Statutory advances	35.8	49.1	47.9	54.6	54.1	72.1	82.4	59.3	23.1	29.4	78.6	20.7
Use of IMF credit	22.2	26.6	47.9	47.3	47.0	63.3	62.4	62.7	64.5	67.7	66.4	65.2
Deposits	8.0	3.1	18.5	12.5	13.5	38.0	15.0	32.4	20.5	19.7	14.6	16.1
Claims on deposit money banks	26.7	19.8	0.2	3.7	3.1	2.3	1.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Claims on nonbank institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other items, net	-8.5	-6.3	8.3	5.5	4.1	3.8	5.4	-15.6	-9.2	3.4	1.3	4.2
Reserve money at BEAC	62.7	58.3	133.8	125.9	121.8	125.0	155.5	146.0	171.7	169.4	147.8	167.9
Currency outside banks	56.8	50.5	76.9	98.8	83.7	90.2	98.8	110.9	106.3	107.7	108.8	121.0
Banks' reserves	5.9	7.9	56.9	27.1	38.1	34.7	56.7	35.1	65.5	61.7	39.0	46.9
Deposits at BEAC	2.8	4.1	52.0	22.0	31.4	28.8	48.1	25.6	55.0	50.4	29.1	32.7
Currency in vault	3.1	3.7	4.8	5.0	6.7	5.9	8.7	9.4	10.5	11.2	9.8	11.5
(In percent, unless otherwise indicated)												
Implicit reserves ratio	2.4	3.0	16.5	7.5	9.9	7.9	13.0	8.1	15.7	14.4	8.1	10.8
Reserve money/deposits	34.0	31.2	53.7	48.7	43.2	41.4	53.9	47.1	52.6	51.3	44.4	48.4
Reserve money/broad money	26.0	24.6	41.0	35.3	33.3	31.9	40.2	34.7	39.7	38.7	33.5	35.9
Reserve money multiplier	3.8	4.1	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.5	2.9	2.5	2.6	3.0	2.8

Source: BEAC.

1/ Incorporates the effects of the devaluation of January 1994.

Table 33. Gabon: Summary Accounts of the Deposit Money Banks, 1992-97

	1992	1993 Adj. 1/	1994	1995	1996				1997			
					Mar.	June	Sep.	Dec.	Mar.	June	Sep.	Dec.
(In billions of CFA francs; end of period)												
Net foreign assets	-15.4	-21.3	21.9	-2.1	40.8	49.5	26.3	34.0	21.9	18.5	6.3	8.4
Assets	16.9	31.3	44.0	37.1	61.7	67.8	51.6	83.3	53.0	49.4	36.6	38.7
Liabilities	-32.3	-52.6	-22.1	-39.2	-20.9	-18.4	-25.3	-49.3	-31.1	-30.8	-30.3	-30.3
Net domestic assets	257.9	254.5	316.0	362.5	241.2	252.5	262.1	275.9	304.8	311.6	326.3	338.8
Net credit to the public sector	82.5	82.5	140.7	145.8	136.4	128.7	133.2	131.4	121.0	119.4	121.2	122.8
Net credit to the government	84.5	84.4	147.0	148.2	151.9	140.2	144.2	144.7	141.9	135.6	129.7	132.8
Claims	102.0	92.5	168.8	156.8	154.1	148.7	147.5	148.2	144.8	140.5	135.3	138.1
Deposits	-17.5	-8.2	-21.8	-8.7	-2.3	-8.5	-3.3	-3.5	-2.9	-5.0	-5.6	-5.3
Net credit to public agencies	-2.1	-1.8	-6.2	-2.4	-15.5	-11.5	-11.0	-13.3	-20.9	-16.2	-8.5	-10.0
Claims	3.4	6.7	4.1	4.3	4.9	5.2	3.9	4.2	3.5	4.5	4.1	5.3
Deposits	-5.4	-8.5	-10.4	-6.7	-20.4	-16.7	-14.9	-17.5	-24.4	-20.7	-12.6	-15.3
Credit to private sector	175.4	172.0	175.3	216.7	190.4	191.5	196.6	214.4	233.6	257.9	293.4	305.8
Net credit from central bank	-20.7	-12.0	56.7	23.3	41.2	37.0	58.0	34.3	65.5	61.7	39.0	44.2
Borrowing	26.7	19.8	0.2	3.7	3.1	2.3	1.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reserves	5.9	7.9	56.9	27.1	38.1	34.7	56.7	35.1	65.5	61.7	39.0	44.2
Deposits	2.8	4.1	52.0	22.0	31.4	28.8	48.1	25.6	55.0	50.4	29.1	32.7
Currency in vault	3.1	3.7	4.8	5.0	6.7	5.9	8.7	9.4	10.5	11.2	9.8	11.5
Other items, net	-37.1	-34.5	-145.6	-125.4	-126.8	-104.7	-125.7	-104.3	-115.3	-127.3	-127.2	-134.0
Liabilities to the private sector	184.7	186.8	249.1	258.3	281.9	302.0	288.4	309.9	326.7	330.1	332.6	347.2
Demand deposits	85.6	87.0	118.1	118.4	133.2	163.8	140.7	165.1	171.2	173.7	169.2	177.2
Time deposits	99.1	99.9	131.0	139.9	148.7	138.2	147.7	144.8	155.5	156.5	163.4	170.0
Memorandum items:												
(In percent)												
Implicit reserves ratio	3.7	4.6	26.2	11.1	14.7	12.6	21.0	12.1	21.9	20.3	12.4	13.5
Currency/deposits	30.7	27.0	30.9	38.3	29.7	29.9	34.2	35.8	32.5	32.6	32.7	34.9
Credit to private sector/deposits	95.0	92.1	70.4	83.9	67.5	63.4	68.2	69.2	71.5	78.1	88.2	88.1
Credit to private sector/non-oil GDP	16.7	15.8	12.5	14.5	11.7	11.8	12.1	13.2	13.5	14.9	17.0	17.7
Credit to private sector/total GDP	11.9	11.2	7.5	8.8	6.6	6.6	6.8	7.4	7.7	8.6	9.7	10.1

Source: BEAC.

1/ Incorporates the effects of the devaluation of January 1994.

Table 34. Gabon: Monetary Indicators, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
(In billions of CFA francs)						
Total GDP	1,480.3	1,531.7	2,326.8	2,475.2	2,890.8	3,013.7
Non-oil GDP	1,052.6	1,091.2	1,407.8	1,489.5	1,623.4	1,724.9
Broad money						
End-of-period	241.5	237.3	326.0	357.1	420.8	433.0
Five-quarter average	254.2	239.9	290.7	342.9	384.6	399.8
Average of start and end of period	256.7	239.4	281.6	341.5	388.9	426.9
Reserve money						
End-of-period	62.7	58.3	133.8	125.9	146.0	139.9
Five-quarter average	69.3	60.0	95.0	120.7	124.8	127.6
Average of start and end of period	74.9	60.5	96.1	129.8	135.9	142.9
(Ratios)						
Velocity (non-oil GDP)						
End-of-period	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.2	3.9	4.0
Five-quarter average	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.3	4.2	4.3
Average of start and end of period	4.1	4.6	5.0	4.4	4.2	4.0
Velocity (total GDP)						
End-of-period	6.1	6.5	7.1	6.9	6.9	7.0
Five-quarter average	5.8	6.4	8.0	7.2	7.5	7.5
Average of start and end of period	5.8	6.4	8.3	7.2	7.4	7.1
(Annual percentage changes)						
Non-oil GDP	-1.2	3.7	29.0	5.8	9.0	6.3
Total GDP	-2.9	3.5	51.9	6.4	16.8	4.3
Broad money						
End-of-period	-11.2	-1.7	37.4	9.6	17.8	18.4
Five-quarter average	-5.9	-5.6	21.2	18.0	12.2	3.9
Average of start and end of period	-3.8	-6.8	17.7	21.3	13.9	9.8
Reserve money						
End-of-period	-28.0	-7.0	129.4	-5.9	15.9	14.9
Five-quarter average	-17.0	-13.5	58.4	27.0	3.4	2.3
Average of start and end of period	-4.0	-19.2	58.7	35.2	4.7	5.2

Sources: BEAC; and staff calculations.

Table 35. Gabon: Sectoral Distribution of Credit to the Economy by Activity, 1992-97 1/

(In billions of CFA francs, end of period)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Short-term credit						
Agriculture and fishing	102.0	103.2	99.2	144.2	126.5	188.8
Forestry	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.4	2.5	2.9
Mining	6.4	5.1	5.1	7.1	7.9	7.7
Industry	20.3	19.6	23.1	13.9	11.8	25.4
Water and electricity	14.1	14.3	12.4	14.9	12.2	14.1
Construction and public works	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.1
Domestic trade	5.3	4.6	4.6	21.9	23.2	26.4
Export trade	16.5	18.0	16.5	24.4	21.9	31.2
Services	21.8	28.1	23.5	31.4	23.0	33.8
Individuals	7.8	7.3	8.2	19.6	17.5	30.7
Medium- and long-term credit						
Agriculture and fishing	62.8	62.1	65.3	68.3	78.9	104.7
Forestry	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.6	8.8
Mining	1.7	2.5	3.5	6.6	7.4	2.4
Industry	15.3	14.5	12.2	11.1	18.3	11.9
Water and electricity	9.2	6.7	3.7	4.4	6.4	10.9
Construction and public works	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3	2.5
Domestic trade	2.6	2.0	2.8	2.3	1.5	4.2
Export trade	7.6	6.9	6.6	10.8	11.0	20.1
Services	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.6	3.3
Individuals	15.5	13.6	17.6	18.8	16.2	18.0
Total	164.8	165.3	164.5	212.5	205.4	293.5

Source: BEAC.

1/ Data include only loans exceeding CFAF 5 million as communicated to the BEAC.

Table 36. Gabon: Interest Rate Structure, March 1995-May 1997

(In percent per annum)

	1995					1996									1997	
	3/13/95	6/29/95	7/05/95	9/25/95	12/07/95	1/01/96	2/08/96	3/12/96	4/15/96	5/06/96	6/03/96	6/04/96	7/29/96	10/16/96	11/20/96	5/1/1997
Central bank																
Lending operations																
Rates on advances to national treasuries	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.5
Penalty rate on advances to national treasuries	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.3	10.3
Auction rate (TIAO) 1/ 3/	8.0	8.8	8.8	8.0	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.2	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.5	7.5
Repurchase rate (TIPP) 2/ 3/	10.0	10.5	10.5	10.0	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.2	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.5
Penalty rate on lending to banks	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Absorption of liquidity																
Rate on special deposits by national treasuries	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0
Rate on special deposits by banks 3/	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
BEAC certificates (TISP) 4/																
7-day maturity	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0
28-day maturity	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.8	4.6	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1
84-day maturity	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.6	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Commercial banks																
Maximum lending rate (TDM) 5/	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0
Minimum deposit rate	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

Source: BEAC.

1/ The auction rate, which is set by the Governor of the BEAC, is derived from the money market auctions and constitutes the reference rate.

2/ The repurchase rate is the basic rate and is set at 1.5 to 2 percentage points above the *taux d'intérêt sur les appels d'offre* (TIAO).

3/ Introduced in July 1994 with the adoption of indirect instruments of monetary policy.

4/ Introduced in February 1996; the rates on certificates with maturities of 28 and 84 days are equal to the rate on the 7-day maturity certificate plus 1/16 and 1/8 percentage point, respectively.

5/ Effective January 15, 1996, the maximum lending rate (*taux débiteur maximum - TDM*) equals the penalty rate on lending operations to banks plus a fixed margin of 7 percentage points.

Table 37. Gabon: Balance of Payments, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In billions of CFA francs)						
Current account (including transfers)	-59.8	-16.4	186.4	79.3	141.6	138.4
Exports, f.o.b.	597.4	658.7	1,313.2	1,319.2	1,631.6	1,776.3
Imports, f.o.b.	-234.7	-239.3	-431.2	-448.4	-495.9	-594.3
Trade balance	362.8	419.4	882.0	870.9	1,135.7	1,182.0
Services (net)	-373.6	-380.7	-613.5	-695.3	-883.7	-916.3
<i>Of which</i>						
Interest on public debt	-76.4	-85.2	-119.8	-167.1	-152.1	-155.4
Profits	-53.8	-45.8	-71.7	-83.6	-244.6	-142.7
Transfers (net)	-48.9	-55.2	-82.2	-96.2	-110.5	-127.3
Public	1.5	4.0	8.4	0.0	0.0	10.0
Private	-50.4	-59.1	-90.6	-96.2	-110.5	-137.3
Capital account	-68.7	-125.0	-280.5	-294.4	-272.0	-258.4
Medium- and long-term capital	-118.1	-132.3	-144.1	-222.9	-181.4	-184.8
Government	-62.3	-77.5	-73.9	-139.9	-90.0	-156.0
Drawings	26.7	16.8	109.7	83.0	101.5	53.8
Amortization	-89.0	-94.3	-183.6	-222.9	-191.5	-209.8
Direct investment and portfolio investment	-23.1	-32.2	-55.3	-59.7	-74.6	-36.8
Private debt	-32.7	-22.6	-15.0	-23.3	-16.8	8.1
Oil sector	-16.6	-10.0	-32.0	-23.1	-15.9	-2.1
Non-Oil sector	-16.1	-12.6	17.0	-0.2	-0.9	10.2
Short-term capital	49.3	7.3	-136.3	-71.4	-90.5	-73.7
Oil sector	5.3	-11.3	-122.9	-9.9	-57.1	-71.1
Non-oil sector	-16.6	11.2	-33.3	7.2	-51.5	-0.4
Other and errors and omissions	60.6	7.4	19.9	-68.7	18.0	-2.2
Overall balance	-128.5	-141.4	-94.1	-215.0	-130.4	-120.0
Financing	128.5	141.4	94.1	215.0	130.4	120.0
Central bank net foreign assets (- = increase)	58.8	22.4	-75.9	20.8	-42.3	-22.9
Debt rescheduling	6.0	0.0	800.2	171.8	150.8	122.9
Debt cancellation	0.0	0.0	72.7	22.4	21.9	20.0
Arrears (- = reduction)	63.7	119.0	-703.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Memorandum items:						
(In percent of GDP, unless otherwise indicated)						
Current account	-4.0	-1.1	8.0	3.2	4.9	4.6
Oil	17.7	17.3	26.5	24.5	23.7	28.0
Non-oil	-21.7	-18.3	-18.5	-21.3	-18.8	-23.4
Capital account	-4.6	-8.2	-12.1	-11.9	-9.4	-8.6
Overall balance	-8.7	-9.2	-4.0	-8.7	-4.5	-4.0
Stock of external public debt 1/	47.2	53.4	53.2	54.1	81.2	75.5
Débt service ratio 2/						
Before debt relief	25.7	25.4	22.0	28.5	19.5	19.1
After debt relief	24.8	25.4	9.4	15.5	9.8	11.6
Gross official reserves (billions of CFAF)	20.8	3.4	96.3	75.0	132.7	171.4
Oil production (millions of tons)	14.7	15.6	17.2	18.1	18.3	18.5
GDP (billions of CFAF)	1,480.3	1,531.7	2,326.8	2,475.2	2,890.8	3,013.7
GDP real growth rate (percent)	-3.3	2.4	3.4	7.0	3.8	4.1
CFAF/US\$ (average)	264.7	283.2	555.2	499.2	511.6	583.7

Source: BEAC.

1/ Excluding IMF.

2/ In percent of exports of goods and nonfactor services.

Table 38. Gabon: Balance of Payments, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In millions of SDRs)						
Current account (including transfers)	-160.3	-41.5	234.5	104.8	190.6	172.3
Exports, f.o.b.	1,602.6	1,666.1	1,652.1	1,742.2	2,197.0	2,211.8
Imports, f.o.b.	-629.5	-605.2	-542.5	-592.1	-667.7	-740.0
Trade balance	973.1	1,060.9	1,109.6	1,150.1	1,529.3	1,471.8
Services (net) <i>Of which</i>	-1,002.2	-962.8	-771.8	-918.2	-1,189.9	-1,140.9
Interest on public debt	-204.9	-215.5	-150.7	-220.7	-204.9	-193.5
Profits	-144.4	-115.7	-90.2	-110.5	-329.3	-177.7
Transfers (net)	-131.2	-139.5	-103.4	-127.1	-148.7	-158.6
Public	4.1	10.0	10.6	0.0	0.0	12.5
Private	-135.3	-149.5	-113.9	-127.1	-148.7	-171.0
Capital account	-184.4	-316.1	-352.8	-388.7	-366.2	-321.8
Medium- and long-term capital	-316.7	-334.6	-181.3	-294.4	-244.3	-230.1
Government	-167.1	-196.0	-93.0	-184.7	-121.2	-194.3
Drawings	71.6	42.5	138.0	109.6	136.7	67.0
Amortization	-238.7	-238.5	-231.0	-294.3	-257.9	-261.3
Direct investment and portfolio investment	-62.0	-81.4	-69.5	-78.9	-100.5	-45.8
Private debt	-87.6	-57.1	-18.9	-30.8	-22.6	10.1
Oil sector	-44.5	-25.3	-40.3	-30.5	-21.4	-2.6
Non-Oil sector	-43.1	-31.8	21.4	-0.3	-1.2	12.7
Short-term capital	132.4	18.5	-171.5	-94.3	-121.9	-91.7
Oil sector	14.2	-28.5	-154.6	-13.1	-76.9	-88.5
Non-oil sector	-44.5	28.2	-41.9	9.5	-69.3	-0.5
Other and errors and omissions	162.6	18.8	25.0	-90.7	24.3	-2.7
Overall balance	-344.7	-357.6	-118.4	-283.9	-175.6	-149.5
Financing	344.7	357.6	118.4	283.9	175.6	149.5
Central bank net foreign assets (- = increase)	157.7	56.6	-95.4	27.5	-56.9	-28.5
Debt rescheduling	16.1	0.0	1,006.7	226.9	203.0	153.0
Debt cancellation	0.0	0.0	91.5	29.6	29.5	24.9
Arrears (- = reduction)	170.9	301.0	-884.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financing gap (-)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Memorandum items:						
(In percent of GDP, unless otherwise indicated)						
Current account	-4.0	-1.1	8.0	3.2	4.9	4.6
Oil	17.7	17.3	26.5	24.5	23.7	28.0
Non-oil	-21.7	-18.3	-18.5	-21.3	-18.8	-23.4
Capital account	-4.6	-8.2	-12.1	-11.9	-9.4	-8.6
Overall balance	-8.7	-9.2	-4.0	-8.7	-4.5	-4.0
Stock of external public debt	55.7	8.6	121.1	99.0	178.7	213.5
Debt service ratio 1/						
Before debt relief	25.7	25.4	22.0	28.5	19.5	19.1
After debt relief	24.8	25.4	9.4	15.5	9.8	11.6
Gross official reserves (millions of SDRs)	55.7	8.6	121.1	99.0	178.7	213.5
Oil production (millions of tons)	14.7	15.6	17.2	18.1	18.3	18.5
GDP (millions of SDRs)	3,970.8	3,873.9	2,927.2	3,268.8	3,892.5	3,752.4
GDP real growth rate (percent)	-3.3	2.4	3.4	7.0	3.8	4.1
CFAF/SDR (average)	372.8	395.4	794.9	757.2	742.7	803.1

Source: BEAC.

1/ In percent of exports of goods and nonfactor services.

Table 39. Gabon: Balance of Payments of the Oil Sector, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In billions of CFA francs)						
Current account	261.9	264.6	617.7	607.3	686.4	844.8
Exports, f.o.b.	487.5	503.4	1,019.2	1,055.4	1,335.1	1,369.6
Imports, f.o.b.	-48.9	-47.0	-99.6	-104.3	-107.4	-117.8
Trade balance	438.6	456.4	919.6	951.1	1,227.7	1,251.8
Services, net	-163.5	-179.1	-284.0	-324.9	-521.7	-386.2
Transport, travel, insurance	-35.6	-31.4	-56.0	-59.5	-69.0	-62.3
Profits and dividends	-21.0	-30.4	-45.0	-63.6	-232.6	-108.3
Interest expenditure	-33.6	-30.5	-31.4	-52.2	-31.8	-14.5
Other private services	-73.3	-86.8	-151.6	-149.6	-188.3	-201.2
Private transfers	-13.2	-12.8	-17.9	-18.9	-19.7	-20.8
Capital account	4.0	-54.6	-207.4	-102.8	-158.7	-120.0
Long-term capital	-16.6	-10.0	-32.0	-23.1	-15.9	-2.1
Drawings	41.1	40.0	73.5	76.0	78.6	89.1
Amortization	-57.7	-50.0	-105.5	-99.1	-94.4	-91.2
Direct investment	15.3	-33.3	-52.5	-69.7	-85.7	-46.8
Portfolio Investment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long-term assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Short-term capital	5.3	-11.3	-122.9	-9.9	-57.1	-71.1
Commercial credits	3.7	-1.4	-113.1	-9.9	-57.1	-25.0
Other	1.6	-9.9	-9.8	0.0	0.0	-46.1
Overall balance	265.9	209.9	410.3	504.6	527.7	724.8
Oil taxes paid to the government	156.9	157.3	323.5	436.9	418.9	358.9
Other domestic costs (estimates)	109.0	52.6	86.8	67.7	108.8	365.9
Memorandum items:	(In percent, unless otherwise indicated)					
Current account/GDP	17.7	17.3	26.5	24.5	23.7	28.0
Current account/oil exports	53.7	52.6	60.6	57.5	51.4	61.7
Short-term capital/oil exports	1.1	-2.2	-12.1	-0.9	-4.3	-5.2
Exports/GDP	32.9	32.9	43.8	42.6	46.2	45.4
GDP (in billions of CFAF)	1,480.3	1,531.7	2,326.8	2,475.2	2,890.8	3,013.7

Source: BEAC.

Table 40. Gabon: Balance of Payments of the Non-Oil Sector, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In billions of CFA francs)						
Current account	-321.6	-281.0	-431.3	-528.0	-544.8	-706.4
Exports f.o.b.	110.0	155.3	294.0	263.8	296.5	406.7
Imports f.o.b.	-185.8	-192.3	-331.6	-344.1	-388.5	-476.5
Trade balance	-75.8	-36.9	-37.6	-80.3	-92.0	-69.8
Services, net	-210.1	-201.6	-329.4	-370.4	-362.0	-530.1
Transport, travel, insurance	-62.9	-69.4	-124.2	-125.5	-153.3	-202.7
Profits and dividends	-32.8	-15.3	-26.7	-20.1	-12.0	-34.4
Interest expenditure (public)	-76.4	-85.2	-119.8	-167.1	-152.1	-155.4
Interest expenditure (non-oil private)	-28.0	-16.8	-52.4	-53.6	-30.4	-81.2
Other private services	-10.0	-14.9	-6.3	-4.1	-14.2	-56.4
Private transfers	-35.7	-42.4	-64.3	-77.3	-90.8	-106.5
Capital account	-72.7	-70.4	-73.1	-191.6	-113.3	-138.4
Long-term capital	-70.5	-88.4	-69.7	-152.1	-103.9	-158.9
Public debt	-62.3	-77.5	-73.9	-139.9	-90.0	-156.0
Drawings	26.7	16.8	109.7	83.0	101.5	53.8
Amortization	-89.0	-94.3	-183.6	-222.9	-191.5	-209.8
Private debt	-8.2	-10.9	4.2	-12.2	-13.9	-2.8
Drawings	3.2	3.1	7.6	8.3	9.1	31.3
Amortization	-11.4	-14.1	-3.4	-20.5	-23.0	-34.2
Direct investment	-38.4	1.1	-2.8	10.0	11.1	10.0
Long-term assets	-7.9	-1.7	12.8	12.0	13.0	13.0
Short-term capital	44.0	18.6	-13.4	-61.5	-33.4	-2.6
Commercial credits	0.2	15.0	5.7	-3.7	-1.9	6.6
Other	-16.8	-3.8	-39.0	10.9	-49.6	-7.0
Other and errors and omissions	60.6	7.4	19.9	-68.7	18.0	-2.2
Overall balance	-394.4	-351.3	-504.4	-719.6	-658.1	-844.8
Memorandum items:	(In percent, unless otherwise indicated)					
Current account/GDP	-21.7	-18.3	-18.5	-21.3	-18.8	-23.4
Current account/non-oil GDP	-30.6	-25.7	-30.6	-35.4	-33.6	-41.0
Exports/GDP	7.4	10.1	12.6	10.7	10.3	13.5
GDP (in billions of CFAF)	1,480.3	1,531.7	2,326.8	2,475.2	2,890.8	3,013.7
Non-oil GDP (in billions of CFAF)	1,052.6	1,091.2	1,407.8	1,489.5	1,623.4	1,724.9

Source: BEAC.

Table 41. Gabon: Composition of Exports, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
Petroleum						
			(In units indicated)			
Volume (thousand tons)	14,334.7	15,262.0	16,797.5	17,688.3	17,804.5	17,961.0
Value (million CFAF)	487.5	503.4	1,019.2	1,055.4	1,335.1	1,369.6
Unit value (CFAF per ton)	33,881.1	32,885.1	60,281.4	59,299.0	74,620.8	75,894.6
Unit value (US\$ per ton)	128.0	116.1	108.6	118.8	145.9	130.0
Unit value (US\$ per barrel)	17.8	16.1	15.1	16.5	20.3	18.1
Manganese						
Volume (million tons)	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.9	2.1	2.0
Value (million CFAF)	41.7	38.8	57.4	66.4	77.6	88.9
Unit value (CFAF per kg)	28.7	23.3	38.3	34.9	37.6	43.8
Unit value (U.S. cents per kg)	10.8	8.2	6.9	7.0	7.4	7.5
Uranium						
Volume (tons)	589.0	551.0	644.0	650.0	600.0	513.0
Value (million CFAF)	11.3	9.9	16.0	15.5	13.2	11.7
Unit value (CFAF per kg)	19,165.2	17,967.4	24,877.0	23,883.1	21,972.5	22,800.0
Unit value (US\$ per kg)	72.4	63.5	44.8	47.8	43.0	39.1
Timber						
Volume (million of cubic meters)	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.8
Value (million CFAF)	52.8	90.1	194.6	172.6	196.0	257.7
Unit value (CFAF per cubic meter)	34,595.7	45,943.0	96,707.8	85,111.7	90,581.5	91,582.1
Unit value (US\$ per cubic meter)	130.7	162.3	174.2	170.5	177.1	156.9
Other						
Value (million CFAF)	4.2	16.5	26.0	9.4	9.8	48.4
Total						
Value (million CFAF)	597.4	658.7	1,313.2	1,319.2	1,631.6	1,776.3
<i>Of which</i>						
Non-oil	110.0	155.3	294.0	263.8	296.5	406.7
(In percent of total exports of goods)						
Petroleum	81.6	76.4	77.6	80.0	81.8	77.1
Manganese	7.0	5.9	4.4	5.0	4.8	5.0
Uranium	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.7
Timber	8.8	13.7	14.8	13.1	12.0	14.5
Other	0.7	2.5	2.0	0.7	0.6	2.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Memorandum item:						
CFAF per US\$ (period average)	264.7	283.2	555.2	499.2	511.6	583.7

Source: BEAC.

Table 42. Gabon: Composition of Imports 1996-98 1/

	1996	1997	1997 1st half	1998 1st half
(In billions of CFA francs)				
Prepared foodstuffs (excluding beverages)	79.8	92.3	48.1	46.3
Beverages	8.9	11.1	5.3	6.0
Base metals and articles of base metals	24.6	35.8	16.0	19.2
Machinery and mechanical appliances	99.3	115.8	54.4	68.6
Machines, and electrical appliances	34.2	37.2	18.0	18.1
Vehicles	45.0	66.6	27.5	38.9
Consumption goods (excluding foodstuffs and beverages)	78.3	89.8	41.1	56.3
Intermediary products imported by construction and public works	14.4	19.7	8.9	12.1
Others	74.9	109.8	34.2	85.9
Total	459.5	578.1	253.5	351.5
(In percent of total)				
Prepared foodstuffs (excluding beverages)	17.4	16.0	19.0	13.2
Beverages	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.7
Base metals and articles of base metals	5.4	6.2	6.3	5.5
Machinery and mechanical appliances	21.6	20.0	21.5	19.5
Machines, and electrical appliances	7.4	6.4	7.1	5.1
Vehicles	9.8	11.5	10.8	11.1
Consumption goods (excluding foodstuffs and beverages)	17.1	15.5	16.2	16.0
Intermediary products imported by construction and public works	16.3	19.0	13.5	24.4
Others	16.3	19.0	13.5	24.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

1/ These data only refer to taxable imports; data prior to 1996 are not available.

Table 43. Gabon: Foreign Trade Indicators, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(Annual percentage changes)						
Total exports, f.o.b. 1/	-5.0	10.3	99.4	0.5	23.7	8.9
Volume	2.9	13.3	8.4	4.2	1.4	6.4
Price	-7.7	-2.7	83.9	-3.6	21.9	2.3
Oil exports, f.o.b. 1/	-5.0	3.3	102.5	3.6	26.5	2.6
Volume	-0.5	6.4	10.5	5.3	0.5	0.9
Price	-4.5	-2.9	83.3	-1.6	25.8	1.7
Total imports, f.o.b. 1/	-3.4	2.0	80.2	4.0	10.6	19.8
Volume	0.5	3.0	-11.5	4.3	10.2	13.8
Price	-3.9	-1.0	103.5	-0.3	0.3	5.3
Total imports of:						
Oil sector 1/	-13.7	-2.9	4.1	5.0	2.6	4.2
Public sector 1/	-8.9	-6.8	77.8	3.6	17.8	29.7
Private non-oil sector 1/	4.8	6.9	70.9	3.8	11.5	20.4
Terms of trade 1/	-3.9	-1.7	-9.7	-3.3	21.5	-2.8
(In percent, unless otherwise indicated)						
Oil exports/total exports 2/	81.6	76.4	77.6	80.0	81.8	77.1
Exports, f.o.b./GDP	40.4	43.0	56.4	53.3	56.4	58.9
Imports, f.o.b./GDP	15.9	15.6	18.5	18.1	17.2	19.7
Memorandum item:						
National oil price (US\$/bbl)	17.8	16.1	15.1	16.5	20.3	18.1

Source: BEAC.

1/ In CFA franc terms.

2/ f.o.b.

Table 44. Gabon: Direction of Trade, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
Exports, f.o.b. (In percent of total)						
European Union	41.3	23.5	28.2	22.1	14.6	12.5
France	27.5	18.8	15.9	11.5	7.6	8.1
Germany	2.3	0.3	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.2
Italy	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.3	0.8
Benelux	4.7	0.7	1.0	2.3	1.0	1.0
United Kingdom	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3
Other	5.8	2.3	9.2	5.2	3.5	2.1
Other Europe	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.4	0.9
United States	39.1	42.9	49.0	58.8	66.4	68.2
Other Western Hemisphere	8.0	6.5	2.6	2.1	3.3	1.9
Japan	3.5	16.1	8.1	4.2	4.5	3.2
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
African countries	2.1	2.4	4.2	3.2	1.9	1.6
<i>Of which</i>						
UDEAC 1/	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	5.9	8.6	7.9	8.4	7.8	11.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Imports, c.i.f. (In percent of total imports)						
European Union	66.5	71.6	68.3	67.5	66.7	65.2
France	47.3	47.9	42.7	44.9	43.5	39.1
Germany	3.3	2.3	3.8	2.5	2.3	3.5
Italy	2.8	2.6	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.3
Benelux	7.0	6.7	9.8	9.4	8.8	9.7
United Kingdom	3.9	3.9	6.0	4.9	3.8	4.3
Other	2.2	8.1	2.5	3.0	5.0	5.2
Other Europe	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4
United States	6.2	5.8	5.8	6.6	6.5	8.1
Other Western Hemisphere	0.8	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.4
Japan	6.0	5.8	4.8	5.0	4.1	4.0
African countries	13.4	13.6	14.1	12.6	14.0	14.2
<i>Of which</i>						
UDEAC 1/	0.4	0.3	0.2	3.4	2.6	1.5
Other	6.9	1.6	6.2	7.8	8.1	7.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics, 1998.

1/ Union Douanière et Economique de l'Afrique Centrale.

Table 45. Gabon: Services and Current Transfers, 1992-97

(In billions of CFA francs)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
Services, net	-373.6	-380.7	-613.5	-695.3	-883.7	-916.3
Credit	97.6	97.3	128.4	142.9	155.3	153.5
Transportation and insurance	26.8	24.1	45.6	56.0	56.6	68.4
Travel	1.0	1.1	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.7
Investment income	13.0	9.1	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.8
Other services	56.8	63.1	73.4	76.7	88.5	74.6
Debit	-471.2	-478.0	-741.9	-838.2	-1,039.0	-1,069.8
Freight and insurance	-34.7	-29.9	-54.4	-59.6	-61.6	-85.0
Other transportation and travel	-40.1	-43.6	-79.6	-86.6	-111.9	-121.4
Investment income	-205.7	-188.4	-283.1	-364.5	-467.0	-402.6
Other services	-190.7	-216.1	-324.7	-327.6	-398.5	-460.8
Transfers, net	-48.9	-55.2	-82.2	-96.2	-110.5	-127.3
Private	-50.4	-59.1	-90.6	-96.2	-110.5	-137.3
Credit	1.2	0.5	2.0	2.2	2.5	3.1
Debit	-51.6	-59.6	-92.6	-98.4	-113.0	-140.4
Public	1.5	4.0	8.4	0.0	0.0	10.0
Memorandum items:						
Services (net) of the oil sector	-163.5	-179.1	-284.0	-324.9	-521.7	-386.2
Receipts	45.2	46.3	50.9	51.1	61.9	46.3
Payments	-208.7	-225.4	-335.0	-376.0	-583.6	-432.6
Freight and insurance	-87.0	-85.6	-167.9	-174.6	-218.0	-232.2
Transportation and travel	-18.9	-16.2	-25.7	-27.6	-31.9	-20.0
Investment income	-21.0	-30.4	-45.5	-64.1	-233.1	-108.9
Other	-81.9	-93.1	-95.9	-109.6	-100.5	-71.5

Source: BEAC.

Table 46. Gabon: International Reserves, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
(In millions SDRs)						
Total reserves minus gold	51.8	0.5	120.0	99.6	173.0	209.4
SDRs	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reserve position in the Fund	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Foreign exchange	51.7	0.5	119.8	99.6	172.9	209.4
Gold (national valuation)	3.1	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.8
Operations account 1/	48.7	0.0	118.8	98.4	172.1	209.1
(In billions CFA francs)						
Monetary authorities						
Foreign assets	20.8	1.7	96.3	75.0	132.7	171.5
Foreign liabilities	34.8	23.8	65.9	64.2	80.3	110.7
Deposit banks						
Foreign assets	17.0	15.7	44.0	37.1	83.3	38.7
Foreign liabilities	19.9	19.4	13.7	36.3	46.8	28.2

Source : IMF, *International Financial Statistics* .

1/ Creditor position; end of period.

Table 47. Gabon: Effective Exchange Rate and Consumer Price Indices, 1990-98

(1990 = 100)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Variation 1/ Q1 - Q4
Effective exchange rate									
Nominal									
1990	97.2	99.5	100.8	102.6	...	2.4	1.3	1.8	5.6
1991	102.6	99.1	99.2	101.9	0.0	-3.4	0.1	2.8	-0.6
1992	103.4	105.2	109.4	110.2	1.5	1.7	4.0	0.8	6.6
1993	110.2	111.0	109.3	111.4	-0.1	0.8	-1.5	1.9	1.1
1994	57.5	58.8	60.3	60.3	-48.4	2.2	2.6	0.1	4.9
1995	61.0	61.4	62.0	62.5	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	2.5
1996	62.3	61.8	62.1	61.8	-0.3	-0.8	0.5	-0.5	-0.9
1997	60.5	59.8	58.7	60.5	-2.0	-1.2	-1.8	2.9	-0.1
1998	60.5	61.0	61.9	...	0.0	0.9	1.4	...	...
Real									
1990	98.5	100.8	99.3	101.4	...	2.4	-1.6	2.2	3.0
1991	91.1	86.0	82.2	78.9	-10.2	-5.6	-4.4	-4.1	-13.4
1992	75.5	74.2	78.2	77.2	-4.3	-1.7	5.4	-1.3	2.2
1993	75.7	74.4	72.4	73.1	-1.9	-1.8	-2.7	1.0	-3.5
1994	44.3	49.1	52.3	53.3	-39.4	10.8	6.5	2.0	20.4
1995	53.6	54.5	54.9	56.4	0.5	1.7	0.8	2.8	5.4
1996	55.5	53.6	53.5	54.5	-1.6	-3.5	-0.2	1.9	-1.9
1997	53.6	53.6	53.1	53.6	-1.6	0.0	-0.8	1.0	0.1
1998	55.1	54.6	55.1	...	2.7	-0.9	1.0	...	...
Consumer price									
African households 2/									
1990	97.2	99.3	98.1	100.3	...	2.2	-1.3	2.3	3.2
1991	91.6	90.5	87.8	83.5	-8.7	-1.2	-3.0	-4.9	-8.8
1992	80.0	78.5	80.7	80.4	-4.2	-1.8	2.8	-0.5	0.5
1993	80.3	79.7	80.3	81.1	-0.1	-0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0
1994	97.5	108.1	114.3	117.3	20.2	10.9	5.7	2.7	20.3
1995	117.4	119.4	119.9	122.8	0.1	1.6	0.5	2.4	4.6
1996	122.0	119.5	118.9	122.5	-0.7	-2.1	-0.4	3.0	0.4
1997	123.6	125.5	127.3	125.5	0.9	1.5	1.5	-1.5	1.5
1998	129.0	127.3	127.0	...	2.8	-1.3	-0.2	...	...

Source: IMF, Information Notice System.

1/ In percent, a decline in the index for nominal and real effective exchange rates indicates a depreciation of the local currency.

2/ Seasonally adjusted for the purposes of the Information Notice System.

Table 48. Gabon: External Public Debt, 1992-97 1/

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 Prel. act.	1997 Est.
(In billions of CFA francs)						
Outstanding debt	808.8	841.2	1,936.0	1,916.8	1,990.2	1,973.9
Official creditors	762.9	793.9	1,826.6	1,839.7	1,917.9	1,912.8
International organizations	91.3	100.9	282.1	284.3	267.6	246.5
<i>Of which</i>						
IMF						
Commercial banks	45.9	47.3	109.3	77.1	72.3	61.0
Debt service (accrual basis)	98.6	104.4	196.4	247.3	194.3	211.4
Debt relief (net)	6.0	0.0	172.0	136.1	130.2	111.3
Cash change in arrears (net)	63.7	119.0	-703.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
Debt service after debt relief	92.6	104.4	62.3	108.7	62.5	98.1
(In percent, unless otherwise indicated)						
Debt service ratio 2/						
Before debt relief	25.7	25.4	22.0	28.5	19.5	19.1
After debt relief	24.8	25.4	9.4	15.5	9.8	11.6
IMF payments ratio						
Debt/GDP 3/	53.2	54.1	81.2	75.5	66.7	62.9
Debt (in millions of US\$)	3,055.6	2,970.7	3,487.0	3,840.1	3,890.5	3,381.8

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economy, Budget, and Participations in Charge of Privatization.

1/ End of period data; excluding publicly guaranteed debt.

2/ In percent of exports of goods and nonfactor services.

3/ Including the IMF.

Gabon: Summary of Tax System, as of August 31, 1998

(All amounts in CFA francs, unless otherwise indicated)

Tax	Nature of Tax	Exemptions and Deductions	Rates
1. Taxes on income and profits			
1.1 Tax on corporations			
1.11 Tax on non-oil companies	Levied on the profits of companies and public agencies engaging in commercial or industrial activities. The tax liability is paid in two installments, each equal to 25 percent of the tax liability of the preceding year, before February 15 and April 15, with final settlement following issuance of the roll.	Consumer and agricultural cooperatives are exempt. The tax is assessed on the net profits from conducting business in Gabon after deducting all charges incurred in the process, including production costs, taxes paid with the exception of the corporate profit tax, depreciation, and interest. However, the deductions are subject to certain limits—the minimum tax paid during years in which a company incurred losses may be deducted from the tax to be paid during profitable years.	40 percent, or 1.1 percent of turnover, or a minimum lump sum of CFAF 600,000, whichever is highest. New companies are exempt for the first two years of activity. A credit for tax withheld on interest and dividend income is allowed.
1.12 Tax on oil companies	Levied on the profits of oil companies. Monthly advance payments are made during the year in amounts equal to 6.25 percent of the estimated tax on the projected tax liabilities for the year; this should be brought to 90 percent of the estimated tax obligations by January 28 of the following year, and any balance is to be paid by April 28.	The tax base is determined according to specific agreements with individual oil companies. No profit tax is levied under production-sharing arrangements.	73 percent.
1.13 Tax on oil subcontractors	Flat rate on corporate profit tax and tax on wages and salaries, based on actual turnover.	Expenses related to the mobilization and demobilization of equipment and crew. Full reimbursement is allowed.	Levied on actual turnover, with tax rates of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 percent for corporate tax; • 0.28 percent for real estate tax; and • 3.08 percent for personal income tax.
1.14 Tax on wood companies	Withholding tax on transactions settled by log traders. Credited against tax liability.	Companies meeting the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equity base > CFAF 200 million; • one corporate enterprise among shareholders; or • current on tax liabilities. 	5 percent first zone; and 2.5 percent second zone.

Gabon: Summary of Tax System, as of August 31, 1998

(All amounts in CFA francs, unless otherwise indicated)

Tax	Nature of Tax	Exemptions and Deductions	Rates	
1.2 Tax on individuals				
1.21 Personal income tax	Levied on household net annual income from all sources.	<p>The taxpayer's family situation is taken into account by splitting income into parts (<i>quotient familial</i>): one part for the taxpayer; one part for the spouse; and one-half of a part for each dependent child, without limit on the number of children.</p> <p>A flat deduction, equivalent to 20 percent of income from wages and salaries, is allowed. The tax on wages and salaries is withheld at source by the employer. A deduction of interest payments to banks by parent companies is allowed, but the amount should not exceed CFAF 9 million.</p>	From 0 percent to 55 percent, depending on the income bracket as follows:	
			(In CFA francs)	Percent
			0 - 1,200,000	0
			1,200,001 - 1,500,000	5
			1,500,001 - 1,920,000	10
			1,920,001 - 2,700,000	15
			2,700,001 - 3,600,000	20
			3,600,001 - 5,160,000	25
			5,160,000 - 7,020,000	30
			7,020,000 - 9,840,000	35
			9,840,000 - 13,740,000	40
			13,740,000 - 19,230,000	50
			over 19,230,001	55
1.22 Income tax for foresters	Tax withheld as in 1.14 above.			
1.3 Tax on unearned income				
1.31 Tax on capital income	Withheld on dividends, interest, directors' fees, and prize bonds distributed by companies. This tax is administered by the Department of Registration and Stamps.	Dividends distributed by the oil companies that have signed the 1971 agreement with the government are exempt.	20 percent for dividends; 22 percent for directors' fees; 30 percent for prize bonds; and 15 percent on interest from bearers' bank deposits.	
			All types of capital income paid to nonresidents: 20 percent withholding as a final tax.	
1.4 Special taxes on income				
1.41 Supplementary tax on wages and salaries	Levied on all wages and salaries earned.	Wage earners with total monthly compensation and benefits of CFAF 100,000 or less are exempt.	1 percent for monthly salaries up to CFAF 100,000; 5.5 percent for monthly salaries exceeding CFAF 100,000.	
1.42 Special tax on rental income	Levied on gross income from the rental of housing buildings and industrial plants owned by real estate companies; withheld on rentals paid by companies, government, and local authorities. Imputed against the income tax of the owner.	None.	15 percent of taxable income.	
2. Taxes on property				
2.1 Tax on land	Levied on urban building sites that have not been subject to adequate improvement and on rural land unused for the last five years.	Urban properties of less than 4,000 square meters are exempt.	Urban land of first category: CFAF 200 per square meter. Urban land of second category: CFAF 40 per square meter. Rural land: CFAF 1,000 per hectare.	

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2.2 Capital asset tax on company real estate	Levied on real estate owned by companies and associations and assessed on the gross value of the property.	Partnerships and corporations, whose activity is buying and selling real estate are exempt.	0.25 percent of the value of the taxable property.
2.3 Tax on buildings	Levied on presumed annual rental value of buildings and business plants.	Newly built industrial plants and housing excluding furnished rental housing are exempt for 10 years, and other new constructions for 5 years.	9.375 percent of the presumed annual rental value.
2.4 Tax on unimproved land	Levied on urban and rural unimproved land. Tax base is the presumed annual rental value of the land.	Land intended for educational, social, and noncommercial purposes, and publicly owned land and land areas for mining and quarries. Exemptions may be granted for six years for land used for cattle raising; 7 years for coffee plantations; and 10 years for plantations of palm or rubber trees.	2 percent on the presumed annual rental value.
2.5 Registration duties	Assessed on the value declared at the moment a legal act is completed. These taxes are applicable, among others, to (1) transfers of real estate; (2) divisions of real estate; (3) transfers of business corporations; (4) sale of personal property; (5) constitution of corporations; and (6) increase in their capital.	(1) 6 percent; (2) 1 percent; (3) 3 percent; (4) 2 percent; (5) 1 percent; and (6) 1 percent .	
3. Taxes on goods and services			
3.1 Value-added tax (effective April 1, 1995) (<i>taxe sur la valeur ajoutée</i>)	Applicable to all companies with commercial taxable activities higher than CFAF 200 million and by option: • Services > CFAF 90 million; and • Other activities >CFAF 150 million.	Essential goods (bread, eggs, sugar, books and vegetable oil), agricultural products, and transport of wood.	General rate: 18 percent, 0 percent applicable to exports and international transport.
3.2 Excise taxes	Levied on selected goods produced locally or imported.		Perfumes and cosmetics: 30 percent. Beer: 10 percent. Wines: 20 or 30 percent. Tobacco and cigarettes: 25 percent. Liquors: 30 percent.
3.3 Special tax on financial transactions	Levied on transactions related to banking and financial transactions.	Transactions not specifically related to lending activities or leasing operations.	5 percent on operations related to medium- and long-term credit. 12 percent on other transactions.
3.4 Business and license fees			
3.41 Business fees	Levied at a flat rate on taxpayers engaged in a gainful activity in Gabon.	None.	Varies depending on the nature and importance of the activity.

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3.42 License fees	An additional tax levied at a flat rate on sellers of beer, wines, and other alcoholic beverages.	None.	Retailers of beer and wine: CFAF 90,000. Retailers of all alcoholic beverages: CFAF 180,000. Bars, restaurants, etc.: CFAF 300,000.
4. Taxes on international trade			
4.1 Import taxes			
5.11 Customs duty <i>(droit de douane)</i>	Levied on the c.i.f. value of all imports, and its rates are identical for all member countries of the <i>Union Douanière Economique de l'Afrique Centrale</i> (UDEAC).		Basic consumption goods: 5 percent. Capital goods and raw materials: 10 percent Intermediate goods: 20 percent. Consumption goods: 30 percent.
4.12 Value-added tax on imports	Applicable to imports not subject to the single tax. Assessed on the c.i.f. value of imports, plus customs and import duties.	As in 4.1.	18 percent.
5.13 Temporary surtax on selected import goods	Introduced in 1995, following the UDEAC customs tariff reform, as a temporary measure to protect selected locally produced goods.		20 percent. 1/
5.14 Customs processing fee	Levied on imports at their c.i.f. value and earmarked to the customs administration.		2 percent.
5.2 Export taxes			
5.21 Export duty <i>(droit de sortie)</i>	The tax is assessed in principle on the f.o.b. values of exports, but in practice official values are often used as substitutes.	Most goods are exempt.	Logs: 11 percent. Manganese and uranium: 3 percent. Lead: 2 percent.
6. Other taxes			
6.1 Stamp duty	Levied on selected transactions	Receipts are exempt.	Rates vary between CFAF 200 and CFAF 600.
6.2 National solidarity lump-sum tax (poll tax)	Payable by all citizens aged 18 to 50. Earmarked to the Railroad Investment Fund.		CFAF 2,000 per year.
6.3 Local road tax (<i>taxe vicinale</i>)	Payable by all male residents aged 18 to 50. Earmarked to local authorities.	None.	Rate set by each local authority and ranging from CFAF 4,000 to CFAF 10,000.
7. Royalties			
7.1 Oil royalties	Levied on the value of crude oil production. Royalty per barrel is derived from the posted price minus a standard lump-sum allowance of 10 percent for crude oil production. Tax liability assessed on the average monthly oil production of the preceding quarter. Final settlement is made within two months after the end of the year.		10-20 percent on crude petroleum; 8 percent on natural gas.

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7.2 Mineral rights			
7.21 Uranium royalties	Assessed on 90 percent of the f.o.b. value of exports:		2 percent.
7.22 Manganese royalties	(1) Prorated royalty assessed on 60 percent of the value of production at point of extraction; and (2) Supplementary royalty.		5 percent. The difference between 20 percent of net profits and the fixed rate royalty.

Sources: *Code général des impôts*; *Code d'enregistrement*; *Tarif douanier commun de l'UDEAC* (1995); *Code pétrolier*; and *Code minier*.

1/ Initially set at 30 percent in 1996, the rate was reduced to 20 percent in 1998; it will be further reduced to 10 percent in 1999 and abolished in 2000.