

Gambia

Total population (July 2000 estimate): 1,367,000

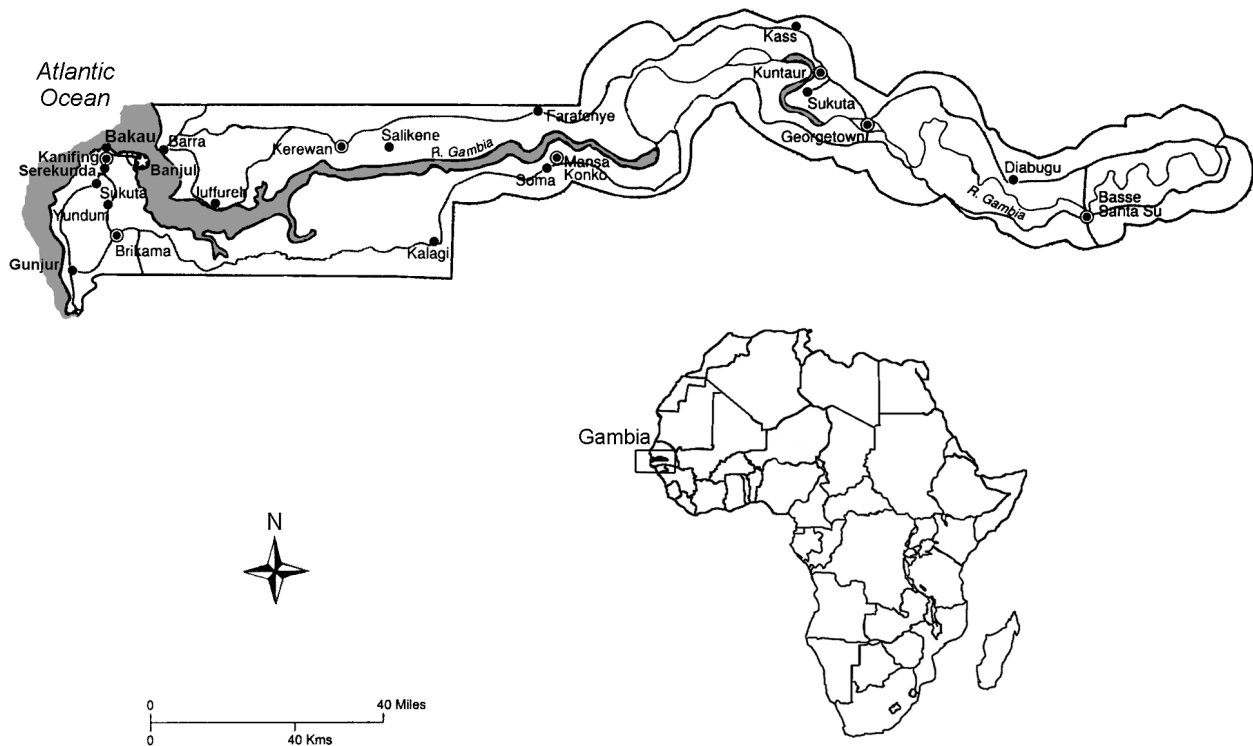
Area: 11,300 km²

Annual population growth rate (2000): 3.2%

Life expectancy at birth (1998): 47.4 years

People not expected to survive to age 40 (1998): 37.2% of total population

GDP per capita (1998): US \$1,453



Gambia is a small narrow country along the Gambia River, completely surrounded by Senegal. The economy of this country depends largely on tourism and farming.

Agriculture (mostly subsistence) contributes about 23% of the GDP and engages over 75% of the working population. Groundnuts and groundnut products (groundnut oil and groundnut paste) form the dominant land-based agricultural products. The main food crop is rice, followed by sorghum, millet and maize.

There are no significant mineral resources in Gambia. Of local importance are sand, gravel, clays and shells for domestic construction needs.

AGROMINERALS

No phosphate, limestone or gypsum occurrences have been reported in Gambia.

Agromineral potential

The agromineral potential of Gambia is low.

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