

## Annobon

### Overview:

Annobon is an island belonging to Equatorial Guinea

### Territory:

It is about 4 miles long and 2 miles wide (3km by 7km) with an area of 6¼ square miles. The island is an extinct volcano, contains a succession of beautiful valleys and steep mountains, and is covered with rich woods and luxuriant vegetation. It has a central crater lake with a maximum elevation of 654 meters above sea level. However, this is only the tip of a very large, mostly submarine volcano that rises ~4,200 meters off the sea floor.

### Location:

An island in the Atlantic Ocean, south of São Tome and Principe, about 360 km off the Gabon coast, and 600 km south of Bioko island. Gulf of Guinea.

### Latitude and Longitude:

1 degree 24' S. and 5 degrees 35' E.

### Time Zone:

GMT +1

### Total Land Area:

17

### EEZ:

### Climate:

Tropical, equatorial, always hot, humid, with frequent and abundant rainfall throughout the year

### Natural Resources:

Oil in the Gulf of Guinea represents more than 80% of Equatorial Guinea's economy, and supplies from current reserves are predicted by some sources to run out in merely ten years. There are estimated to be 34,000,000,000 barrels of oil within the marine borders. Equatorial Guinea has claimed drilling rights a huge field of sea surrounding Annobon.

### ECONOMY:

<b>Total GDP:</b>
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<b>Per Capita GDP:</b>
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<b>% of GDP per Sector:</b>			
	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Tertiary</b>

<b>% of Population Employed by Sector</b>			
	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Tertiary</b>

### External Aid/Remittances:

### Growth:

<b>Labour Force:</b>
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<b>Unemployment</b>	
<b>Year:</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate (% of pop.)</b>

### Industry:

The island's main industries are fishing and timber.

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Small-scale tuna fishing and whaling

### Tourism:

<b>Imports and Exports:</b>	
<b>Tot. Value of Imports</b>	0.00 ()
<b>From Eu:</b>	



<b>Import Partners (EU):</b>	
<b>Partners Outside EU:</b>	
<b>Import Partners:</b>	
<b>Tot. Value of Exports</b>	()
<b>To Eu:</b>	
<b>Export Partners:</b>	
<b>Partners Outside EU::</b>	
<b>Export Partners:</b>	
<b>Main Imports:</b>	
<b>Main Exports:</b>	

#### TRANSPORTATION/ACCESS

##### External:

##### Number of Airports:

A small airfield is situated near the village of Sao Antonio, but no descriptive information is available

##### Number of Main Ports:

##### Internal:

##### Air

##### Road:

The roadstead is tolerably safe

##### Sea:

##### Other Forms of Transportation:

##### Economic Zones:

##### Energy Policy:

		Type			Sector					
Year	Total Energy Production (Mwh)	Thermic (Mwh)	Geothermic (Mwh)	Other (Mwh)	Total Energy Consumption (Mwh)	Domestic (Mwh)	Commercial (Mwh)	Public Service (Mwh)	Industry (Mwh)	Public Lighting (Mwh)

##### Official Currency:

##### Banking and Insurance:

Number of Banks and Credit Unions:

Number of Agricultural Credit Unions:

Number of Insurance Companies:

##### Financial Services:

##### Communications/E-Commerce:

##### Public Ownership:

##### Land Use:

##### Agriculture/Forestry:

##### Marine Activity:

##### Fishing:

Small-scale tuna fishing and whaling

##### Marine Life:

##### Critical Issues:

#### JURISDICTIONAL RESOURCES

##### Capital:

The northern village of San Antonio de Palã©.

##### Political System:



**Political Parties:**

**Important Legislation:**

**Principal Taxes:**

**Associated Power:**

Equatorial Guinea

**Citizenship:**

**Paradiplomacy:**

#### HUMAN RESOURCES

Island	Area (km sq.)	Population	% of Total Population
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Population:	
Year	Resident Population

Age of Population:	0-14	15-24	25-49	50-64	65 and up
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**Migration:**

Crude Birth Rate:
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**Life Expedctancy:**

Crude Death Rate:
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**Ethnicity:**

The Annobon Tribe lives, as its name implies, on the island of Annobon and constitutes only 1.6% of the Equato-Guinean population. Originally of Bantu origin from Angola, the Annobon people mixed with the Portuguese explorers and colonists who discovered and settled the island. Their language, Fa D'Ambu, is a Portuguese/tribal mix, and they live primarily from fishing.

**Class Division:**

**Languages:**

Official language is Spanish. The main language is the Annobonese language called FÃ¡ d'AmbÃ´, a Portuguese creole spoken by 9,000 in the Ano Bom and Fernando PÃ¡o Islands off the coast of Equatorial Guinea, mostly by people of mixed African, Spanish, and Portuguese descent.

**Religion:**

**Literacy:**

**Education System:**

Total Pre-schools:( )	
Total Primary Schools	
First Level:	
Second Level:	
Third Level:	
Total Secondary Schools:	
Total Professional Schools	
Universities:	

Number of Schools per Island:										
	Pre-school		Elementary			High-school		Prof.	University	
	Pub	Priv	1	2	3	Pub	Priv		Pub	Priv

Students Enrolled:
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<b>Year:</b>	<b>Pre-School</b>	<b>Elementary</b>	<b>High-school</b>	<b>Prof.</b>	<b>University</b>
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<b>Teachers</b>							
<b>Year</b>	<b>Pre-School</b>	<b>Elementary</b>			<b>High-School</b>	<b>Prof.</b>	<b>University</b>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>			

**Medical Services:**

**HISTORY AND CULTURE**

**History:**

The island was discovered by the Portuguese on January 1, 1473, from which circumstance it received its name. The island was passed with Fernando Po and the Guinea coast (modern Equatorial Guinea) to Spain in 1778. When the island was discovered by Portugal in the 15th century it was uninhabited, but in the 18th century, Portugal exchanged it and some other territories in Africa for Uruguay with Spain. The populace of Annobon were against the shift and were hostile toward the Spaniards. The islanders revolted against their new masters and a state of anarchy ensued. In the latter part of the 19th century the authority of Spain was re-established. Today, the Spanish language is the official language and the inhabitants of the island are of mixed Portuguese, Spanish, and Angolan descent. The island briefly became part of the Elobey, AnnobÃ³n, and Corisco colony until 1909. It was briefly named Pigalu or Pagalu during the last years of the reign of Francisco MacÃ¡as Nguema.

**Referenda:**

**Recent Significant Events:**

**Music, Dance, Handicraft and Patrimony:**

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