Central African Republic

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**Country Facts**
Capital city: Bangui, largest city (main river port and international airport)
Area: 622984 square km
National day: 1 December (proclamation of self-governing republic, 1958)
Independence: 13 August 1960. Former colony of Oubangui-Chari
Population: 4,343,000
Languages: French (official) Sango, Banda, Baye, Zande.
Currency: CFA francs