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Republic of Benin

**Country Facts**
Capital City: Porto Nova
Area: 112622 square km
National day: 1 August (Independence day)
Independence: 1 August 1960, Former French colony, known as Dahomey until 1975
Population: 9,033,000
Languages: French (official), Fon, Yoruba, Bariba, Adja, Fulani.
Currency: CFA francs