Mali

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Country Facts
Capital city: Bamako, largest city (main river port and international airport).
Area: 1240142 square km
National day: 22 September.
Independence: 20 June 1960 as part of Mali Federation, comprising Senegal and Mali (formerly French Sudan). Became independent as a separate state on 22 September 1960
Population: 12 million as of 2000
Language: French (official), Arabic, Bambara, Dogon, Fulani, Manding, Senufo, Songhai, Tamasaq.
Currency: CFA francs.