

Botswana

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

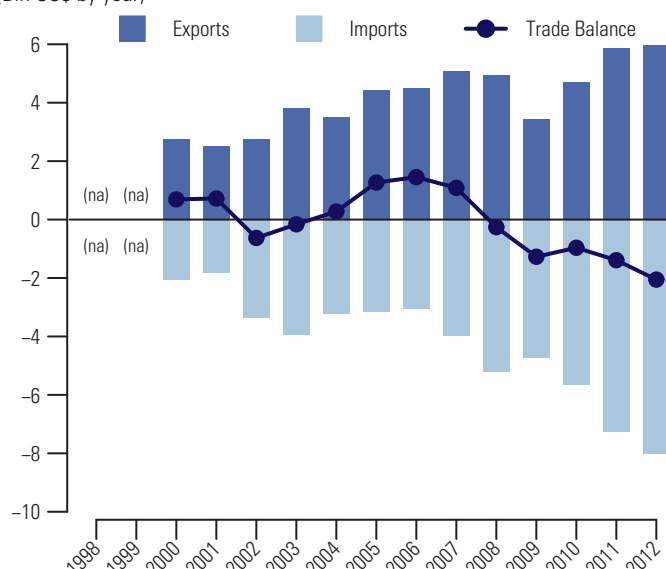
Trade System: General

Overview:

The value of the exports of Botswana in 2012 went up slightly by 1.5 percent to reach 6.0 bln US\$ (see table and graph 1). The last five years showed an average annual increase of 4.8 percent in exports, while imports registered an average annual growth of 11.4 percent (see tables 1 and 2 and graph 1). In 2012, imports increased by 10.4 percent and reached 8.0 bln US\$. This resulted in a trade deficit of 2.0 bln US\$ in 2012. By MDG regions, trade recorded a surplus of 2.7 bln US\$ with Developed Europe and a deficit of 4.5 bln US\$ with Sub-Saharan Africa (see graph 2). Botswana's trade was highly concentrated among a few partners: in 2012, 4 (respectively 3) major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports (respectively imports) (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Bln US\$ by year)



Exports Profile:

In 2012, manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) was the largest commodity group for exports. It represented 80.1 percent of exported goods and amounted to 4.8 bln US\$ (see table 1). The largest market for exports was the United Kingdom which accounted for 60.7 percent of exported goods (see table 4). Other major markets for exports were South Africa and Israel. Exports to the United Kingdom and Israel were almost exclusively manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6), representing 99.3 and 99.8 percent respectively. Over the last three years, main products were diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set (HS code 7102), nickel mattes, nickel oxide sinters and other intermediate products (HS code 7501) and gold (including gold plated with platinum) (HS code 7108) (see table 3).

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2012	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2012 share
		2008-2012	2011-2012	
Total	5971.2	4.8	1.5	100.0
0+1	112.4	-5.2	-9.1	1.9
2+4	528.2	-13.7	4.4	8.8
3	33.8	19.0	44.4	0.6
5	79.9	12.4	-3.5	1.3
6	4781.9	10.7	6.2	80.1
7	259.6	8.5	-7.6	4.3
8	84.1	-25.7	-68.2	1.4
9	91.4	-10.6	-7.1	1.5

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2012	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2012 share
		2008-2012	2011-2012	
Total	8025.3	11.4	10.4	100.0
0+1	679.3	4.2	-5.1	8.5
2+4	131.5	-7.9	2.8	1.6
3	1294.8	10.2	8.9	16.1
5	509.5	7.1	4.5	6.3
6	2961.5	24.4	60.3	36.9
7	1831.7	5.6	-20.7	22.8
8	490.7	3.6	-3.5	6.1
9	126.3	27.1	50.0	1.6

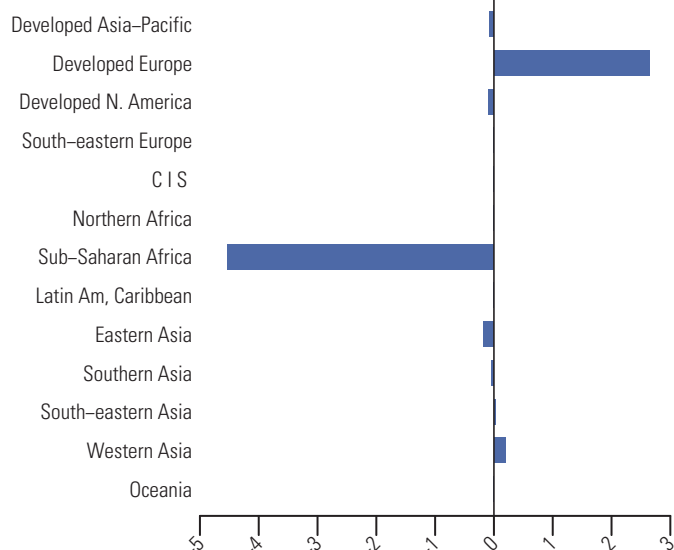
Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2010 to 2012

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Unit	
	All Commodities.....	4693.2	5881.9	5971.2					
7102	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set.....	3208.4	4448.5	4743.8	131.5			US\$/carat	667
7501	Nickel mattes, nickel oxide sinters and other intermediate products.....	512.5	354.6	333.1	8.2	8.7	7.4	US\$/kg	284
7108	Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....	61.1	79.5	84.2	33.0	46.8	54.1	thsd US\$/kg	971
2603	Copper ores and concentrates.....	43.4	74.5	96.4		2.0	1.6	US\$/kg	283
2836	Carbonates; peroxocarbonates (percarbonates).....	68.5	40.8	37.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	US\$/kg	523
6204	Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts.....	49.2	73.8	15.9	4.7			US\$/unit	842
8544	Insulated (including enamelled or anodised) wire, cable.....	39.7	46.7	48.6	19.0	12.3	15.6	US\$/kg	773
0201	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled.....	97.8	19.4	17.9	5.3	4.9	4.8	US\$/kg	011
0202	Meat of bovine animals, frozen.....	60.6	27.4	46.6	3.4	4.4	3.7	US\$/kg	011
6203	Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, trousers.....	43.8	74.7	13.8	5.1			US\$/unit	841

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2012

(Bln US\$)



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2012

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

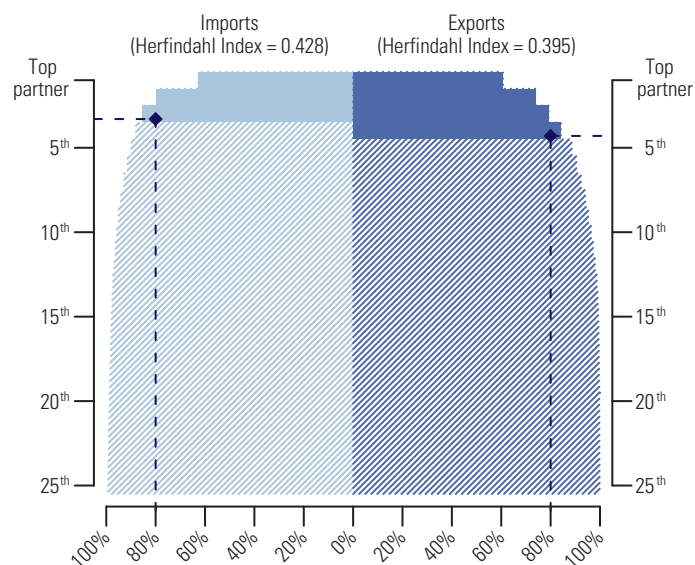


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2012

(Value in million US\$, percentages of country total)

Country	Total	Shares by SITC sections (%)									Total
		0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9		
World.....	5971.2	1.9	8.8	0.6	1.3	80.1	4.3	1.4	1.5	100	
United Kingdom.....	3625.5	0.0	0.7	...	0.0	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	
South Africa.....	782.0	11.1	19.4	0.3	7.5	23.2	19.3	8.1	11.2	100	
Israel.....	322.6	0.0	0.0	...	0.1	99.8	0.1	0.0	...	100	
Norway.....	297.9	0.0	100.0	...	...	...	0.0	...	0.0	100
Belgium.....	259.7	0.0	0.1	...	0.0	99.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	100	
Zimbabwe.....	113.5	10.1	31.2	25.0	5.6	3.1	22.8	1.8	0.6	100	
Namibia.....	111.5	1.2	0.1	2.8	2.1	69.1	23.9	0.6	0.3	100	
Switzerland.....	101.9	0.0	2.5	...	...	95.8	0.5	1.2	...	100
USA.....	72.6	0.0	1.6	...	0.0	69.3	9.8	17.4	2.0	100	
India.....	68.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	100	

Imports Profile:

Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6), machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) and mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) were the major commodity groups for imports in 2012. They accounted respectively for 36.9, 22.8 and 16.1 percent of imported goods (see table 2). From 2010 to 2012, top imported products were diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set (HS code 7102), petroleum oils other than crude (HS code 2710) and motor vehicles for the transport of goods (except buses) (HS code 8704) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2010 to 2012

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Unit	
All Commodities.....		5656.8	7272.0	8025.3					
7102 Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set.....		659.4	861.6	2160.3	956.9			US\$/carat	667
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		705.5	930.7	1031.1	0.8	0.3	1.0	US\$/kg	334
8704 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods.....		146.8	233.4	236.1	4.3			thsd US\$/unit	782
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		181.9	188.7	226.1	7.2		19.7	thsd US\$/unit	781
2716 Electrical energy.....		89.3	228.9	236.2	0.0	9.0	70.2	US\$/MWh	351
8502 Electric generating sets and rotary converters.....		43.1	238.2	83.9	684.3			US\$/unit	716
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		78.5	83.8	125.7					931
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		66.2	101.6	100.6	13.3	32.2	40.8	US\$/kg	542
2523 Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement.....		91.4	83.5	73.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	US\$/kg	661
8708 Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05.....		76.8	89.6	79.8	14.8	15.6	13.1	US\$/kg	784