

Congo

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

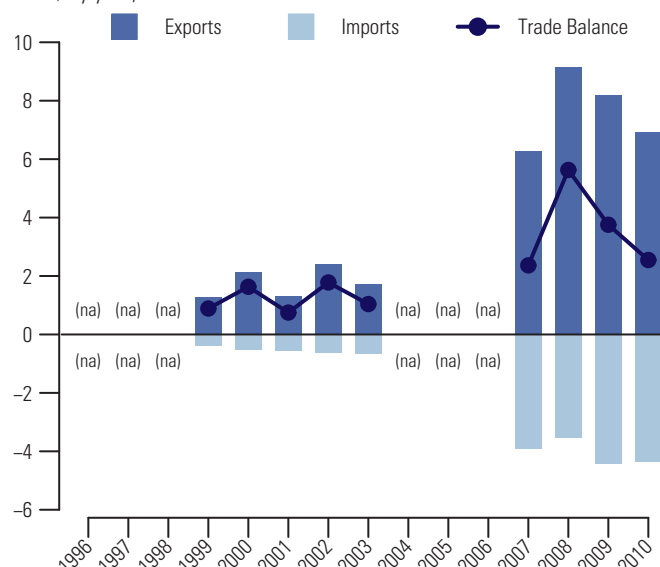
Trade System: Special

Overview:

In 2010, Congo's exports dropped by 15.7 percent and amounted to 6.9 bln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). Similarly, imports dropped by 1.7 percent and amounted to 4.4 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). This resulted in a trade surplus of 2.5 bln US\$ (see graph 1). By MDG regions, trade surpluses were recorded with Eastern Asia (+1.9 bln US\$), Developed North America (+622.4 mln US\$) and Developed Europe (+296.5 mln US\$) (see graph 2). Trade deficits were recorded with South-eastern Asia (-308.3 mln US\$) and Sub-Saharan Africa (-262.0 mln US\$). Congo's trade was concentrated among a few partners: in 2010, 9 (respectively 13) 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 2010, Congo's exports in all commodity groups decreased. Exports of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) decreased by 19.2 percent and accounted for 67.7 percent of total exports (see table 1). Top export partners were China, Angola and France (see table 4). Exports to China were almost exclusively composed of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) while exports to Angola were almost exclusively composed of machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7). From 2008 to 2010, top exported products included petroleum oils, crude (HS code 2709), light-vessels, fire-floats, dredgers, floating cranes and other vessels (HS code 8905) and cruise ships, excursion boats, ferry-boats, cargo ships, barges (HS code 8901) (see table 3).

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

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

SITC	2010	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2010 share
		2006-2010	2009-2010	
Total	6917.6	...	-15.7	100.0
0+1	32.3	...	-5.9	0.5
2+4	111.1	...	-30.5	1.6
3	4684.6	...	-19.2	67.7
5	6.2	...	-5.1	0.1
6	73.8	...	-12.0	1.1
7	1931.4	...	-5.3	27.9
8	78.1	...	-5.1	1.1
9	0.0	...	-5.1	0.0

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

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

SITC	2010	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2010 share
		2006-2010	2009-2010	
Total	4369.4	...	-1.7	100.0
0+1	286.8	...	-22.7	6.6
2+4	41.2	...	-12.7	0.9
3	248.6	...	126.2	5.7
5	122.5	...	-7.2	2.8
6	301.9	...	-5.0	6.9
7	3249.3	...	-2.9	74.4
8	119.1	...	-2.2	2.7
9	0.0	...	614.8	0.0

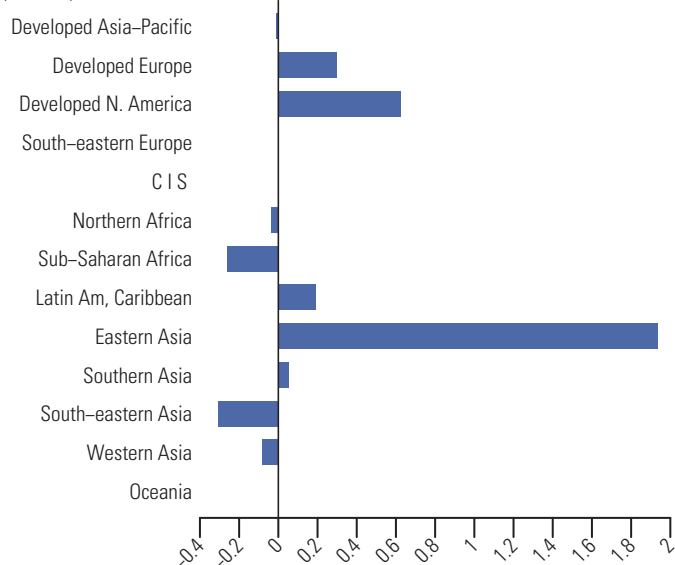
Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2008 to 2010

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	Unit	
All Commodities.....		9169.7	8201.5	6917.6					
2709 Petroleum oils, crude.....		7486.8	5550.1	4481.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	US\$/kg	333
8905 Light-vessels, fire-floats, dredgers, floating cranes and other vessels.....		541.4	1169.4	1107.3					793
8901 Cruise ships, excursion boats, ferry-boats, cargo ships, barges.....		478.5	717.9	679.7					793
2711 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons.....		112.8	93.2	143.2	0.8	0.5	0.9	US\$/kg	343
4403 Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood.....		140.3	114.3	89.6					247
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		111.7	150.6	59.2	0.4	0.4	1.3	US\$/kg	334
9015 Surveying (including photogrammetrical surveying), hydrographic.....		3.6	67.3	63.8					874
8904 Tugs and pusher craft.....		10.4	43.3	41.0					793
7326 Other articles of iron or steel.....		2.2	37.7	35.8	7.3	33.8	32.0	US\$/kg	699
1701 Cane or beet sugar and pure sucrose, in solid form.....		23.7	24.1	22.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	US\$/kg	061

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2010

(Bln US\$)



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2010

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

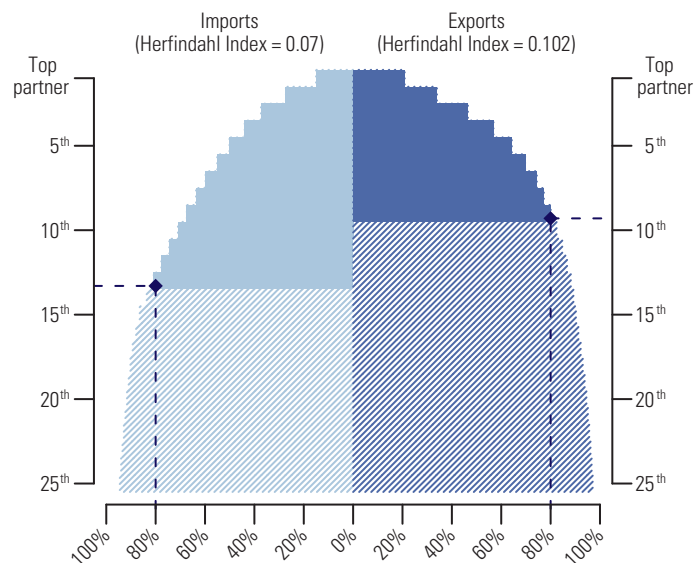


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2010

(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.....	6917.6	0.5	1.6	67.7	0.1	1.1	27.9	1.1	0.0	100	
China.....	1446.7	0.0	4.4	95.5	...	0.1	0.0	0.0	...	100	
Angola.....	903.4	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.2	1.2	97.4	0.2	...	100	
France.....	867.7	0.4	0.4	97.4	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.0	100	
USA.....	716.3	0.0	0.0	91.3	0.0	0.1	0.7	7.8	...	100	
Other Asia, nes.....	513.9	0.0	0.1	99.9	100	
Bunkers.....	373.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.2	99.7	100	
Gabon.....	327.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	10.9	88.0	0.6	...	100	
Netherlands.....	197.0	0.1	0.0	99.2	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	...	100	
Singapore.....	193.6	0.0	0.0	25.4	...	0.1	73.9	0.6	...	100	
Brazil.....	163.3	0.0	0.0	92.9	...	0.2	6.8	0.2	...	100	

Imports Profile:

In 2010, Congo's imports were mainly composed of 74.4 percent machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), 6.9 percent manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) and 6.6 percent food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) (see table 2). From 2008 to 2010, top imported products were light-vessels, fire-floats, dredgers, floating cranes and other vessels (HS code 8905), cruise ships, excursion boats, ferry-boats, cargo ships, barges (HS code 8901) and petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2008 to 2010

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	Unit	
All Commodities.....		3539.6	4447.1	4369.4					
8905 Light-vessels, fire-floats, dredgers, floating cranes and other vessels.....		1110.6	1910.0	1824.9					793
8901 Cruise ships, excursion boats, ferry-boats, cargo ships, barges.....		693.3	810.0	773.9					793
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		189.9	98.1	221.9	0.9	0.7	3.9	US\$/kg	334
2523 Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement.....		65.2	72.1	67.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	US\$/kg	661
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		48.3	57.8	55.2	22.9	20.3	19.5	US\$/kg	542
8431 Parts suitable for use principally with the machinery of headings 84.25.....		23.4	63.4	71.5	30.2	45.9	30.3	US\$/kg	723
8411 Turbo-jets, turbo-propellers and other gas turbines.....		6.4	55.4	62.5					714
0207 Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 01.05.....		37.9	60.0	26.0	1.3	1.1	1.1	US\$/kg	012
8307 Flexible tubing of base metal, with or without fittings.....		30.1	45.5	41.4	13.5	32.0	29.9	US\$/kg	699
8904 Tugs and pusher craft.....		17.0	50.5	48.3					793