

Namibia

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

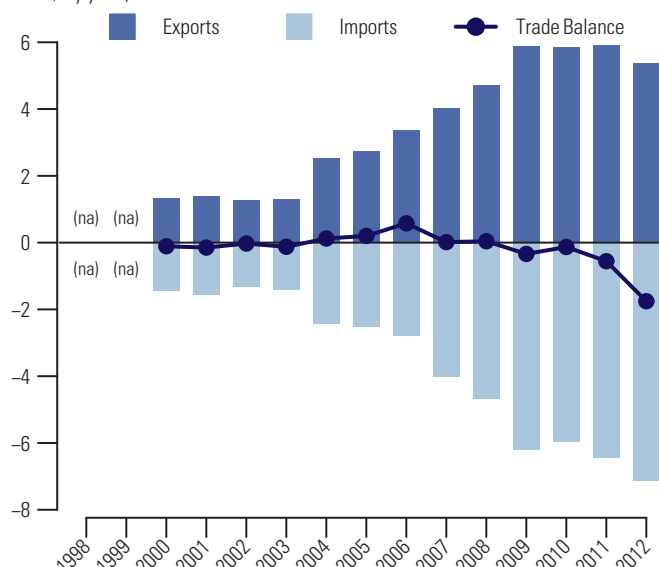
Trade System: General

Overview:

After an increase of 24.1 percent in 2009, the value of Namibia's exports stayed fairly level until it decreased 8.9 percent in 2012 to reach 5.4 bln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). Imports, on the other hand, showed steady growth since a small decrease in 2010 and amounted to 7.1 bln US\$ in 2012 (see table 2 and graph 1). The trade balance recorded a deficit of 1.7 bln US\$ as compared to 0.6 bln US\$ in 2011 (see graph 1). By MDG regions, trade recorded a large deficit with Sub-Saharan Africa (-3.2 bln US\$) (see graph 2). However, large surpluses were recorded with Developed Europe (+1.1 bln US\$) and Developed North America (+367.9 mln US\$). In 2012, trade, especially imports, was very concentrated among a few partners: 12 major partners (respectively 4) 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, exports of manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) accounted for 36.2 percent of exported goods (see table 1). Other major commodity groups included food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and inedible crude materials (except fuels), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (SITC sections 2+4), and accounted for 25.3 and 19.4 percent of exports, respectively. South Africa, the largest market for exports, was the destination for 17.4 percent of exported goods in 2012 (see table 4). A large share of exports to the United Kingdom (92.6 percent) were manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6). From 2010 to 2012, top exported commodities were diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set (HS code 7102), uranium or thorium ores and concentrates (HS code 2612) and unused postage, revenue or similar stamps of current or new issue (HS code 4907) (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	5377.0	3.3	-8.9	100.0
0+1	1362.6	6.8	-4.9	25.3
2+4	1041.0	-0.2	14.7	19.4
3	48.2	23.0	-36.7	0.9
5	142.0	41.3	243.6	2.6
6	1944.2	10.3	-9.8	36.2
7	592.5	19.7	20.4	11.0
8	115.3	-40.0	-83.2	2.1
9	131.2	13.2	19.0	2.4

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	7132.0	11.1	10.4	100.0
0+1	890.7	9.2	2.2	12.5
2+4	479.3	52.4	162.9	6.7
3	854.4	7.6	46.4	12.0
5	652.9	6.3	-12.8	9.2
6	1381.0	12.0	2.9	19.4
7	2180.0	10.6	9.9	30.6
8	685.9	9.5	-7.0	9.6
9	7.8	-15.0	8.7	0.1

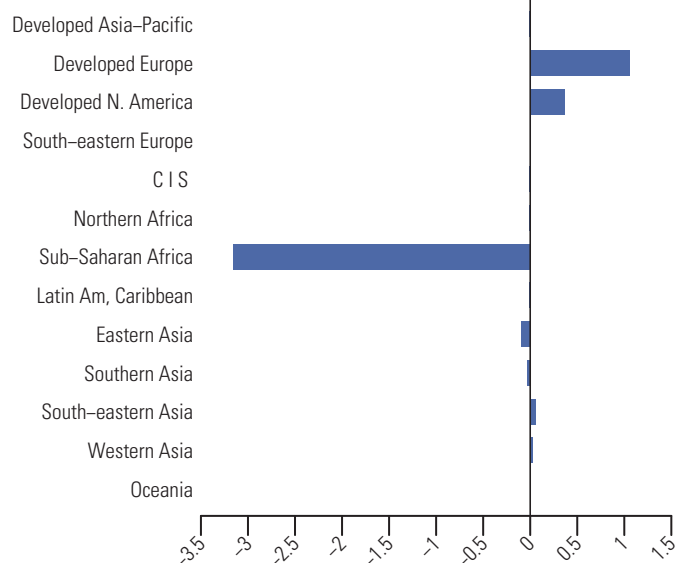
Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2010 to 2012

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Unit	
All Commodities.....		5848.3	5900.9	5377.0					
7102 Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set.....		1226.4	1300.2	1344.2	157.2	102.3		US\$/carat	667
2612 Uranium or thorium ores and concentrates.....		731.6	616.0	613.0	101.1	125.0	100.9	US\$/kg	286
4907 Unused postage, revenue or similar stamps of current or new issue.....		687.6	570.8	0.1	18.1	31.4	2.5	thsd US\$/kg	892
0303 Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 03.04.....		319.0	396.1	444.0	1.9	1.6	1.7	US\$/kg	034
7901 Unwrought zinc.....		352.2	327.4	272.0	2.3	2.2	2.0	US\$/kg	686
0304 Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced).....		343.1	255.8	197.4	3.2	4.5	4.2	US\$/kg	034
7402 Unrefined copper; copper anodes for electrolytic refining.....		227.7	341.5	86.4	6.9	8.4	7.2	US\$/kg	682
2203 Beer made from malt.....		162.1	172.0	159.1	1.0	1.1	1.3	US\$/litre	112
7108 Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....		108.8	104.2	123.1	29.9	38.7	40.4	thsd US\$/kg	971
0102 Live bovine animals.....		100.2	121.6	61.9	823.1	810.9	946.4	US\$/unit	001

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2012

(Bln US\$)



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2012

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

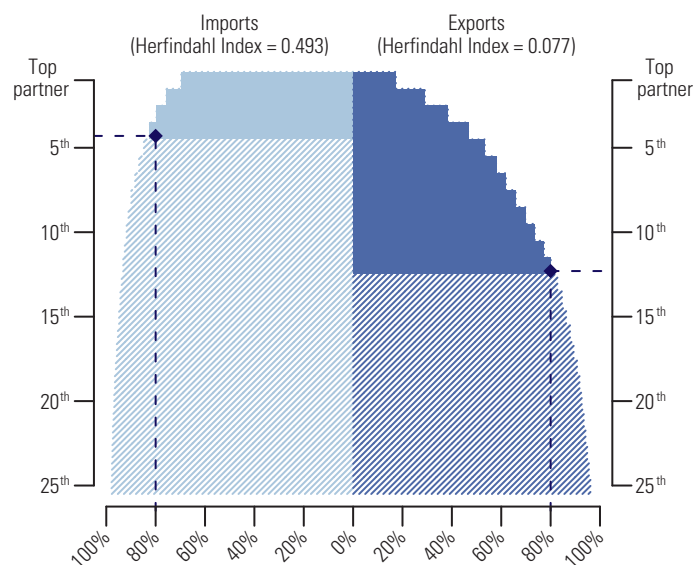


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2012

(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.....	5377.0	25.3	19.4	0.9	2.6	36.2	11.0	2.1	2.4	100	
South Africa.....	933.4	59.9	6.2	0.1	0.6	5.2	12.5	1.9	13.6	100	
United Kingdom.....	631.7	6.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	92.6	0.4	0.1	0.0	100	
Angola.....	500.9	20.0	1.7	1.5	7.2	15.2	39.8	14.6	0.0	100	
Belgium.....	439.2	0.3	18.6	0.0	...	80.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	100	
Botswana.....	364.7	3.5	0.0	5.8	0.1	85.5	4.7	0.4	0.0	100	
Areas, nes.....	245.4	0.4	0.1	5.6	0.9	86.1	6.2	0.7	0.0	100	
Canada.....	214.2	0.1	99.6	...	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	100	
Spain.....	213.0	98.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	100	
France.....	208.7	8.8	89.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.2	0.3	0.0	100	
Switzerland.....	206.9	0.4	65.4	...	0.1	34.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	

Imports Profile:

Namibia's imports were composed of 30.6 percent machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), 19.4 percent manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) and 12.5 percent food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) in 2012 (see table 2). From 2010 to 2012, top imported products were petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703) and diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set (HS code 7102) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2010 to 2012

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Unit	
All Commodities.....		5979.7	6457.3	7132.0					
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		520.9	558.0	816.2	0.5	0.7	1.0	US\$/kg	334
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		411.1	420.2	423.6	18.3			thsd US\$/unit	781
7102 Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set.....		189.1	172.1	368.8	96.0	162.6		US\$/carat	667
8704 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods.....		160.1	187.8	172.8					782
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		111.5	141.6	128.3	26.3	35.8	24.6	US\$/kg	542
2603 Copper ores and concentrates.....		1.2	0.0	348.4	0.4	11.7	2.5	US\$/kg	283
8708 Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05.....		102.3	109.6	96.7	14.6	1.2	9.6	US\$/kg	784
7010 Carboys, bottles, flasks, jars, pots, phials, ampoules.....		42.6	171.5	40.6	0.8	3.8	0.8	US\$/kg	665
8517 Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy.....		71.6	80.9	77.5					764
1701 Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form.....		75.2	72.4	70.0	0.6	0.5	0.7	US\$/kg	061