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This bibliography on the water and geological information of Liberia was begun in 1998 as a request through the US Department of State by the Government of Liberia. It brings together selected citations from a variety of different cartographic, geographical, geological and hydrological resources and specialized library collections. Most of the citations have location information on where these items can be located and used on site, and either borrowed through inter-library loan or purchased through a commercial document delivery services.

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Preface

Government representatives of the Republic of Liberia and the US Department of State visited the US Geological Survey Library in late 1998 and again early in 1999. The National Library of Liberia in Monrovia was destroyed by the awful civil war in their country, and their representatives desired assistance to rebuild their country's written heritage. At the request of the Department of State, the USGS Library was able to supply them with a complete bibliography of USGS publications written about Liberia.

The USGS Library staff was also able to supply them with copies of other publications written about their country by their own Liberian Geological Survey, as well as reports and maps by other private, commercial and governmental organizations. It was discovered that the USGS Library had a far greater collection on the geology of Liberia than their national library had owned before it was destroyed.

The Liberian representatives applied for a grant from the US Department of State to cover the cost to copy the materials published by the US Geological Survey in the USGS Library for the use of their library, since these government documents and maps had no copyright restrictions. Later, the plan was to extend the bibliography to comprehensively cover the geological literature of Liberia, as they intended to purchase those copyrighted items needed to refill their library collections.

By collecting so many publications over so many years through exchanges, gifts and purchases, the US Geological Survey Library staff has built up a significant collection of the world's knowledge of the earth's sciences. It was also a remarkably cost effective collection, since many of these publications were acquired through scientific exchange with the government of Liberia and their agencies. As a result, there was little cash spent on obtaining their reports and maps, since for many years, extra copies of USGS scientific publications were simply exchanged for their geological publications. By collecting in this manner over time, the USGS Library acquired an excellent reservoir of earth science information about their country, which cannot be compared with any other library for the breath and scope of our collection of Liberian materials.

By doing this with so many different countries, of which Liberia is only one example, and exchanging their reports, books and maps and reports with their private organizations as well, the USGS Library has been able to build up a massive amount of information that is freely available to the earth science community, at relatively little cost.

The willingness to share the USGS Library collection and services with Liberia and other countries whose libraries are harmed by natural disaster or war, recapitulates the USGS Library mandate for the increase and diffusion of knowledge.
Bibliography of Liberian Earth Science

The backbone of this bibliography are the publications of the US Geological Survey. Without a doubt, the largest number of publications have been written by the US Geological Survey, often in cooperation with the Liberian Geological Survey. In this revised and updated report, additional materials have been identified and located in university, government and corporate libraries around the world.

Wherever possible, the information concerning the location of the identified materials or where they can be viewed is also given. Standard numbers, such as ISSNs, ISBNs and OCLC numbers are listed when possible to help locate and verify these publications. While materials in some libraries, particularly maps, frequently can’t be borrowed, others can be sent through inter-library loan agreements or by other library collaborations.

Other materials can be located and purchased through various document delivery companies such as AMRS or the American Geological Institute. For a fee, they will locate and supply to their customers copies of journal articles, maps or reports.

Introduction

The Republic of Liberia has it’s origins in 1821, when the American Colonization Society began it’s campaign to send freed slaves from the United States back to Africa. The country was settled by freed American slaves from 1822 through the 1860s, who had few interactions with the indigenous people. The republic, dating from 1847, is the oldest independent country in Africa. Liberia, meaning “Land of the Free”, has about 43,000 square miles, and is about the size of the state of Tennessee.

Liberia is a few degrees north of the equator and lies along the great western bulge of the continent. The coastline of Liberia is nearly 370 miles long, and extends from West Africa westward to Sierra Leone. Going inland, the republic varies from 100 to 200 miles in width, and ascends from sea level to the Guinea Highlands and the country of Guinea. The “Pepper Coast” is the name of a coastal area in western Africa, between Cape Mesurado and Cape Palmas. It encloses the present republic of Liberia and got its name from the melegueta pepper. It is also known as the “Grain Coast.”

Liberia is divided into 15 counties and they are subdivided into districts. The counties include: Bomi; Bong; Gbarpolu; Grand Bassa; Grand Cape Mount; Grand Gedeh; Grand Kru; Lofa; Margibi; Maryland; Montserrado; Nimba; River Cess; River Gee and Sinoe.

Regrettfully, Liberia has witnessed two civil wars, the Liberian Civil War (1989–1996), and the Second Liberian Civil War (1999–2003), that have displaced hundreds of thousands of people and destroyed their economy and the nation’s infrastructure.

Transportation in 1999 had a total road network of about 10,600km. There were 657km of paved roads and 9,943km of unpaved roads throughout Liberia.

Geology

Liberia is perched on the West African Shield, a rock formation from 2.7 to 3.4 billion years old. The West African Shield that is made of granite, schist, and gneiss. In Liberia this shield has been intensely folded and faulted and is interspersed with iron-bearing formations known as itabirites. Along the coast lie beds of sandstone, with occasional crystalline-rock outcrops.

Monrovia stands on such an outcropping, a ridge of diabase (a dark-colored, fine-grained rock). Most of the crystalline rocks are of Precambrian age. The western half of country is typically of Archean age. In the eastern half of the country, lenses of Proterozoic greenstone belts occur.
surrounded by rocks of probable Archean age. Rocks of Pan African age extend northwesterly along most of the Liberian coastline from the Cestos shear zone.

Along the Atlantic Ocean, the coastline is characterized by lagoons, mangrove swamps, and river-deposited sandbars. Inland, the grassy plateau supports limited agriculture.

**Climate**

Liberia is known for its sustained heat and heavy rainfall.

Because the republic lies south of the Tropic of Cancer and only a few degrees north of the equator, the days vary little in length. The tropical solar radiation is intense and the radiation is uniform across the country. Temperatures remain warm throughout the country, and there is little change in temperature between seasons. The mean annual temperatures in Fahrenheit range from the 70s to the 80s. The mean monthly maxima decline from the low 90s to the mean 80s during the rainy season. The mean monthly minima range from the low 60s in the highlands of the northwest to the low 70s at Monrovia and along the coast. Temperatures inland are warmer than along the coast, but the diurnal range is also greater inland.

More rain falls than in other areas of West Africa. The relative humidity is high throughout the country, and averages from 70 to 90 per cent, especially along the coast. The continental and maritime masses of air alternate their movements back and forth, and from north to south. This brings some seasonal differences in rainfall intensity. The coastal region has the heaviest rainfall, from between 155 to 175 inches annually in the west, and with nearly 100 inches of rain annually in the southeastern part of the country. Monrovia receives almost 180 inches of rain annually.

Rainfall decreases going north and inland. But the rainfall increases again in the highlands and the northernmost part of the republic. The driest part of the country is along a strip of the eastward flowing Cavalla River, but even there, the land receives over 70 inches of rain a year.

In Liberia, the rainy season begins in April or May, and reaches a peak in July through September, and tapers off again in October. Monrovia and Buchanan, on the coastal plains, receive a heavy rain earlier in the season, then they experience a period of reduced rainfall called the “middle dries” before heavy rains return in August. In the southeastern part of the country, the rainy season begins in April and lasts for two or three months, and then is followed by a drier period of two or three months. Then a second rainy season begins in September and lasts until November. The “middle dries” are not dry enough to be called a true dry season.

Water supplies have been improved in both rural and urban areas so that some 40 percent of the population has access to potable water. Surface water is abundant, and groundwater reserves are ample and regularly replenished by the country's heavy rainfall.

**Rivers**

The major rivers of Liberia are the Cavalla, the Cestos, the Lofa, the Mano, the Morro, the Saint John and the Saint Paul. The Mano and Morro rivers in the northwest and the Cavalla River in the southeast are boundary lines for part of the country. Most of the rivers of Liberia flow from the mountains inland in the northeast to the coast in the southeast, and parallel each other. Among the low mountains and hills, the river beds are steep and irregular, with frequent falls or rapids. Many rocks, waterfalls, rapids and sandbanks reduce navigation of these rivers very far inland. Closer to the coast, the river grade becomes less, and tidal current prevent the rivers from removing sand bars and accumulations. However, most streams overflow their banks regularly, and during the rainy seasons there is often severe flooding along the coastal plains. Many rivers flow long the coast for miles before they enter the Atlantic Ocean.
The rivers have been harnessed to generate hydroelectric power. The Farmington River is one source of hydroelectric power. The Mount Coffee hydroelectric station outside Monrovia on the St. Paul River is the country's largest hydroelectric installation. Electrical production in Liberia from all sources was 509.4 million kWh in 2003.

The Cavalla River in western Africa runs between the Ivory Coast and Liberia. The river is alternately known as the Cavally, Youbou, or Diougou River. The Cavalla rises north of the Nimba Range in Guinea and flows south to form more than half of the Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire border. The Cavalla enters the Gulf of Guinea 13 miles (21 km) east of Harper, Liberia, after a course of some 320 miles (515 km). With its major tributaries, the Duobe and the Hana, it drains an area of 11,670 square miles (30,225 square km).

The St. Paul River was first sighted by Portuguese sailors in the 15th century on St. Paul’s Day. The river begins in southeastern Guinea, crosses into northern Liberia about 30 miles (50 km) due north of Gbarnga, in Bong County. It then flows through Montserrado County, and eventually becomes the dividing line between Monrovia and Brewerville where it flows into the Atlantic Ocean.

**Topology**

The main physiographic regions of Liberia parallel the coast. These regions are: the coastal plains, the rolling hills, and the highlands. The Forest Zone covers all of Liberia.

The coastal plains are about 350 miles (560 kilometers) long and extend up to 25 miles inland. They are low and sandy, with miles of beaches interspersed with bar-enclosed lagoons, mangrove swamps, and a few rocky promontories. The highest promontory is Cape Mount (about 1,000 feet or 305 meters in elevation) in the northwest, with Cape Mesurado in Monrovia, and Cape Palmas in the southeast. Its deepest extensions lie along the watercourses. The shore is broken by river estuaries, tidal creeks, swamps, and a few rocky capes and promontories that appear as landmarks from the sea. Except for those promontories and capes and an occasional small hill, the altitude of the coastal region usually rises no higher than 30 to 60 feet. The mouths of the rivers are so obstructed by shifting sandbars and submerged rocks that there are no natural harbors. The surf is normally heavy all along the coast but is worse at the height of the rainy season.

Parallel to the coastal plains is a region of rolling hills some 20 miles wide with an average maximum elevation of about 300 feet; although a few hills rise as high as 500 feet. It is a region suitable for agriculture and forestry. Further on, the country consists of rolling plateaus and low-lying hills rising to the higher elevations of 600 to 1,000 feet that constitute almost half of Liberia's terrain. In the far northwest and north central portions of the territory are the outliers of the Guinea Highlands. This land is well watered, and a number of narrow, roughly parallel river basins run to the sea at right angles to the northwest-southwest trend of the belts of relief.

Most of this country lies in the heaviest rainfall zone in West Africa. Precipitation, however, decreases progressively inland, and rainfall belts, like relief belts, run roughly parallel to the coast. There is normally some rain during every month of the year, but most of the country is characterized by wet and dry seasons. The climate is warm and humid, and the annual temperature variation is quite small. At the northern edge of this belt, a steep rise indicates the southern edge of a range of low mountains and a plateau that constitutes nearly half the country's interior.

The highlands are behind the rolling hills, most of the country's interior is a dissected plateau with scattered low mountains ranging from 600 to 1,000 feet in elevation. The long ridges and dome shaped hills that constitute the northern highlands are part of the Guinea Highlands and occupy those sections of Lofa and Nimba counties that thrust much farther north than the rest of...
Liberia's boundary with Guinea and Ivory Coast. These mountains, mainly the Wologizi Range in Lofa County and the Nimba Range north of the town of Sanniquellie, rise to altitudes above 4,000 feet. Mount Wutivi, the highest peak in the Wologizi Range, reaches about 4,450 feet, and the Nimba Range's Guest House Hill is, at 4,540 feet, the highest point in Liberia.

In West Africa, the forest zone refers to the southern part of the region once largely covered by tropical rainforest. The forest zone of West Africa, in the strict sense, covers all of Liberia and Sierra Leone, most of Guinea, the southern halves of Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria, and parts of Ghana, Togo and Guinea-Bissau. In the eastern part of the forest zone, because of the influence of Mount Cameroon, soils are often fertile and there are large areas of subsistence farming. Major crops include millet, yams and rice, whilst plantation agriculture is extensive on the best soils, producing chiefly cocoa. Further west, due to the ancient geology of the region, soils are much less fertile and farming becomes chiefly confined to the raising of perennial crops, with cocoa remaining pre-eminent. Forestry has devastated much of the natural rainforest in countries such as Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia. Farmers without land have been pushed onto land with marginal soil for agriculture by population growth, which, despite frequent warfare, continues to be among the highest in the world.

**Land Resources**

Soil- More than 80 percent of Liberia's soils can be used for agriculture. Although there have been some local soil surveys, countrywide data are insufficient for a broad evaluation of soil potentials and agriculture. This is an area for future research. Cultivable land to meet the needs of the subsistence population, as well as for expansion of export tree crops, was quite satisfactory.

According to estimates of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in the early 1980s, only about 1,430 square miles of the country's total land area (roughly 3.9 percent) were used for cultivation. Permanent tree crops, such as rubber, coffee, and cacao, occupied 946 square miles, or two-thirds of the cultivated area; short-life crops, mainly foods, were produced on about 485 square miles. The FAO also calculated that more than 21,000 square miles of additional land was in a temporary bush and tree fallow state, and much of this is at a stage available for agricultural use. There was little pressure on the fallow areas in the less heavily populated rural regions, and about 80 percent of the subsistence farmers in those regions were reportedly using for crops new land on which the age of the tree or bush stands was seven or more years. The situation was different, however, in heavily peopled areas near the towns where the fallow cycle on good land has been found to be as short as four years, a period generally inadequate to allow the replacement of natural soil nutrients.

Four types of soil are found in Liberia: latosols, lithosols, regosols and alluvial soils.

Latosols are of low to medium fertility and occur in the rolling hill country and cover about 75 percent of the total land surface in Liberia. Latosols, (formed from “laterite” and “solum”, which is Latin for soil), are a soil that is rich in iron, alumina, or silica, and which formed in tropical woodlands under very humid climate with relatively high temperature. These latosols were formed on the extremely old, largely granites gneisses and other gneissic and schistic bedrock that underlie most of the country. These soils have been intensively leached by the heavy tropical rainfall and are of only medium to low fertility. Latosols are the soils on which upland rice, the largest single food crop in Liberia, is grown. Their limited amount of plant nutrients requires, without the use of fertilizer, a constant shifting of cultivation to new fields in order to maintain subsistence production levels. Large areas of these soils also support the country's major tree crops.
Shallow and coarse lithosols, in the hilly and rugged terrain, cover about 16 to 17 percent of the land in Liberia. Lithosols are a thin soil consisting of rock fragments, and is a soil with poorly defined layer horizons that consists mainly of partially weathered rock fragments. These are soils that are characterized by imperfect weathering and have low humus and mineral nutrient content. Although they support tree and other woody vegetation, these soils have little value for agriculture.

Infertile regosols, or sandy soils, are found along Liberia’s coastal plains. Regosols cover about 2 percent of Liberia, and are found along the coast that is generally infertile, although they support large numbers of coconut trees, as well as oil palms. Regosols are a type of soil consisting of unconsolidated material from freshly deposited alluvium or sand.

Highly fertile alluvial soils represent only about 3 percent of the land area of Liberia, and these soils are utilized largely for agriculture. Alluvial soils are found in the river bottoms, and in swamp soils. Swamp soils, especially those known as half bog soils, are naturally rich in humus, and when drained they provide excellent conditions for swamp rice and similar crops.

The principal food crops grown are rice, mostly of the upland variety, and cassava. These crops were grown throughout the country in the traditional sector, but cassava cultivation was more heavily relied on the southeastern coastal region, where rainfall and cloud conditions were less favorable for rice. A variety of vegetables were also grown to supplement the two main staples.

Climate and soils in Liberia were variously well suited to tropical tree crops, including rubber, coffee, cacao, oil palm products, and coconuts. Tree crops have been a major source of export earnings; in the period between 1979-81 rubber, coffee, cacao, and oil palm products accounted for almost one quarter of all export receipts.

With the exception of a small area in the northwest bordering Sierra Leone, the narrow coastal zone, and a region in the southeast, all of Liberia was considered ecologically suitable for commercial production of rubber. The area potentially usable for coffee cultivation was also large. In general, cacao could be grown throughout the same area; but soils required for satisfactory tree growth were less extensive, and rainfall factors placed some restrictions on profitable commercial cultivation. Oil palms grew naturally and were widely distributed, but for commercial planting the southeastern one third of the country offered the greatest future possibilities.

Mining
Gold

Gold in Liberia is mined almost entirely from alluvial deposits. Gold mining began in 1881 with the establishment of a Liberian-owned company. Other operators and individual miners exploited gold-bearing alluvial deposits in the early 1900s, but the total amount of gold recovered before World War I was routinely quite small. After WW1, gold was found in numerous river and stream deposits throughout Liberia, and placer mining became widespread. Mine output varied greatly, and many deposits were small and they were soon exhausted. In 1938 some 2,080 ounces were exported. In 1943 a new discovery of gold in Grand Cape Mount County led to a gold rush; that year almost 31,000 ounces were exported, and nearly the same amount was exported in 1944. A decline in output subsequently occurred, but in 1950 exports still were above 12,000 ounces a year. Available data on gold for the 1950s and 1960s were based on purchases by the Bank of Monrovia, to which by law any gold mined in Liberia had to be sold. During these two decades the amount bought in most years was less than 2,000 ounces. Until the late 1970s purchases continued to remain small because the fixed purchase price was $35 an ounce at a time when open market prices were substantially higher. Gold mining was also restricted to Liberian citizens.
These regulations were altered by the Gold-Diamond Act of 1979, which revised the earlier 1958 legislation on diamond prospecting, mining, and trading to encompass gold as well. The law permitted foreigners to participate with Liberian owners of gold claims in developing the deposits. Approval was also given to brokers and dealers to purchase and export gold, and a gold appraisal office was established in the Ministry of Lands and Mines to facilitate exportation. Provision was also made to adjust the local price of gold regularly, depending on world prices. A thriving open market reportedly developed. From 1,086 ounces exported in 1979, the amount rose to 7,243 ounces in 1980 and to almost 19,200 ounces in 1981. A substantial drop occurred in 1982, but nearly 15,400 ounces were exported in 1983. The revised law had apparently resulted in some foreign investment, and one company was reported to have introduced mechanized digging equipment.

**Diamonds**

The existence of diamonds was reported in Liberia in the late nineteenth century, but these reports remain unconfirmed. The first confirmed discoveries were made in 1906, when some stones were recovered from alluvial deposits that were being panned for gold. Since then diamonds have been found in different parts of the country, but the major locations have been in Lofa and Nimba counties. Most mining was carried out on a small scale using crude equipment. Output remained quite small until after World War II. In 1950 finds in the lower parts of the Lofa River, as well as subsequent discoveries, resulted in mass diamond rushes that involved tens of thousands of potential prospectors. Many of the prospectors were workers from the rubber plantations, and their departure caused serious disruption in rubber collecting. In 1958 the government passed legislation to control prospecting, mining, and trading in diamonds. At the same time substantial fees were established for licenses.

Data on Liberia’s diamond production have not been considered reliable. Liberia's use of the United States dollar as its unit of currency and domestic factors in neighboring Sierra Leone, where 3 substantial quantities of diamonds were also produced, were believed to result in extensive smuggling of diamonds into Liberia for sale. Both gem quality and industrial diamonds are found in Liberia, and annual export earnings vary depending not only on world price fluctuations but also on the relative quantities of each category of diamonds found. In 1970 some 800,000 carats having a value of $5.7 million were exported. In 1976 only 320,000 carats were exported, but earnings from fewer stones totaled $16.6 million, or 3.6 percent of the value of all exports from Liberia. Prices soared, and in 1979 the value of diamond exports reached a high of $39.6 million, or 7.4 percent of total export receipts. In 1983 some $17.2 million was received from the sale of 330,000 carats of diamonds. Under President Charles Taylor, Liberia was accused of supplying troops to support rebel forces in Sierra Leone's civil war. Taylor, a long-time ally of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) in Sierra Leone, had supplied the rebels with arms in exchange for diamonds. In 2000 the United Nations placed an 18-month ban on the international sale of the diamonds in an attempt to undermine the RUF, and in May of the following year it also imposed sanctions on Liberia. In 2003, because of the progress made in Liberia, President Gyude Bryant requested an end to the UN embargo on Liberian diamonds and timber, but the Security Council postponed such a move until the peace was more secure.

**Iron**

Liberia is rich in natural resources, especially in iron. Since 1951, Liberia was among the leading producers of iron ore in Africa, and Liberia is one of the principal exporters of iron ore in
the world. Sizable reserves are found primarily in four areas: the Bomi Hills, the Bong Range, the Mano Hills, and Mount Nimba, where the largest deposits occur. Other minerals include diamonds, gold, lead, manganese, graphite, cyanite, and barite. There are also possible oil reserves off the coast.

The largest mining operation was the Liberian-American-Swedish Minerals Company (LAMCO), a joint venture that accounted for about half of Liberia's annual iron ore output. LAMCO’s concession in the Nimba Range, near the border with Guinea, was given in 1953 but LAMCO only began shipping ore in 1963, when the port of Buchanan, which the company had constructed, finally opened for traffic. Their capacity was about 12 million tons of ore a year from a deposit at a proven reserve of some 250 million tons of 60 to 70 percent iron content. In the late 1970s ore output dropped to about 9 million tons, as American and European ore demands declined.

There also were proposals to move the potentially large output from ore deposits across the Guinean border via the LAMCO rail line to Buchanan if they were developed. In 1983 LAMCO's production had declined to 6.6 million tons. The second largest iron mining operation was in a 30-square mile concession located 50 miles north of Monrovia that had been granted in 1958 to the German-Liberian Mining Company. The firm was owned jointly in equal shares by the government and a consortium of German steel companies. Actual operations were carried out by the Bong Mining Company (BMC), and the ore was shipped to the German and Italian owned plants. The ore body had an average iron content of about 38 percent, which was increased to about 65 percent by concentration. Pelletizing, which required a high energy input, was also carried out. The profitability of the mine slumped as the 1970s progressed because of rising petroleum fuel costs. The production from the mine, which began in 1965, was shipped to the BMC pier at Monrovia port over a company-built rail line. By the early 1970s the output was over 5 million tons a year. From 1974 through 1975 output was generally over 6 million tons, and from the late 1970s to 1983 it averaged more than 7 million tons.

History

Declared a sovereign state in 1847, Liberia is unique among African countries. Next to Haiti, Liberia is the oldest black republic in the world and is the oldest republic in Africa. All the other countries in Africa have a history of colonization by white foreign nations. The colonial era of Liberia started when freed American slaves began to settle along the coast. The territory of Liberia was purchased from the native population for six firearms, one keg of gunpowder, three pairs of shoes, a box of beads and other trade goods.

The “Americo-Liberians,” as these black settlers were known, never exceeded more than 5 percent of the country's total population. They settled in the urban centers they formed along the coast and maintained a society based on the cultural models they were familiar with back in the United States. The national majority of Liberia, the indigenous peoples, was eventually classified by the government into 16 different "tribes." Most of the native Africans were encouraged to remain in their homelands in the interior of the country; a region vaguely designated the “Hinterland.” Exceptions were made, however, when inexpensive labor was needed on the large estates established by Americo-Liberians. Ironically, forced labor and other compulsory labor practices on these plantations were very often like the slavery experiences of the Americo-Liberians had left behind. The select minority of Americo-Liberians effectively excluded the indigenous majority from Liberia's social, political and economic life for over 130 years.
The Firestone Rubber Company began an experiment in rubber plantations in 1926, and the company’s name would then become associated with Liberia for well over forty years. Prior to that, Liberia had a “century of survival,” in that most of the efforts of the country were in preventing other countries and colonial powers from encroaching on their territory. After the strategic importance of Liberia was shown in WWII, America built a modern seaport and airport at the capital of Monrovia, named in honor of US President James Monroe.

In 1980, President Tolbert was assassinated in a coup led by Master Sergeant Samuel K. Doe. Twenty years of political violence, corruption and bad government ensued. A period of war and conflict lasted until 1997, and it is estimated that between 150,000 and 200,000 lives were lost, and many thousands of other people became refugees. Multiparty presidential and legislative elections held in July 1997 brought Charles Taylor to power. Under Taylor, the country remained economically depressed while he and his associates enriched themselves by looting their country's resources. In mid-2001, fighting erupted in Northern Liberia between anti-Taylor rebels and government forces. The civil war intensified during the next year, and the rebels continued to expand the war into other regions of Liberia in 2003. By mid-2003, the rebels controlled roughly two thirds of the country and were threatening to seize the capital, Monrovia.

In August, Charles Taylor resigned and went into exile, and he was succeeded for a short time by his vice president, Moses Blah. A peace agreement was signed with the two rebel groups, and several thousand West African peacekeepers, supported temporarily by an offshore U.S. force, arrived. In October 2003, the West African force was placed under UN command and was reinforced with troops from other nations; businessman Gyude Bryant became president of a new power-sharing government.

Despite the accord with the rebels, fighting initially continued in parts of the country; tensions among the factions in the national unity government also threatened the peace. Bryant's government was hindered by corruption and a lack of authority in much of Liberia, but the peace enabled the economy recover somewhat in 2004.

In the presidential election in the fall of 2004 former soccer star George Weah won the first round with 28% of the vote, but lost the runoff in November to Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, a politician and former World Bank official who received nearly 60% of the second round votes. Ellen Sirleaf thus became the first woman to be elected president of an African nation. At the same time a new national legislature was also elected, with no party securing a controlling position.

Civil war, corruption and government mismanagement have destroyed much of Liberia's economy, especially the infrastructure in and around Monrovia. Meanwhile, continued international sanctions on diamonds and timber exports limit growth prospects for the foreseeable future. Many businessmen, engineers and technicians have fled the country and the violence, taking their capital and their expertise with them. Some refugees have returned to Liberia, but many never will return.

Richly endowed with water, mineral resources, forests, and a climate favorable to agriculture, Liberia had been a producer and exporter of basic products- primarily raw timber and rubber. Local manufacturing, mainly foreign owned, had been small in scope. The government’s changes have helped diffuse the political crisis, but have done little to encourage economic development. International donors, who are ready to assist reconstruction efforts, are withholding funding until Liberia's business and trading environment improves. A plan was created in October 2005 by the International Contact Group for Liberia to help ensure transparent revenue collection and allocation, and to put the brakes on government corruption. This was something that was lacking under the transitional government and this has also limited Liberia's economic recovery.
The reconstruction of infrastructure and the raising of incomes in this ravaged economy will largely depend on financial investment and technical assistance from other countries.

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about 185 m.y. old is located along the coastal area and beneath the continental shelf parallel to the
coast northwest of Greenville. Intrusion of these dikes probably coincides with the separation of
Africa from North and South America. The magnetic data suggest basins of sedimentary rocks
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Taylor ultimately fought to a draw, signed a cease-fire and won a presidential election in 1997. "The deal was that the RUF would help Taylor 'liberate' Liberia and afterward would provide a base for the RUF to enter Sierra Leone," said [Ibrahim Abdullah]. "When the RUF entered Sierra Leone there was a Burkinabe [Burkina Faso] force under their command that Taylor arranged to send in. All the arms for Taylor and the RUF came from Burkina Faso, and were bought in Ukraine. The payment for all this was diamonds that went through Liberia, Burkina Faso and the Ivory Coast." That basic route still works, intelligence officials said. For months, Western military and intelligence officials have reported Taylor's tacit support for the rebels and friendship with their leaders. But in recent days intelligence officials, diplomats and sources with direct knowledge of RUF activities say his support has become more active and the threat of a wider regional war is growing. These sources say Taylor's recent reinforcement of the rebels is due to his determination to either maintain RUF control over the bulk of Sierra Leone's diamond fields, or back a new RUF escalation of the war. While Taylor acknowledges a friendship and historical ties with RUF leaders, he denies that he is arming the rebels now.


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exhibiting a regional foliation and structural alignment in a northeasterly direction. Major faults along sections of the Lofa and the St. John River are parallel to regional lithological units and have significantly influenced present topography. Massive unfoliated to weakly foliated granitic rocks exist over large areas in the extreme north of the country. Within the Liberian Age Province are Metasedimentary rocks, such as quartzites, amphibolites, pelitic schists and banded ironstones technically called itabarite. Granitic gneisses and the metasedimentary rocks have been intruded by numerous northwest trending diabase dikes. These are parallel to the coast and represent intrusive activity associated with the onset of continental break-up in Jurassic time. Rocks of Eburnean Age are restricted to southeast Liberia where they extend into the Ivory Coast. Their structural trend is similar to those of the Liberian Age Province but is more biotite rich. A major tectonic feature within rocks of the Eburnean Age province is the Dube shear zone. It intersects the coastline about 40km west of Harper and strikes a NNE direction into the Ivory Coast. It is 2 to 3km wide and has been delineated on the basis of outcrops, topography and magnetic data. Rocks of the Pan-African Age are found along the coast from northwest of Greenville in the southeast to Sierra Leone. Unlike the northeastern regional trends of both the Liberian and Eburnean Age Provinces, structural trends within the Pan-African Province generally are northwesterly and parallel to the coastline. The rock types in this province range from basic igneous to pelitic rock metamorphosed to the granulite and amphibolite grades. The Post Pre-Cambrian rocks in Liberia outcrop principally along the low-lying coastal area between Monrovia and Buchanan. Two onshore, sediment-filled basins also are located along this section of the coastline: the Roberts Basin filled with sediments of the Farmington River formation and Paynesville sandstone, and the Bassa Basin filled with material from the St. John River Formation. Rocks found in Liberia have been of economic importance and should continue to be in the future. Crystalline Rocks (igneous and metamorphic) are used locally in the construction industry as roadbed materials in building construction and as foundation stones in building construction. Post Pre-Cambrian rocks are used in the building industry where beach and river sands form the major constituents in the manufacture of concrete blocks. See: [http://www.biodiv.org/doc/world/lr/lr-nbsap-01-p1-en.doc](http://www.biodiv.org/doc/world/lr/lr-nbsap-01-p1-en.doc)


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levels. Infant foods were particularly heavily contaminated. It is concluded that when water supply programs are planned, the presence of other risk factors for water-related diseases should be investigated. To ensure maximum health benefits, water projects should, as a rule, be accompanied by other interventions. The hazardous practices of storing large quantities of drinking water in open containers, for example, as well as storage of cooked food, must be discouraged as must the potential dangers of bottle-feeding and unhygienic practices during weaning. Breastfeeding and hygienic handling of food should be encouraged. Descriptors: developing countries; public health; human diseases; drinking water; water supply; potable water; hygiene; bacteria; pathogens; enterobacter; Africa; Liberia.

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left hundreds of thousands more without access to food or clean water. With 200,000 displaced
people crammed alongside the city's one million inhabitants, there is concern that an outbreak of
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had been treating 350 patients a week until its cholera clinics were overrun by rebel forces in the
latest attack, when the town's only water treatment plant was also destroyed. Health workers fear
that conditions will continue to deteriorate until a proposed US/Nigerian peacekeeping force
arrives. "The epidemic of cholera now raging through Monrovia will only worsen if water and
sanitation services are not provided immediately," says Sam Nagbe, who works in Monrovia for
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also in Paleoproterozoic. West Africa is one of the typical regions of the Early Proterozoic
greenstone belts. They form narrow volcanic ridges, surrounded by sedimentary basins. The main
metallogenic period in West Africa for gold and base metals is Eburnean. Mineralization is
controlled on a regional scale by the large shear faults and greenstone belts, accreted to the
Archaean nucleus of the Leonian-Liberian Shield (the Man Shield) of the period 2.1-1.9 Ga. There
are analogous cycles in some other Precambrian cratons, including Precambrian of the Ukrainian
Shield, and we can suggest global importance and practical significance of the Early Proterozoic
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information received from various WACAF countries and obtained from a number of other sources shows that the major issues related to the marine, coastal and associated freshwater environment pollution in the region include: (a) The decline of water quality, due to land-based human activities, such as the introduction of sewage and waste water from industrial, domestic and agricultural runoff as well as coastal urbanization; (b) Physical degradation and habitat modification; and (c) Fishery resources depletion and the loss of marine biodiversity. The socio-economic and cultural implications can be tremendous in terms of income reduction arising from a loss of fisheries stocks and catches, recreation and tourism amenities, increase of water treatment and coastal protection costs. Because of the lack of detailed scientific data on coastal, marine and freshwater environment in the WACAF region, a certain degree of uncertainty prevails in assessing the pollution load in general. There is an urgent need for a precise qualitative and quantitative assessment of the significant sources of land-based pollution in the region. Notes: 49 tables and 16 figures. ISBN: 9280718003.


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power stations is designed to operate exclusively on gas oil (diesel fuel). Fuel expenditures by the Liberian Electricity Corporation (LEC) for the rural public stations represent a major and growing burden on the financially hard-pressed utility. Liberia has two potentially significant alternatives to oil-fired electric power for its up-country towns: small (1 to 5 MW) hydroelectric facilities, and wood-fired steam or gasifier plants (0.2 to 2 MW). Although small hydroelectric facilities appear viable for several locations, they cannot serve all locations and will require thermal back-up. The economics of supplying wood to a rural electric power plant or rural grid were evaluated under several scenarios involving: (1) different sources of the feedstock, and (2) differences in wood supply requirements for plants based on the use of steam or gasifier technology, and variation in the utilization level for such plants. With a few minor exceptions, wood energy supplies are plentiful throughout Liberia. Liberia has four different potential sources of wood fuel supply: the commercial cutting of retired rubber trees; the harvesting of secondary growth forest just prior to the land returning to temporary cultivation as part of a system of shifting agriculture; adding to the system of shifting agriculture the planting of fast-growing wood species and harvesting these trees when the land again is brought back under cultivation (generally after about five to seven years); and the establishment of commercial short-rotation wood energy plantations. Results indicate that the use of wood to fuel rural power stations is a viable economic option. NTIS Number: DE85015026XSP.

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Poorter L.; Bongers F.; Sterck F. J. and Wöll, H. 2003. “Architecture of 53 rain forest tree species differing in adult stature and shade tolerance.” Ecology 84, no. 3 (01 March 2003) p. 602-608 Abstract: Tree architecture determines a tree's light capture, stability, and efficiency of crown growth. The hypothesis that light demand and adult stature of tree species within a community, independently of each other, determine species' architectural traits was tested by comparing 53 Liberian rain forest tree species. We evaluated whether species differed in their tree height, crown
depth, and crown diameter, when compared at a standardized size of 15-cm diameter at breast height, and how their architecture changed early during ontogeny. Tree height was positively correlated with adult stature and light demand. By producing a relatively slender stem, large-stature species are able to rapidly reach their reproductive size, at a low cost for construction and support. Light-demanding species need a slender stem to be able to attain or maintain a position in the canopy. Both crown depth and crown diameter are negatively correlated with adult stature, but not with light demand. This is in contrast with the hypothesis that shade-tolerant species should have a shallow crown to reduce self-shading in a light-limited environment. Investing energy in height growth rather than lateral crown growth allows a rapid vertical stem extension, but crown diameter has to be sufficiently small to reduce the risk of mechanical failure. All architectural patterns were maintained during ontogeny. The key factors driving interspecific differences in tree architecture are the costs of height extension and mechanical stability. In general, light demand and adult stature represent independent axes of architectural differentiation, affecting tree architecture in different ways. References: 28. Descriptors: Plant ecology: general; shade tolerance. ISSN: 0012-9658.

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most pressing problem faced by Liberia during the nineteenth century was a stagnant economy. Shortage of funds inhibited government efforts to occupy hinterland territories effectively in order to prevent encroachment by European colonial powers and to implement a liberal or beneficent policy towards Liberia's indigenous population. In 1871 the treasury was empty, and President Edward James Roye was obliged to borrow 100,000 pounds from a British bank on quite onerous terms. When the loan became a political and economic problem and when cash-crop agriculture collapsed during the world trade depression from 1870 to 1900, the Republic plunged into debt obligations that it could not meet. By 1912 repeated defaults on loan repayments culminated with the establishment of an international receivership over all Liberian revenues.

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consumed. Wood and charcoal were used almost entirely by the residential sector, which also consumed an additional 530,000 BCOE of other fuels. Over 90% of the 530,000 BCOE was for electricity and 290,000 (56%) was from petroleum. Over half of the petroleum (150,000 BCOE) was for generation at the mines for their associated communities. 8 references, 10 tables. (ERA citation 10:016396). NTIS Number: DE85007361XSP.

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Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) as well as shorter, comparative desk studies of conflict timber in several other countries-among them Liberia. The latter country is clearly the 'poster child' of African conflict timber. The country's president, Charles Taylor, has authorized logging concessionaires to harvest timber which he has then exchanged with external partners to obtain the means of war light arms, helicopter parts, etc. These transactions have involved both timber sales, typically of raw logs, as well as logs bartered directly in exchange for arms. The People's Republic of China (PRC) has been a prominent Liberian barter partner in the recent Overview of Conflict Timber in Africa past. Taylor has used the timber-based military resources he has acquired to maintain his power at home and to pursue wars against Liberia's immediate neighbors (Sierra Leone, Guinea and, most recently, the Ivory Coast). Notes: This document is color dependent and/or in landscape layout. It is currently available on CD-ROM and paper only. CD-ROM contains a 164 page document. See also PB2005-102558 and PB2005-101559. Sponsored by the Agency for International Development, Washington, DC. Bureau for Asia and Near East. NTIS: PB2005102560.

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7 rocket-propelled grenades. In some cases, "these arms arrive on some of the same ships that subsequently export logs," according to a recent report by Global Witness, an NGO based in London (www.oneworld.org/globalwitness/liberia/liberiareport cover.htm). In 2000, Liberia exported timber worth $187 million on the world market. And yet the Liberian government declared timber revenues for the same period worth a scant $6.7 million. The U.N. experts believe Taylor used the rest of the money to finance his personal lifestyle and war. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan nonetheless appears to be taking Jackson's view that more sanctions would just create more suffering in Liberia. But Liberian opposition leader Gayah Fahnbulleh scoffs at them both. "With or without timber, people are suffering. They are destitute, impoverished. So sanctions on timber will make no difference to the plight of ordinary Liberians. But they will mean the end of Charles Taylor, because all the money goes to Taylor and his inner circle."

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