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Côte d'Ivoire

Republic of Ivory Coast

Area in Square Miles: 124,503

Capital: Abidjan (de facto), Yamoussoukro (official)

Climate: tropical

Population in 1997: 14,986,218

Peoples of Côte d'Ivoire: Baoule, Bete, Senoufou, Malinke, others

Major Languages Spoken in Côte d'Ivoire: French, Dioula, Agni, Baoule, Kru, Senoufo

Religions Practiced in Côte d'Ivoire: Muslim, traditional indigenous, Christian

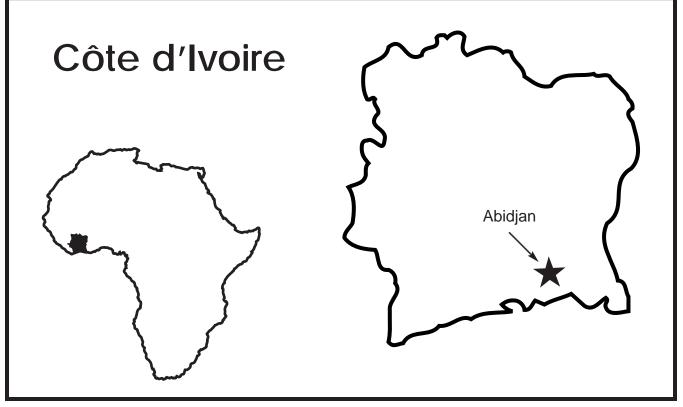
Currency in 1997: 610 CFA francs = \$1.00 U.S.

Natural Resources: timber, agricultural lands

Agriculture: cotton, coffee, bananas, pineapples, corn, millet, pineapples, rubber, palm oil

Industry: food and lumber processing, textiles, oil refinery, soap, car assembly

Interesting Facts: A French colony from 1893 to 1960, Côte d'Ivoire is well known for the beauty and grace of its art. The Dan, Senoufo, and Baoule peoples carve masks and figures of humans and animals from wood. The Dan masks are used in ritual dance celebrations. Other great arts of Côte d'Ivoire include music and textile weavings of bright colors.



A Place to Call Home

The people in Africa live in large cities and in small rural villages. Where do you live? Draw a picture of your home. Color the pictures and then cut out the boxes. Do the same on pages 110–112. Put the pages together to make a book. Research to find out more about some of these places.

