



Sierra Leone

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Several islands of **Sierra Leone** are facing imminent **submergence** due to **rising sea levels**, marking one of West Africa's most severe cases of **climate-induced displacement**.

Sierra Leone:

- **Location:** **Sierra Leone** is a **tropical country** on the **southwest coast of West Africa**, bordered by **Guinea (north and east)**, **Liberia (south)**, and the **Atlantic Ocean (west)**.
 - It includes island groups like the **Banana** and **Turtle Islands**, known for **tourism and cultural significance**.
 - Its capital **Freetown** is home to one of the **world's largest natural harbours**.



- **History:** Sierra Leone was colonized in **1787** by formerly enslaved people from **England**, followed by settlers from **Nova Scotia in 1792** and **Jamaica in 1800**.
 - Initially managed by the **Sierra Leone Company**, it became a **British crown colony in 1808** and **gained independence in 1961**.
- **Geography & Ecology:** It features a **coastal belt of mangrove swamps**, **wooded hill country**, an **upland plateau**, and **mountains** in the east. It has a tropical climate.
 - The highest mountain peak is **Mount Bintumani (Loma Mansa)** and major rivers include the **Rokel, Taia, Moa, and Sewa**.
- **Economy:** Primarily **agrarian**, with **subsistence farming** being the main livelihood. It is also rich in mineral resources such as **diamonds, gold, bauxite, and rutile (titanium dioxide)**.
- **International Engagement:**
 - Member of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**.
 - India was one of the **first contributors** to the **UN Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL)**, deploying a 4,000-strong military contingent in **2000-2001**.

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