



Benin

Demographics:

Population: 7,041,490 (July 2003 est.)

Area: 112,620 sq km

Government: Republic under multiparty democratic rule



Army

Source: Official websites

Personnel:

Active: 4,300

Terms of service: conscription (selective), 18 months

Organization:

3 infantry battalions

1 airborne battalion

1 engineer battalion

1 armored squadron

1 artillery battery

Equipment:

LT TK: 18 PT-76 (op status uncertain)

RECCE: 7 M-8, 14 BRDM-2, 10 VBL

TOWED ARTY: 105mm: 4 M-101, 12 L-118

MOR: 81mm

RL: 73mm: RPG-7; 89mm: LRAC

Forces Abroad:

UN AND PEACEKEEPING

DROC (MONUC): 21 including 19 observers; ETHIOPIA/ERITREA (UNMEE): 7 including 5 observers

Navy

Personnel: ~100

Bases: Cotonou

Inventory:

Patrol and Coastal Combatants: 1

PATROL, INSHORE: 1

1 Patriote PFI (Fr 38m)<

Air Force *Forces Armée Populaires de Benin*

Personnel: 150

Bases: Cotonou-Cadjehoun

Aircraft Inventory:

Antonov An-2 'Colt'	2
Antonov An-26 'Curl'	2
de Havilland Canada DHC-6 Twin Otter 300	1
Dornier Do128-2	1
Eurocopter AS-350B Ecureuil	2
Hawker-Siddeley HS.748 Andover	1

Paramilitary

Personnel: 2,500

Organization:

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