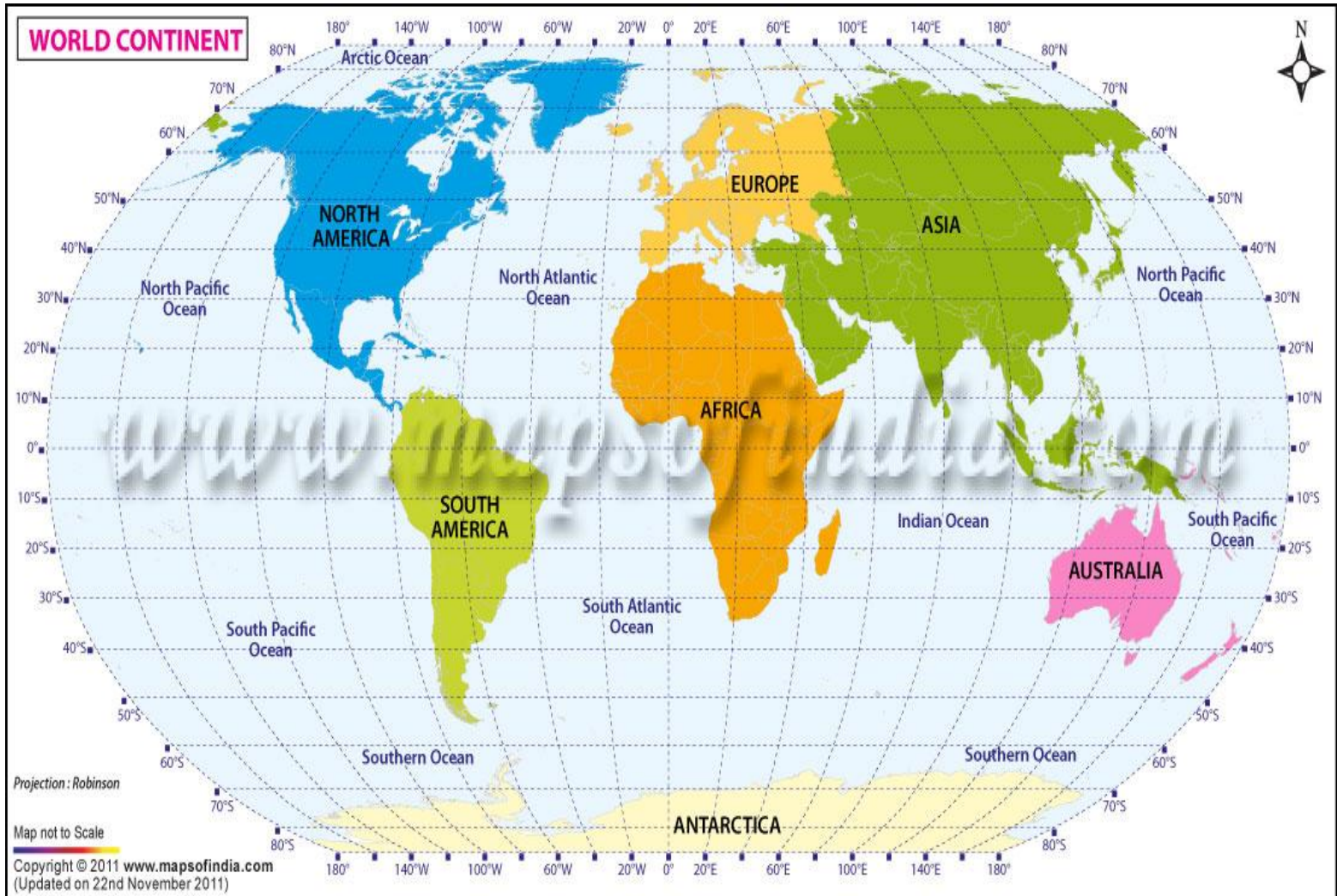


2.2 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (FORMERLY ZAIRE): THE LAND OF DENSE FORESTS

The Land of dense forests:-

** It lies between the Ten Degrees of the equator.*



** It's a dense Evergreen Forest in between this area.*

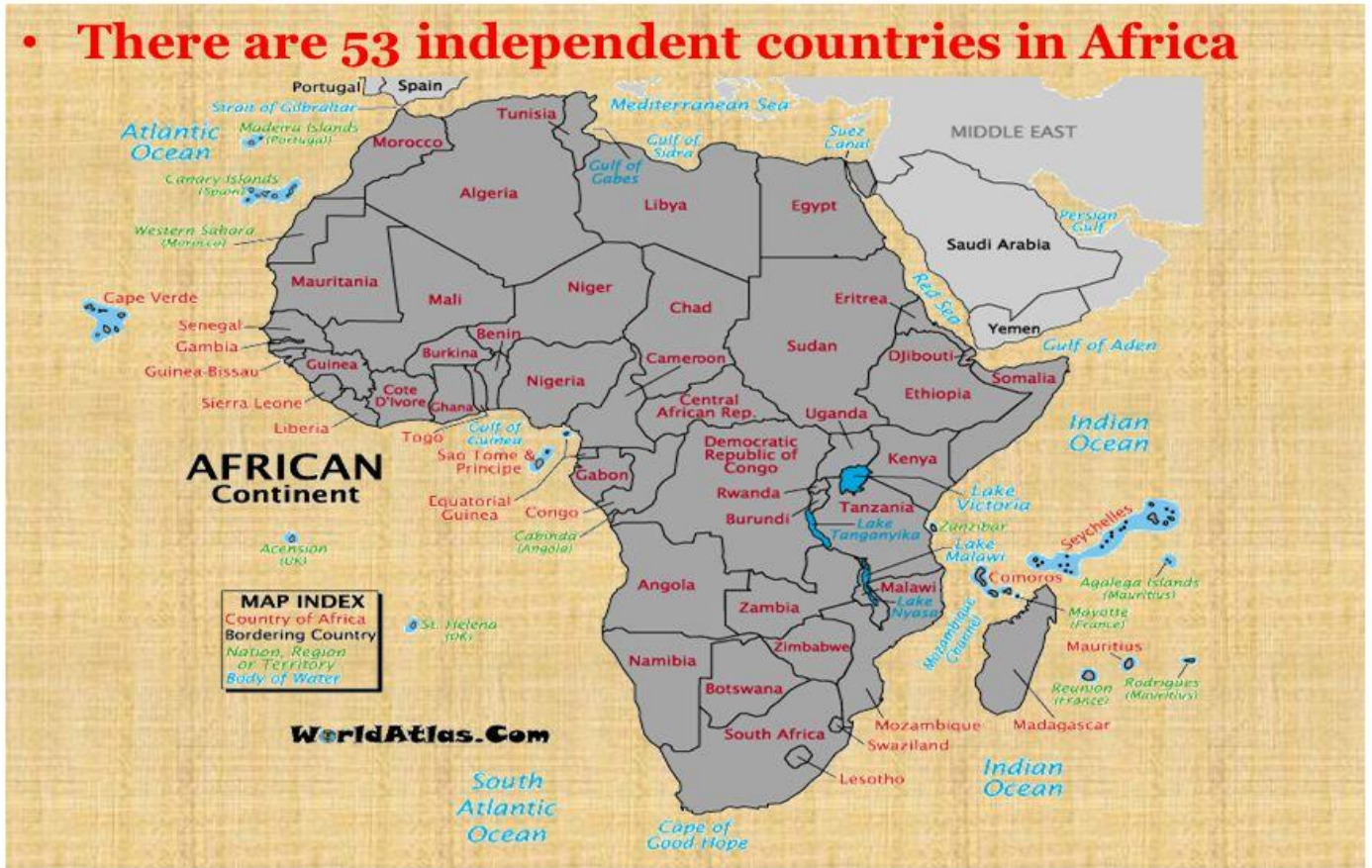
- Because there is no cold winter or dry season to stop the growth of the vegetation.

DRC:-

- *Situated in the Heart of Africa*
- *A huge, hot and rainy country*
- *Most of the part of Congo River comes under DRC*

Africa

- **There are 53 independent countries in Africa**





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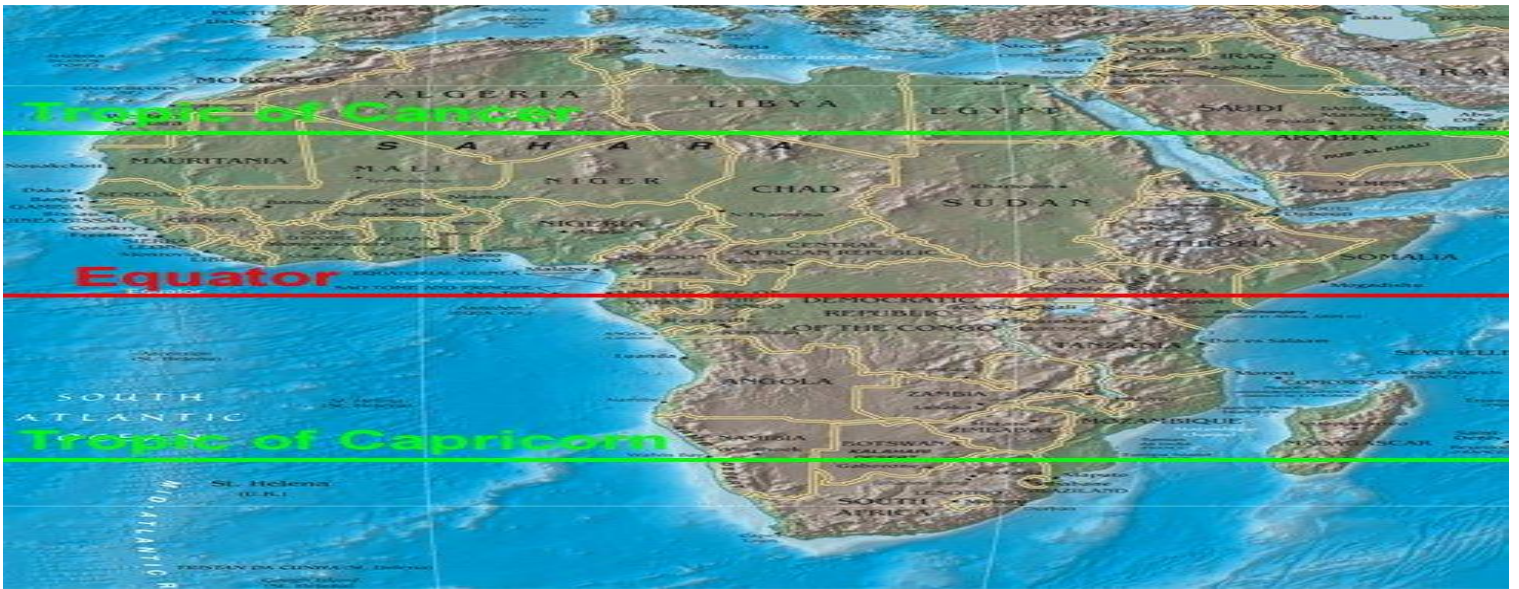


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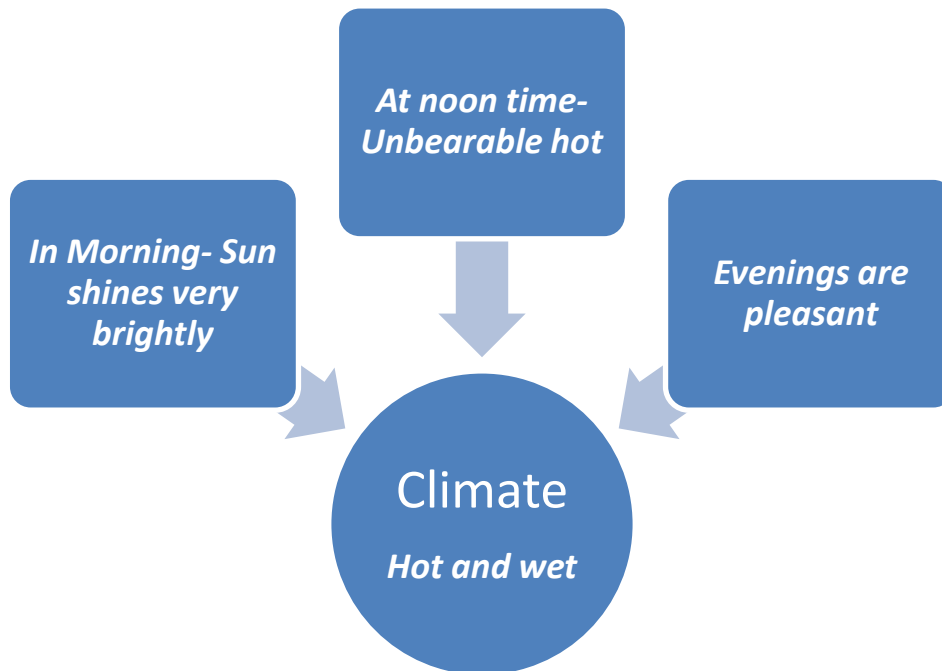
ONE OF
THE
MAIN
EXPORTS IS
COFFEE

Journey to the DRC by ship from Mumbai



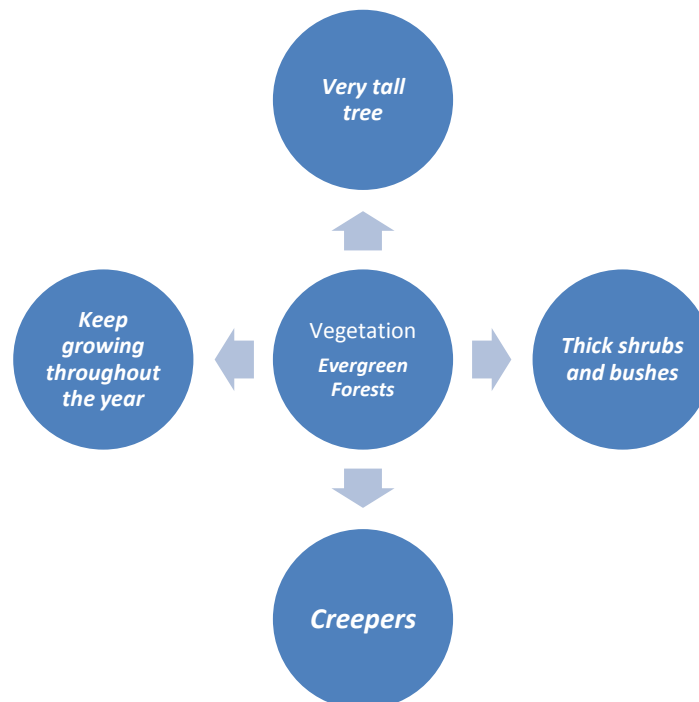
** The capital is Kinshasa.*

CLIMATE IN DRC:-



*** Weather conditions in DRC are almost same throughout the year.**

VEGETATION :-



WILDLIFE:-

DRC is called as "Natural Zoo of the World."

*Large variety of
wildlife*

*Colourful variety
of birds*

*Colourful variety
of butterflies*

PEOPLE:-

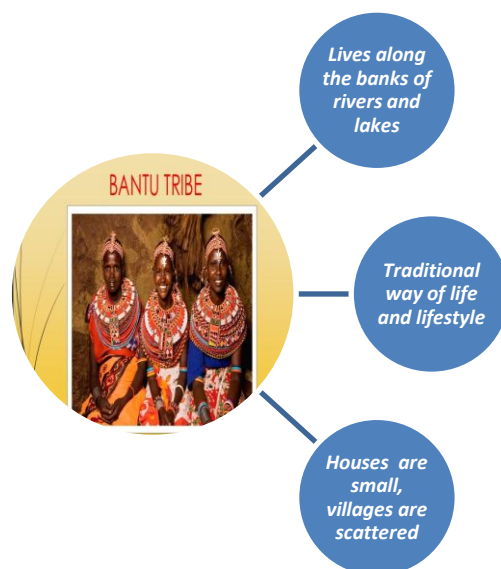
- * The Basin of the Congo River is thickly populated.*
- * Most of the peoples are Muslims.*
- * Some are Christians.*

Peoples are tall and hefty

Having short, curly hair

Have dark complexion

- * They are divided into several tribes and most of them belong to Bantu tribe.*



*** Many groups of Pygmies are there in deep forests Known as Mbuti or Bambuti.**

- Most primitive tribes in the world
- Short statured people
- Good hunters
- Do not live at one place all the time
- Food is hunted animals, eggs, fish, bananas, honey
- Very fond of dance and music
- Don't wear many clothes
- Houses are small, round shaped huts made up of leaves

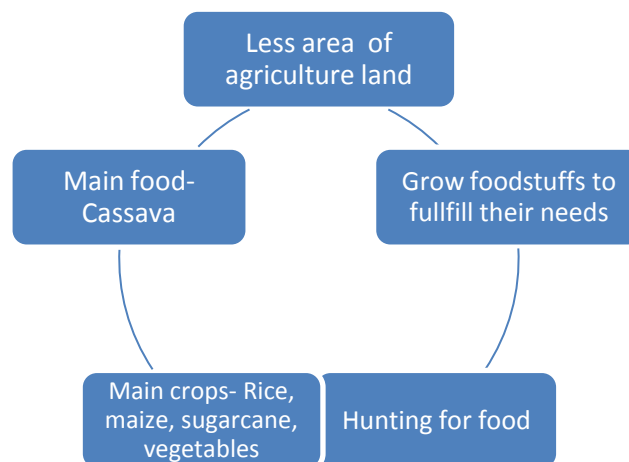


**** Peoples from the cities like Kinshasa lived in***

Pucca houses and wear modern clothes.



FOOD AND CROPS:-



*** Main food - Cassava.**

- *It is just like our sweet potato (Shakarkandi).*
- *Flour is made from the roots of this plant.*
- *It is used to make breads.*
- *Banana is also an important food crop.*



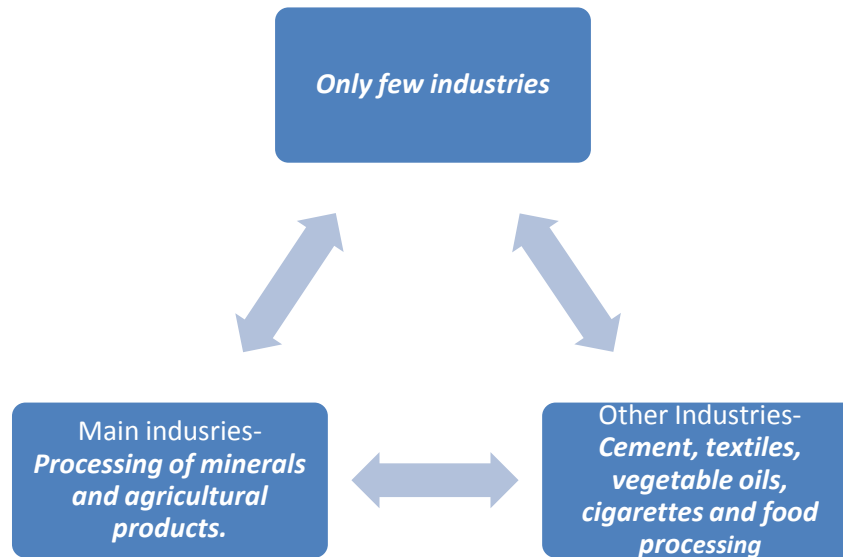
MINERALS:-

Southern part of DRC is rich in minerals also called as Shaba

Copper, tin, gold, zinc, iron, radium, uranium, cobalt, diamonds

Largest exporter of Industrial diamonds

INDUSTRY:-



**** The main port of DRC is Kinshasa.***

WATER RESOURCES:-

**** Related to water resources, DRC is the richest country in the world.***

- Has a plentiful of water throughout the year.

**** In future, DRC becomes the leading producer of hydroelectricity in the world.***

**** Already supplies electricity to- Zambia, Angola, Burundi, and Congo.***

MEANS OF TRANSPORT:-

**** Heavy cargoes travel by water.***

**** Shaba linked with rail just like Kinshasa and Kisangani.***