

Togo

Map of African continent



Indicator	Data
Population, 2019 (no.)	8,082,366
Population density, 2018 (people per sq. km of land area)	145.05
Coastal population, 2014 (no.) ³¹⁷	1,991,642
Share of people living in urban areas, 2019 (%)	42.2
Total MSW generated, 2016 (tons/year) ³¹⁸	1,109,030

Socioeconomic Profile

Togo is a low-income country in West Africa bordered by Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Benin. Although Togo's poverty rate fell from 61.7 percent in 2006 to 53.5 percent in 2017, poverty and inequality remain extremely high, especially in rural areas where 69 percent of households were living below the poverty line in 2015.³¹⁹ The country is divided into five administrative regions³²⁰ and runs a unitary presidential republic system with a parliament.

In 2019, Togo's overall GDP (purchasing power parity) fell just below \$13 billion, with a GDP (purchasing power parity) per capita of \$1,597.^{321, 322} With an area of 56,785 km², Togo has a population of 8,082,366 (2019) and a population density of 145.05 people per km² (2018).³²³ Though urbanization has increased in recent decades, majority of Togo's population still resides in rural areas—57.8 percent in 2019.³²⁴ Though its coastline measures 51 km, just under 2 million Togolese reside in coastal areas as of 2014,³²⁵ most notably in the capital city, Lomé.

³¹⁷ Jambeck et al., "Plastic Waste Inputs from Land into the Ocean."

³¹⁸ Kaza, Silpa, Lisa Yao, Perinaz Bhada-Tata, and Frank Van Woerden. 2018. What a Waste 2.0: A Global Snapshot of Solid Waste Management to 2050. Urban Development Series. Washington, DC: World Bank

³¹⁹ World Bank Group, "Togo—Overview," 2021, <https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/togo/overview#1>.

³²⁰ Statoids, "Regions of Togo," 2015, <http://www.statoids.com/utg.html>.

³²¹ GDP, PPP (constant 2017 international dollars) and GDP per capita, PPP (constant 2017 international dollars).

³²² World Bank Group, "World Development Indicators," 2020.

³²³ Ibid.

³²⁴ Ibid.

³²⁵ Jambeck et al., "Plastic Waste Inputs from Land into the Ocean."

Plastic Industry and Ecosystem

In 2018 and 2019, Togo had no domestic resin production. Its conversion industry processed 54 kt of resin (37 kt PE, 17 kt PP) in 2018 and 43 kt of resin (41 kt PE, 2 kt PP) in 2019. Togo is a net importer of plastics. In 2019, 95 million kg of plastics were imported into the country, with PE and PP accounting for about 95 percent of the imports.³²⁶ Only 896,069 kg of plastics were exported from Togo that same year, 95 percent of which consisted of scrap plastics and PE.³²⁷

Solid Waste Management

Togo generates 0.42 kg of MSW per capita per day and this amounts to an overall daily MSW generation of 3 million kg.³²⁸ It should be noted, however, that about 83.5 percent of MSW generated in Togo is inadequately managed.³²⁹ Plastic waste accounts for just below 11 percent of MSW arisings³³⁰, with a daily generation rate of about 366,000 kg.

Legislation, Policies, and Other Initiatives

The government ministry responsible for municipal waste management in Togo is the Ministry of Environment.³³¹ Waste management in Togo is driven by the following law:

- Framework Law on the Environment 2008-005, 2008: This law highlights the legal framework for the management of MSW in Togo, as well as industrial and hazardous waste.³³²

In 2011, the Togolese government, through Decree No. 2011-003-PR, instituted a ban on the production, import, and marketing of non-biodegradable plastic bags, while simultaneously authorizing the sale and use of biodegradable alternatives.³³³

³²⁶ UN Comtrade, “UN Comtrade Database,” 2019.

³²⁷ Ibid.

³²⁸ Kaza, Silpa, Lisa Yao, Perinaz Bhada-Tata, and Frank Van Woerden. 2018. What a Waste 2.0: A Global Snapshot of Solid Waste Management to 2050. Urban Development Series. Washington, DC: World Bank

³²⁹ Jambeck et al., “Plastic Waste Inputs from Land into the Ocean.”

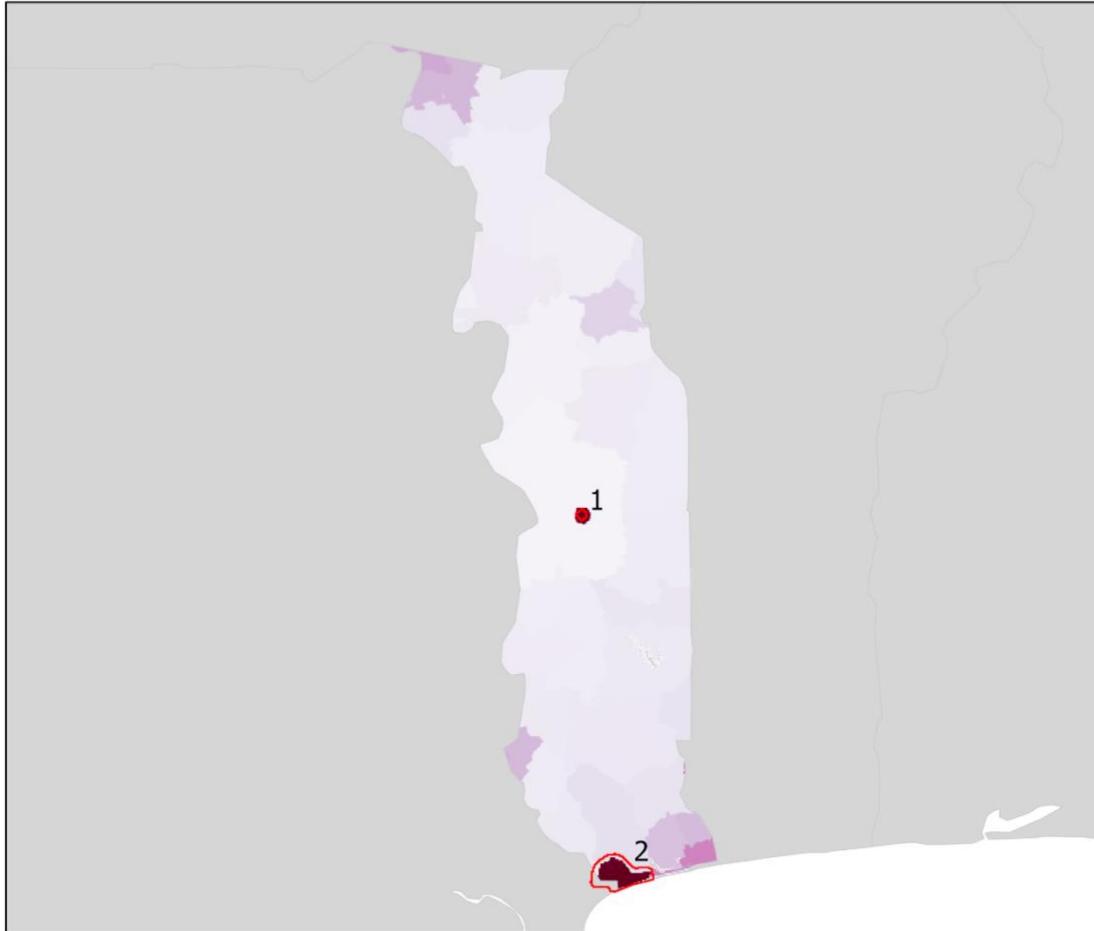
³³⁰ Ibid.

³³¹ Climate & Clean Air Coalition, “Solid Waste Management City Profile: Lomé, Togo,” 2017, https://www.waste.ccacoalition.org/sites/default/files/files/lome_city_profile_0.pdf.

³³² Chatham House, “Policies.”

³³³ Ibid.

Plastic Waste in Togo



Plastic Generation Hotspots

ID	Locale	Rank	Plastic Waste (kt)	Population	Area (km ²)
1	Sotouboua	53	1.1112	68,148	32.16
2	Lome	8	42.6874	2,668,914	639.24

Total Annual National Plastic Waste Generation: 133.78 kt



Location in Region



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