

The book was found

Sierra Leone In Depth: A Peace Corps Publication



Synopsis

Archaeology findings show that Sierra Leone has been inhabited for thousands of years. Traditional historiography has customarily presented it as peopled by successive waves of invaders; but the language pattern suggests that the coastal Bulom (Sherbro), Temne, and Limba have been in continuous settled occupation for a long time, with sporadic immigration from inland Mende-speaking people, including Vai, Loko, and Mende. Populations were historically organized in small political units of independent kingdoms or chiefdoms, the powers of whose rulers were checked by councils. Secret societies, notably the Poro society, also exercised political power and instructed initiates in the customs of the culture. Muslim traders brought Islam, and European contact began with Portuguese sailors Alvaro Fernandez in 1447 and Pedro Da Cintra in 1462. Located near present day Freetown, the Rokel estuary was established as an important source of fresh water for sea traders and explorers who traded goods such as swords and kitchen and other household utensils in exchange for beeswax and fine ivory works. By the mid-1550s, slaves replaced these items as the major commodity. British traders of the Royal African Company established forts along the coast for trading after the 1650s, but the British did not have a monopoly on the area. In 1808, the Freetown area became an official British Crown Colony. Trade flourished and in 1896 a protectorate was declared, which unified all the areas that form the basis of modern day Sierra Leone. Building on that foundation, the country developed a single identity with a shared history and culture. The language Krio developed out of a mix of various languages, but English became the official language. During British colonialism, Sierra Leone served as the seat of government for other British colonies along the West Coast of Africa. The first college for higher education south of the Sahara was established in 1827. The country is well known for its early achievements in the fields of medicine, law, and education, earning the nickname "the Athens of West Africa."

• Sierra Leone achieved independence from the British on April 27, 1961. Since independence, many changes have been experienced politically, economically, and socially in Sierra Leone. The 1990s brought successive civil disturbances, culminating into a ghastly war that led to the intervention of the international community, led by the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL). Various international organizations helped provide an environment for the elections of 2002. The war has officially been over since 2002 and the process of rebuilding Sierra Leone and re-establishing its institutions is well underway. Since the war, Sierra Leone has held two multiparty elections which have been generally perceived as free and fair. Under a multiparty democracy, Sierra Leone's economy is gradually picking up. Mining and oil extraction have, in recent years, played a key role in providing additional income to the government and citizenry. With

peace, the tourism sector is growing and shows signs of great potential. Many Sierra Leoneans who left during the war years are returning and bringing needed investment and expertise back to the country. Political stability and tolerance have fostered a peaceful co-existence and the country is making strides in many aspects of development.

Book Information

Series: Peace Corps

Paperback: 60 pages

Publisher: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform (September 18, 2014)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1502415593

ISBN-13: 978-1502415592

Product Dimensions: 8.5 x 0.1 x 11 inches

Shipping Weight: 7.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review

Best Sellers Rank: #2,261,721 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #78 in [Books > Travel > Africa > Coastal West Africa](#)

Customer Reviews

Ordered right before my trip. Very helpful.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Sierra Leone in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication Society of Publication Designers: 34th
Publication Design Annual (Society of Publication Designers' Publication Design Annual) (Vol 34)
Guyana in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication Paraguay in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication
Moldova in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication Benin in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication
Madagascar in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication Malawi in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication
Mozambique in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication Mali in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication
Zambia in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication Fiji in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication Micronesia in
Depth: A Peace Corps Publication Armenia in Depth: A Peace Corps Publication Steve's Adventure
with the Peace Corps: Stories from the Kingdom of Tonga and the United States Peace Corps 42nd
Publication Design Annual (Society of Publication Designers' Publication Design Annual) 38th
Publication Design Annual (Society of Publication Designers' Publication Design Annual) 36th
Publication Design Annual (Society of Publication Designers' Publication Design Annual) (Vol 36)
Best Magazine Design Spd Annual: 29th Publication Design (Society of Publication Designers'

Publication Design Annual) (v. 29) Foods of Sierra Leone and Other West African Countries: A Cookbook

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)