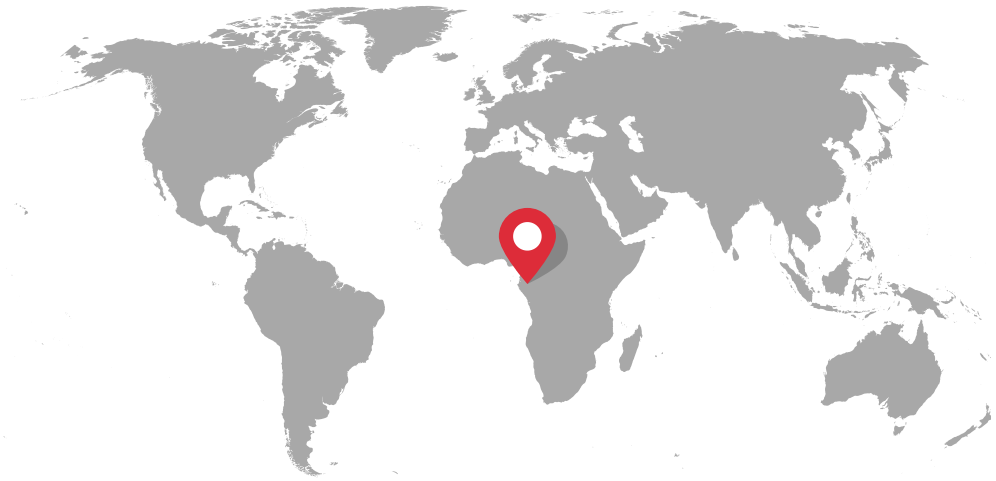
ThinkHazard!

Identify natural hazards in your project area
and understand how to reduce their impact

Gabon



River flood | Urban flood | Coastal flood | Wildfire | Extreme heat | Landslide

Tsunami | Earthquake | Water scarcity | Volcano | Cyclone

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About ThinkHazard!

ThinkHazard! is a new web-based tool enabling non-specialists to consider the impacts of disasters on new development projects. Users of *ThinkHazard!* can quickly and robustly assess the level of river flood, earthquake, drought, cyclone, coastal flood, tsunami, volcano, and landslide hazard within their project area to assist with project planning and design.

ThinkHazard! is a simple flagging system to highlight the hazards present in a project area. As such, a user is only required to enter their project location – national, provincial or district name. The results interface shows a user whether they require high, medium or low awareness of each hazard when planning their project.

ThinkHazard! also provides recommendations and guidance on how to reduce the risk from each hazard within the project area, and provides links to additional resources such as country risk assessments, best practice guidance, additional websites. *ThinkHazard!* also highlights how each hazard may change in the future as a result of climate change.

The ThinkHazard! methodology is documented here.

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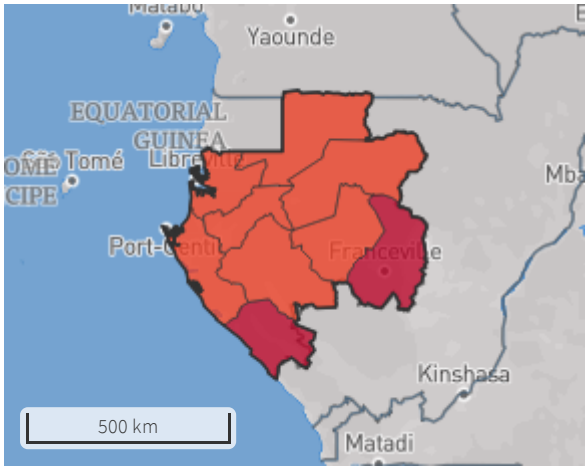
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Wildfire

Hazard level: ***High***

In the area you have selected (Gabon) the wildfire hazard is classified as **high** according to the information that is currently available to this tool. This means that there is greater than a 50% chance of encountering weather that could support a significant wildfire that is likely to result in both life and property loss in any given year. Based on this information, the impact of wildfire **must be considered** in all phases of the project, in particular during design and construction. **Project planning decisions, project design, construction and emergency response planning methods should take into account the high level of wildfire hazard.** Note that damage can not only occur due to direct flame and radiation exposure but may also include ember storm and low level surface fire. In extreme fire weather events, strong winds and wind born debris may weaken the integrity of infrastructure. It would be prudent to consider this effect in the design and construction phase of the project. Further detailed information specific to the location and planned project should be obtained to adequately understand the level of hazard.

Climate change impacts: Modeled projections of future climate identify a likely increase in the frequency of fire weather occurrence in this region, including an increase in temperature and greater variance in rainfall. In areas already affected by wildfire hazard, the fire season is likely to increase in duration, and include a greater number of days with weather that could support fire spread because of longer periods without rain during fire seasons. Climate projections indicate that there could also be an increase in the severity of fire. It would be prudent to design projects in this area to be robust to increases in the severity and frequency of wildfire hazard. Areas of very low or low wildfire hazard could see an increase in hazard, as climate projections indicate an expansion of the wildfire hazard zone. Consider local studies on the impacts of climate change on wildfire trends, before deciding whether to design projects to withstand fire of greater intensity than those previously experienced in this region.



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Further resources

- Building Urban Resilience - Principles, Tools, and Practice
- Shock Waves : Managing the Impacts of Climate Change on Poverty
- Turn Down the Heat : Why a 4 Degree Centrigrade Warmer World Must be Avoided

Gabon

Coastal flood

Hazard level: ***High***

In the area you have selected (Gabon) coastal flood hazard is classified as **high** according to the information that is currently available. This means that potentially-damaging waves are expected to flood the coast at least once in the next 10 years. Based on this information, the impact of coastal flood **must be** considered in different phases of the project for any activities located near the coast. **Project planning decisions, project design, and construction methods must take into account the level of coastal flood hazard**. Further detailed information should be obtained to adequately account for the level of hazard.



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Further resources

- Building Urban Resilience - Principles, Tools, and Practice
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- EMDAT: Country Profile on Historical Disaster Events
- FLOPROS: A global database of Flood Protection Standards
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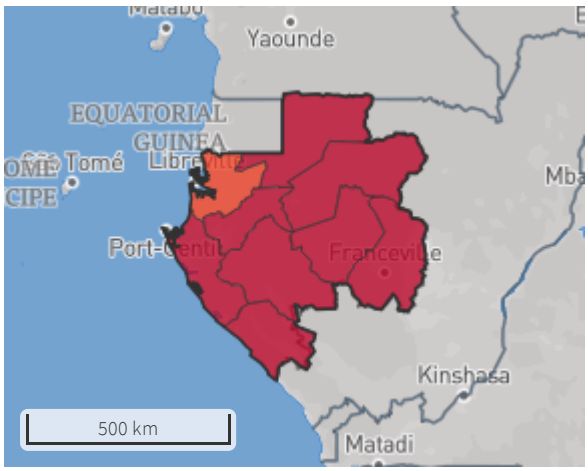
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Urban flood

Hazard level: ***High***

In the area you have selected (Gabon) urban flood hazard is classified as **high** based on modeled flood information currently available to this tool. This means that potentially damaging and life-threatening urban floods are expected to occur at least once in the next 10 years. **Project planning decisions, project design, and construction methods must take into account the level of urban flood hazard**. The following is a list of recommendations that could be followed in different phases of the project to help reduce the risk to your project. Please note that these recommendations are generic and not project-specific.

Climate change impacts: Medium confidence of little change in amount or intensity of precipitation. The present hazard level may remain similar in the long-term when considering climate change only. However, changes to environment and land-use also influence how localized river flood hazard evolves into the future and alter future hazard level.



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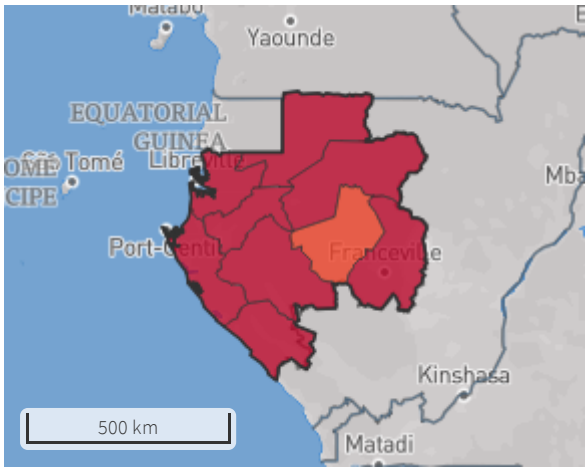
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River flood

Hazard level: ***High***

In the area you have selected (Gabon) river flood hazard is classified as **high** based on modeled flood information currently available to this tool. This means that potentially damaging and life-threatening river floods are expected to occur at least once in the next 10 years. **Project planning decisions, project design, and construction methods must take into account the level of river flood hazard**. Surface flood hazard in urban and rural areas is not included in this hazard classification, and may also be possible in this location. Please see 'Urban Flood' for consideration of urban surface and river flooding.The following is a list of recommendations that could be followed in different phases of the project to help reduce the risk to your project. Please note that these recommendations are generic and not project-specific.

Climate change impacts: Medium confidence of little change in amount or intensity of precipitation. The present hazard level may remain similar in the long-term when considering climate change only. However, changes to environment and land-use also influence how localized river flood hazard evolves into the future and alter future hazard level.



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Further resources

- Cities and Flooding: A Guide to Integrated Urban Flood Risk Management for the 21st Century
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- Climate Change Knowledge Portal
- Defining disaster resilience: a DFID approach paper
- EMDAT: Country Profile on Historical Disaster Events
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- Global Risk Patterns and Trends in Global Assessment Report
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- Understanding the Economics of Flood Risk Reduction
- Weather and Climate Resilience: Effective Preparedness through National Meteorological and Hydrological Services
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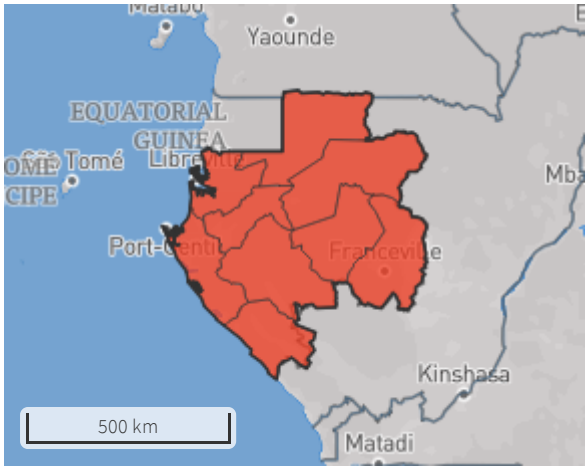
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Extreme heat

Hazard level: ***Medium***

In the area you have selected (Gabon) extreme heat hazard is classified as **medium** based on modeled heat information currently available to this tool. This means that there is more than a 25% chance that at least one period of prolonged exposure to extreme heat, resulting in heat stress, will occur in the next five years. **Project planning decisions, project design, and construction methods should take into account the level of extreme hazard**. The following is a list of recommendations that could be followed in different phases of the project to help reduce the risk to your project. Please note that these recommendations are generic and not project-specific.

According to the most recent assessment report of the Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change (IPCC, 2013), continued emissions of greenhouse gases will cause further warming, and it is virtually certain that there will be more frequent hot temperature extremes over most land areas during the next fifty years. Warming will not be regionally uniform. In the area you have selected, the temperature increase in the next fifty years will be slightly lower than the worldwide average, but still significant. It would be prudent to design projects in this area to be robust to global warming in the long-term.



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Further resources

- Building Urban Resilience - Principles, Tools, and Practice
- Excessive Heat Events Guidebook
- Heatwaves and Health: Guidance on Warning-System Development
- Shock Waves : Managing the Impacts of Climate Change on Poverty
- Turn Down the Heat : Why a 4 Degree Centrigrade Warmer World Must be Avoided

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Landslide

*Hazard level: **Low***

In the area you have selected landslide susceptibility is classified as low according to the information that is currently available. This means that this area has rainfall patterns, terrain slope, geology, soil, land cover and (potentially) earthquakes that make localized landslides an uncommon hazard phenomenon. Based on this information, planning decisions such as project siting, project design, and construction methods, may want to consider the potential for landslides. Further detailed information should be obtained to better understand the level of landslide susceptibility in your project area.

Climate change impact: Climate change is likely to alter slope and bedrock stability through changes in precipitation and/or temperature. It is difficult to determine future locations and timing of large rock avalanches, as these depend on local geological conditions and other non-climatic factors.



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Further resources

- Building Urban Resilience - Principles, Tools, and Practice
- Climate Change Knowledge Portal
- Community Based Landslide Risk Reduction
- Defining disaster resilience: a DFID approach paper
- EMDAT: Country Profile on Historical Disaster Events
- Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction: Country Profiles
- Global Risk Patterns and Trends in Global Assessment Report
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Tsunami

*Hazard level: **Low***

In the area you have selected (Gabon) tsunami hazard is classified as **low** according to the information that is currently available. This means that there is more than a 2% chance of a potentially-damaging tsunami occurring in the next 50 years. Based on this information, the impact of tsunami **may be** considered in different phases of the project for any activities located near the coast. **Project planning decisions, project design, and construction methods may want to take into account the level of tsunami hazard**. Further detailed information should be obtained to adequately account for the level of hazard.

Climate change impact: The areas at risk of tsunami will increase as global mean sea level rises. According to the IPCC (2013), global mean sea level rise depends on a variety of factors, and estimates for 2100 range from ~20 cm to nearly 1 m. However, regional changes in sea level are difficult to predict. Projects in low-lying coastal areas such as deltas, or in island states should be designed to be robust to projected increases in global sea level.



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Further resources

- Defining disaster resilience: a DFID approach paper
- EMDAT: Country Profile on Historical Disaster Events
- Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction: Country Profiles
- Guidance on Safe School Construction
- INFORM: Index for Risk Management
- Learning from Megadisasters: Lessons from the Great Japan Earthquake
- Learning from Megadisasters: Lessons from the Great Japan Earthquake
- Preparing your community for tsunamis
- Towards Safer School Construction
- Tsunami Runup Database
- Understanding Risk in an Evolving World - Emerging Best Practices in Natural Disaster Risk Assessment

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Earthquake

Hazard level: Very low

In the area you have selected (Gabon) earthquake hazard is classified as **very low** according to the information that is currently available. This means that there is less than a 2% chance of potentially-damaging earthquake shaking in your project area in the next 50 years. Based on this information, the impact of earthquake **need not be** considered in different phases of the project, in particular during design and construction. Although the hazard is considered to be very low or non-existent in the project location based on the information available in *ThinkHazard!*, additional information may show some level of hazard. If local or additional information sources suggest that there is earthquake hazard, follow the recommendations below and seek expert guidance on additional recommended actions.



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Further resources

- Global Earthquake Model - SSAHARA project
- Comprehensive Safe Hospital Framework
- E-learning course: Understanding Risk (World Bank)
- Hospital Safety Index Guide
- Building Urban Resilience - Principles, Tools, and Practice
- Defining disaster resilience: a DFID approach paper
- EMDAT: Country Profile on Historical Disaster Events
- Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction: Country Profiles
- Global Earthquake Model - GEM Foundation
- Global Risk Patterns and Trends in Global Assessment Report
- Guidance on Safe School Construction
- INFORM: Index for Risk Management
- Reducing Earthquake Risk in Hospitals
- Temblor

- Towards Safer School Construction
- Understanding Risk in an Evolving World - Emerging Best Practices in Natural Disaster Risk Assessment

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Water scarcity

Hazard level: Very low

In the area you have selected (Gabon) water scarcity is classified as **very low** or non-existent according to the information that is available to this tool. However, additional information may show some level of hazard. If local or additional information sources suggest that there is drought hazard, follow the recommendations below and seek expert guidance on additional recommended actions. In the area you have selected droughts will occur much less than once every 1000 years. Based on this information, **drought hazard does not need to be explicitly considered for your project**. Although the drought hazard is considered to be very low or non-existent in the project location, additional information may show some level of hazard. If local or additional information sources suggest that there is drought hazard, follow the recommendations below and seek expert guidance on additional recommended actions.

Climate change impact: Model projections are inconsistent in their estimates of change in drought hazard, which influences water scarcity. The present hazard level may increase in the future due to the effects of climate change. It would be prudent to design projects in this area to be robust to increased drought hazard and water scarcity in the long-term.



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Further resources

- Building Urban Resilience - Principles, Tools, and Practice
- Climate Change Knowledge Portal
- Defining disaster resilience: a DFID approach paper
- Drought Risk Reduction: Framework and Practices
- EMDAT: Country Profile on Historical Disaster Events
- Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction: Country Profiles
- Guidance on Safe School Construction
- INFORM: Index for Risk Management
- National Drought Management Policy Guidelines: A Template for Action
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