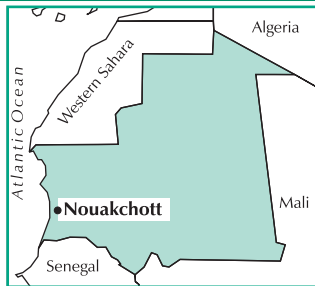


## Mauritania



<b>Area ('000 km<sup>2</sup>):</b>	1,030.7
<b>Population (millions), 1997:</b>	2.4
<b>Capital:</b>	Nouakchott
<b>Official language:</b>	Arabic
<b>Currency:</b>	Ouguiya
<b>GNP per capita (\$), 1997:</b>	440
<b>Percentage shares in GDP, 1997:</b>	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	25.5
Industry (including <i>manufacturing</i> )	29.1 (9.8)
Services (private and public)	45.6
Gross domestic investment	17.6
<b>Exports of goods and serv. (% of GDP), 1997:</b>	39.7
<b>Main employer (% of labour force), 1997:</b>	
Agriculture	53

<b>Life expectancy (male/female), 1990-95:</b>	50/53
<b>Infant mortality rate, 1997:</b> (per 1,000 live births)	120
<b>Daily calorie intake per capita (% of regional minimum requirements), 1997:</b>	145.7
<b>Population with access to safe water (% , urban/rural), 1997:</b>	88/59
<b>Adult literacy rate (% , male/female), 1995:</b>	50/26
<b>Transport, 1996 or latest available:</b>	
Road network density (km/1,000 km <sup>2</sup> )	7.5
Railway network density (km/1,000 km <sup>2</sup> )	0.6
<b>Installed electricity capacity, 1995:</b> (kW/1,000 inhabitants)	46
<b>Telephone (units per 1,000 inhabitants), 1996:</b>	4.3
<b>Number of tourist arrivals, 1997:</b>	..
<b>Total exports of goods and serv. (\$ m), 1997:</b>	463
<b>Main export sector (% of total exports), 1995-97:</b>	
Fish	54.7
<b>Main markets for exports (% shares), 1997:</b>	
Developed market economy countries	84.8
<i>Main destination:</i> European Union	59.9
<b>Main sources of imports (% shares), 1997:</b>	
Developed market economy countries	65.7
<i>Main origin:</i> European Union	56.8
<b>Foreign direct investment inflows (\$ m), 1997:</b>	0.9
<b>Total net financial inflows (\$ m), 1997:</b>	246
<i>of which:</i> net ODA (\$ m/%)	250/101.7*
<b>External debt (\$ m), 1997:</b>	2,312
As % of GDP	211
Debt service as % of exports	25

\* See explanatory note 5 on page 2