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Kinshasa Security Briefing

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Agenda

- Main threats in Kinshasa
- Travel to Kinshasa
- Departure formalities
- Important contacts



Governor: [Gentiny Ngobila Mbala](#)

Area: 9 965 km²

Population: 17.07 million (2021)

Coordinates: 4° 19' 30" South

15° 19' 20" East

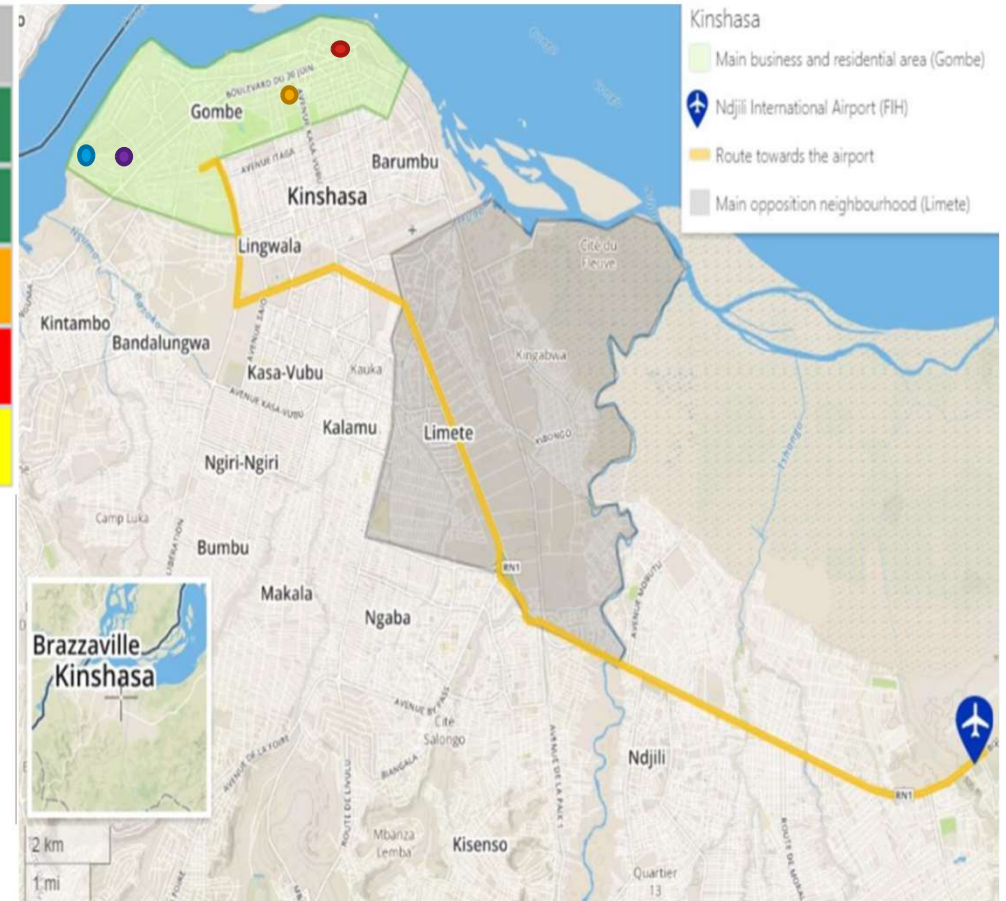
Name of Inhabitants: Kinois

Province: Kinshasa

Main threats - Gombe area

Category	Threat Rating
Armed Conflict	Low
Terrorism	Low
Crime	Substantial
Civil Unrest	High
Hazards	Moderate

- Crime
- Civil unrest
- Dangers/Hazards



THREAT CATEGORIES

CRIME: **SUBSTANTIAL**



▪ Shegués Vs Kulunas

- ✓ Crime rate on the rise
- ✓ The Kulunas are involved in street crime armed with knives, mostly at night
- ✓ Shegués are more involved in opportunistic crimes, often committed during the day (pickpockets).

Hot spots: Main avenues in Gombe, and isolated areas outside Gombe

THREAT CATEGORIES

CRIME: SUBSTANTIAL



Photo of KETCH taxi and Hiace taxi-bus

- **Kidnapping / Physical assault**
- ✓ **Abductions from taxis and buses** are fairly frequent
- ✓ Criminals target their victims indiscriminately and sometimes ask for ransoms from relatives
- ✓ **Physical assaults** are a fairly new phenomenon (at the beginning of 2023), particularly targeting foreigners. Several cases have been reported in Gombe

THREAT CATEGORIES

CRIME: **SUBSTANTIAL**



Tips crime

- Keeping a low profile
- Minimise travel after 6 p.m. and avoid all travel outside the commune of Gombe
- Take extra care during rush hour (vehicles, places frequented by expatriates, crossroads, traffic jams)
- Always drive with the windows closed and the doors locked.
- To obey when threatened, do not resist.
- Keep communications equipment operational
- Save emergency contacts (keep a hard copy), scan essential documents
- Do not use public transport
- Avoid going out and walking alone even for a short distance in Gombe.

THREAT CATEGORIES

CIVIL UNREST: **HIGH**



- **Increase expected in the short term**
- ✓ **Upcoming elections:** Persistent lack of consensus on the Electoral Commission office, bench of the Constitutional Court, electoral process, etc..
- ✓ **Inflation:** increase in the price of basic goods and services
- ✓ **Anti-Rwanda demonstrations**
- ✓ **Anti-United Nations demonstrations**
- ✓ **Working conditions:** salary arrears

CATEGORY OF THREAT

DANGERS/HAZARDS: **MODERATE**



▪ Road traffic accident

- ✓ Increased risk of accidents due to driving habits, the number and condition of vehicles, certain roads and other factors (street lighting, etc.).
- ✓ In the event of an accident, difficulties related to medical care and emergency responses
- ✓ Potential risk of lynching by angry crowds in the event of a serious accident
- ✓ Caution is advised in the event of an accident involving a motorbike taxi driver; they are quick to attack and often behave like outlaws.

CATEGORY OF THREAT

DANGERS/HAZARDS: **MODERATE**



▪ Road accident: Tips

- ✓ Minimising travel after dark
- ✓ Allow plenty of time for travel;
- ✓ Exercise extreme caution in heavy traffic
- ✓ In the event of an accident, contact the Safety Coordinator / UNDSS immediately.
- ✓ Only leave the scene of the accident if you are exposed to an imminent threat or if you see a crowd forming.

CATEGORY OF THREAT

DANGERS/HAZARDS: **MODERATE**



Paederus beetle (EKONDA / Cara-cara)

■ Paederus dermatitis (Skin burn)

- ✓ Caused by a beetle of the genus paederus known as **EKONDA (CARA-CARA)**
- ✓ About the size of a large ant, the insect appears in the dry season and likes bright spots.
- ✓ The insect releases a highly corrosive toxin called "**pederin**" when crushed
- ✓ Between 12 and 36 hours after contact with the toxin, small vesicles form on the area affected by the liquid;
- ✓ These vesicles form second-degree burns which are neither fatal nor contagious, but painful. They may last two to three weeks.

CATEGORY OF THREAT

DANGERS/HAZARDS: MODERATE

Paederus tips dermatitis

- ✓ Do not crush the insect against your skin.
- ✓ Should this happen inadvertently, wash your hands and the affected area thoroughly with mild soap, and treat the affected area as you would any other skin burn;
- ✓ Use a soothing cream such as Biafine or Dexeryl several times a day.
- ✓ Toothpaste is also effective in treating burns caused by contact with **pederine**, by applying it to the affected area;
- ✓ Avoid scratching the affected area, as this may aggravate the situation.
- ✓ If the wound becomes very visible or if contact is close to the eyes, consult a doctor.



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Travel within Kinshasa

CARNAYO: [Google Play Apps](#)



Call Centre: **+243 81 298 6852** (Calls & WhatsApp)



MAAJABU CABB: [AppStore](#) & [Google Play](#)



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Departure formalities



N'djili airport

- ✓ 55 USD in cash for the GoPass (airport tax)
- ✓ COVID and yellow fever vaccination card + other travel documents

Avoid withdrawing cash from cash dispensers in public places



Beach Ngobila

- ✓ \$5 to \$10 for minor expenses (luggage control, porter....)
- ✓ COVID and yellow fever vaccination card + other travel documents

Summary tables for departures

DEPARTURES VIA NDJILI AIRPORT (FIH)		
Departure time	Latest arrival at the airport	Pick-up time at the hotel
00:50'	22:50'	6.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
08:10'	06:10'	05.10 a.m. - 05.30 a.m.
09:00'	07:00'	
13:25'	12:25'	09.00 a.m.- 09.30 a.m.
15:20'	13:20'	10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
19:00'	17:00'	3.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
20:30'	18:30'	
21:45'	19:45'	

Summary tables for departures

Departures from Beach Ngobila			
Day	Crossing	Beach closing time	Latest arrival at the Beach
Monday to Saturday	Canon	16:00	14:00
Sunday	Canon	16:00	12:00'

Support & Information contacts

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Thank you

**Any
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