



Fédération Ivoirienne de Football (Ivory Coast)

Region: Confédération Africaine de Football (CAF)

World Cup appearances: 1 (2006)

Best World Cup finish: 19th (2006) **Current FIFA Ranking:** 27th

Continental titles: African Cup of Nations (1992)

Country's population: 21,058,798 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$1,700 **Life expectancy:** 56.19



Group G	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
Brazil						
Portugal						
Cote d'Ivoire						
North Korea						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Boubacar Barry	G	1	Lokeren (Belgium)	43	0
Aristide Zogbo	G	16	Maccabi Netanya (Israel)	6	0
Daniel Yeboah	G	23	Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire)	4	0
Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Benjamin Angoua	D	2	Valenciennes (France)	7	1
Arthur Boka	D	3	Stuttgart (Germany)	54	1
Kolo Touré	D	4	Manchester City (England)	77	2
Steve Gohouri	D	6	Wigan Athletic (England)	11	3
Siaka Tiéné	D	17	Valenciennes (France)	53	3
Guy Demel	D	20	Hamburg (Germany)	20	0
Emmanuel Eboué	D	21	Arsenal (England)	51	1
Sol Bamba	D	22	Hibernian (Scotland)	17	2
Dider Zokora	M	5	Sevilla (Spain)	79	1
Cheick Tioté	M	9	Twente (Netherlands)	9	0
Jean-Jacques Gosso	M	12	AS Monaco (France)	7	0
Romaric	M	13	Sevilla (Spain)	39	2
Emmanuel Koné	M	14	International (Romania)	12	0
Abdul Kader Keïta	M	18	Galatasaray (Turkey)	53	11
Yaya Touré	M	19	Barcelona (Spain)	46	5
Seydou Doumbia	F	7	CSKA Moscow (Russia)	5	2
Salomon Kalou	F	8	Chelsea (England)	28	11
Gervinho	F	10	Lille (France)	14	4
Didier Drogba	F	11	Chelsea (England)	67	44
Aruna Dindane	F	15	Lekhwiya (Qatar)	55	16

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Didier Drogba's broken arm has threatened to keep him out of the tournament. His World Cup is still in doubt, but the best player in Africa could return for at least two group stage matches.

Yaya Touré, at his best, is one of the best defensive midfielders in the world - and intelligent, strong destroyer in the middle of the pitch. Slightly more creative for country, Touré's health is always a concern.

Older brother **Kolo** is the key player at the back, but that's a double-edged sword for Sven-Göran Eriksson, as Touré has not been as good for Manchester City as he will need to be for Cote d'Ivoire.

Keys to success:

Like a few other African teams, Cote d'Ivoire will need to augment their lack of depth and creativity in midfield. It's difficult to see them advancing out of this group even if they get strong midfield play, but without it, this group becomes easy to pick.

Outlook:

If Drogba is not 100 percent, Cote d'Ivoire becomes much less threatening. Whether he plays or not, it seems likely he will be hampered. Cote d'Ivoire is not long for South Africa.