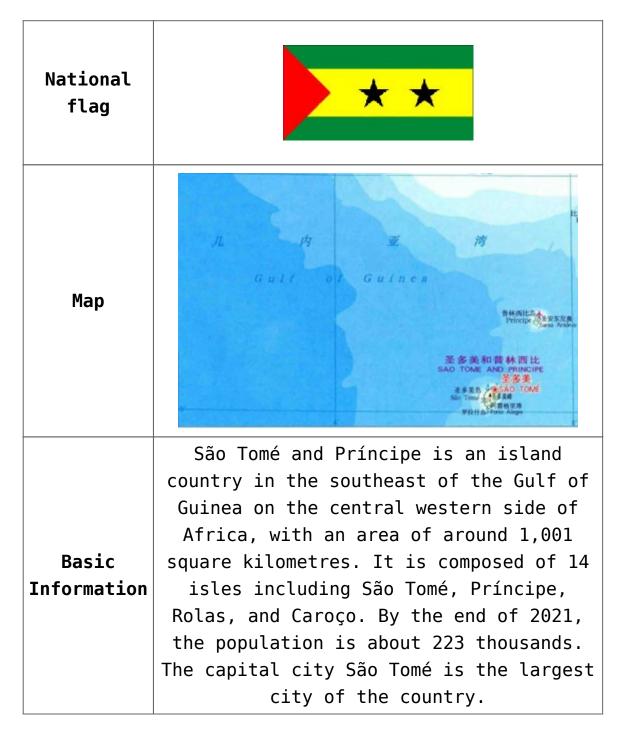
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construct highways and other infrastructure and develop actively tourism and seek for offshore oil development, which have helped to maintain the economy in steady growth. São Tomé and Príncipe is an agricultural country that produce cocoa and other cash crops, 51% of the population is engaged in agricultural production. The main cash crop is cocoa, dried coconuts, coffee and Palm oil. The unique geographical location, coupled with the beautiful natural landscape, provides São Tomé and Príncipe with rich tourism resources. At the same time, oil industry still in the initial stage of

In recent years, the government of São Tomé and Príncipe has taken pro-active

measures to improve the investment

environment, attract foreign investment,

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Situation

and fishery resources.

The "2022 World Investment Report"

published by the United Nations

Conference on Trade and Development

(UNCTAD), pointed out that by the end of

2021, São Tomé and Principe has

attracted US\$430 million on stock of
inward direct investment. According to

the "2021 Statistical Bulletin of

China's Outward Foreign Direct
Investment", by the end of 2021, the
stock of direct investment of China in

São Tomé and Principe was US\$690

thousand.

development, and the country has relatively rich forest, with biological

## Trade in Goods

In 2021, the main export destinations of São Tomé and Príncipe are the Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal and Germany, and the main export goods are cocoa, palm oil dried coconuts, coffee, etc. The main origins for imports are Portugal, Angola, Togo and China. The main import goods are grain, fuels, industrial products, and consumer goods. In 2022, China's exports to São Tomé and Príncipe amounted to US\$15.3 million, mainly include steel plates, welded pipe, footwear; imports from São Tomé and Príncipe amounted to US\$150 thousands, mainly include industrial monocarboxylic fatty acids; acid oils from refining.