

Gabon

The small nation of Gabon on the west coast of Africa is a conservation leader in the Congo Basin. The Congo Basin is known as the “second largest set of lungs in the world” - a reference to the importance of its rainforest which, like the one in the Amazon, forms an essential part of the global ecosystem.

88% of Gabon is covered in rainforest which is home to endangered animals, birds and plants. Gabon takes its responsibility for the stewardship of its land very seriously and has invested heavily in protecting it through national parks, sustainable forest management, even marine sanctuaries. The rainforest in Gabon absorbs billions of tonnes of carbon

dioxide and has a heavy influence on rainfall in the region, making it a crucial element in protecting against climate change.

Only about 10% of the population of Gabon are Muslims, but the country has had Muslim presidents since 1973 when the president converted to Islam. He was succeeded by his son, also a Muslim. Many of the Muslims in Gabon are immigrants from other parts of West Africa. The majority of the population are Christians, mostly Catholic, from the influence of Portuguese colonists, and there is a small but growing evangelical presence.

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He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-17

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How can we pray?

Pray for Gabon's efforts to steward their part of the rainforest and preserve the ecosystem and all the creatures who live in it.

Pray for Muslims in Gabon who have connections all over West Africa, to follow Jesus and spread their faith to their families.

Pray for Christians in Gabon to work alongside Muslims for the good of their nation and be an effective witness.