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Introduction and Overview of West Africa - Rob Kevlihan,
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Ebola: Understanding its causes, consequences and transmission -
Sam McConkey, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Operational Response to Ebola, MSF's Experience - Jane Anne
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*Ebola: Managing risk in current West Africa development
programmes* – Barbara Scettri, Plan Ireland

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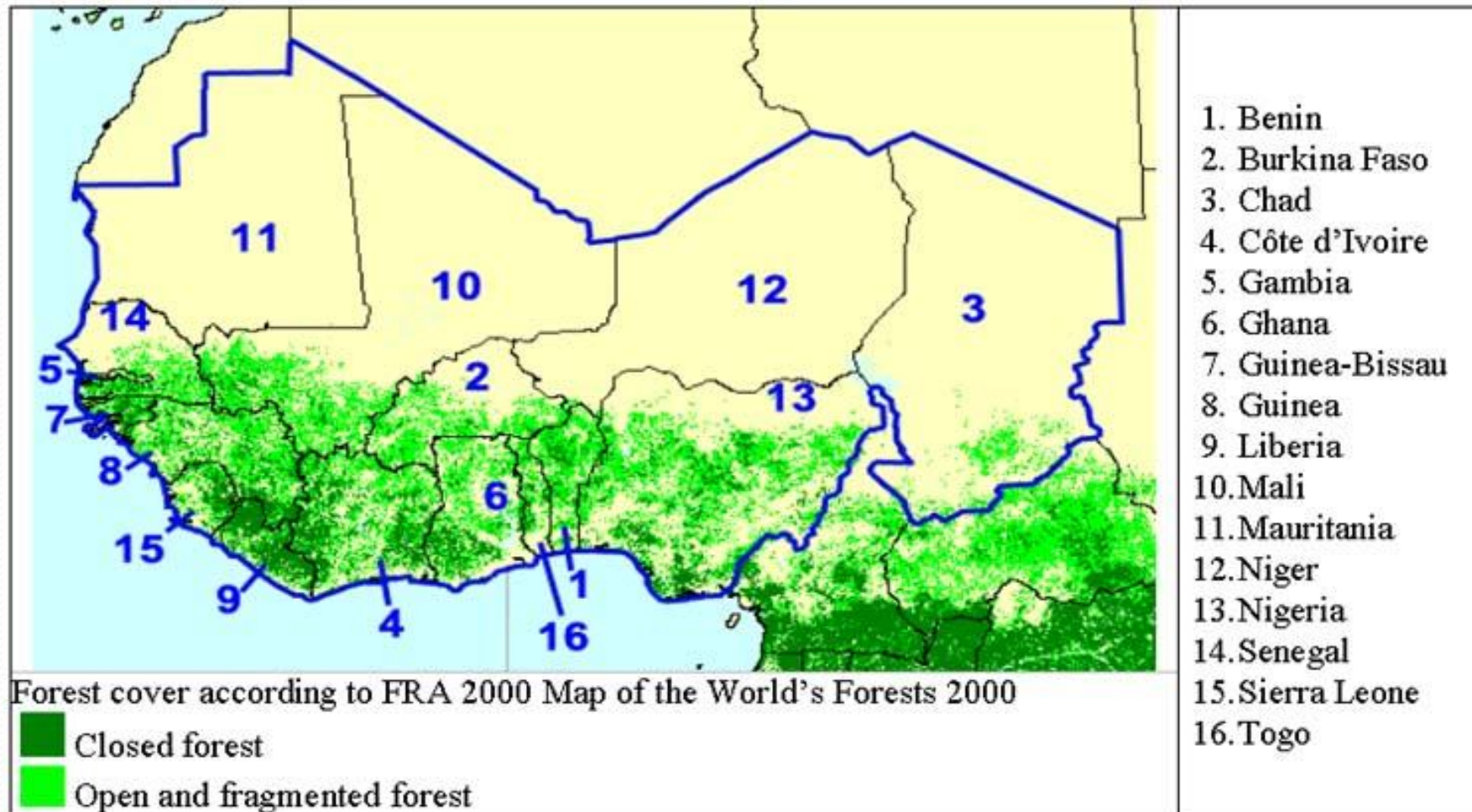
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Political Geography

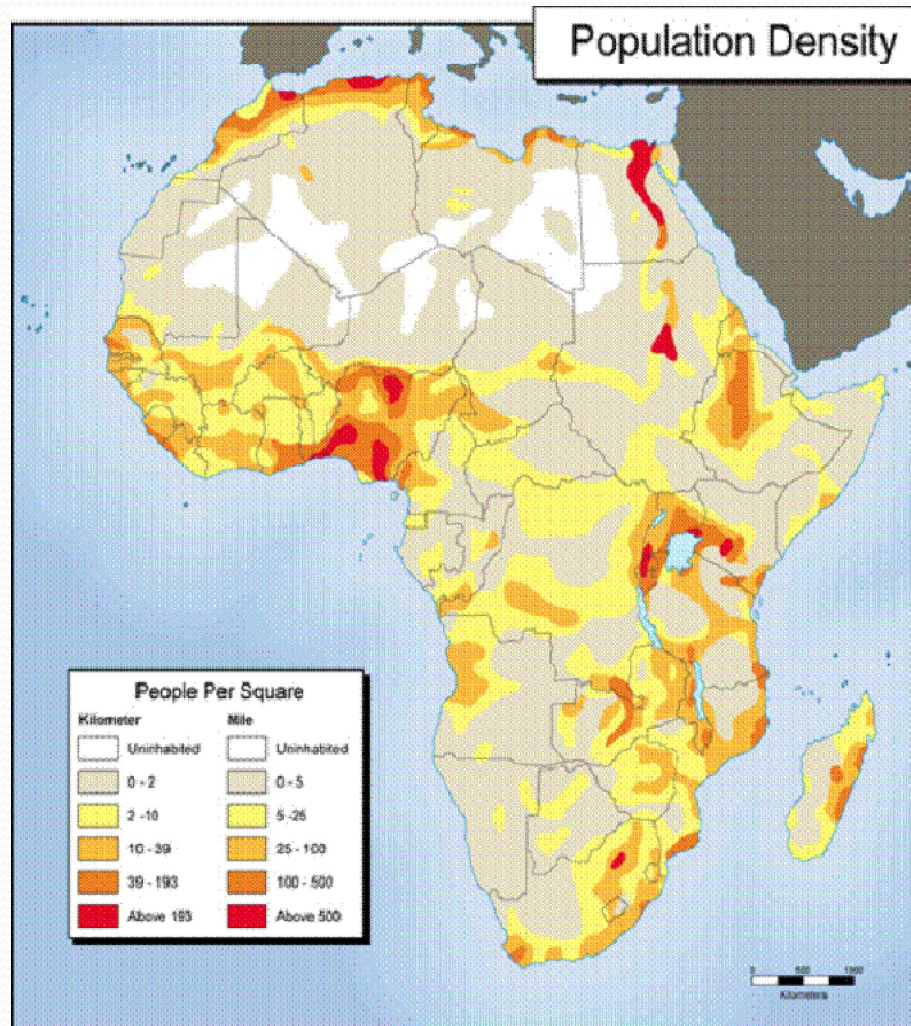


Source: <http://people.eku.edu/davisb/Africa/WestAfricaMap.jpg> - [Accessed 18 May 2014]

Physical Geography

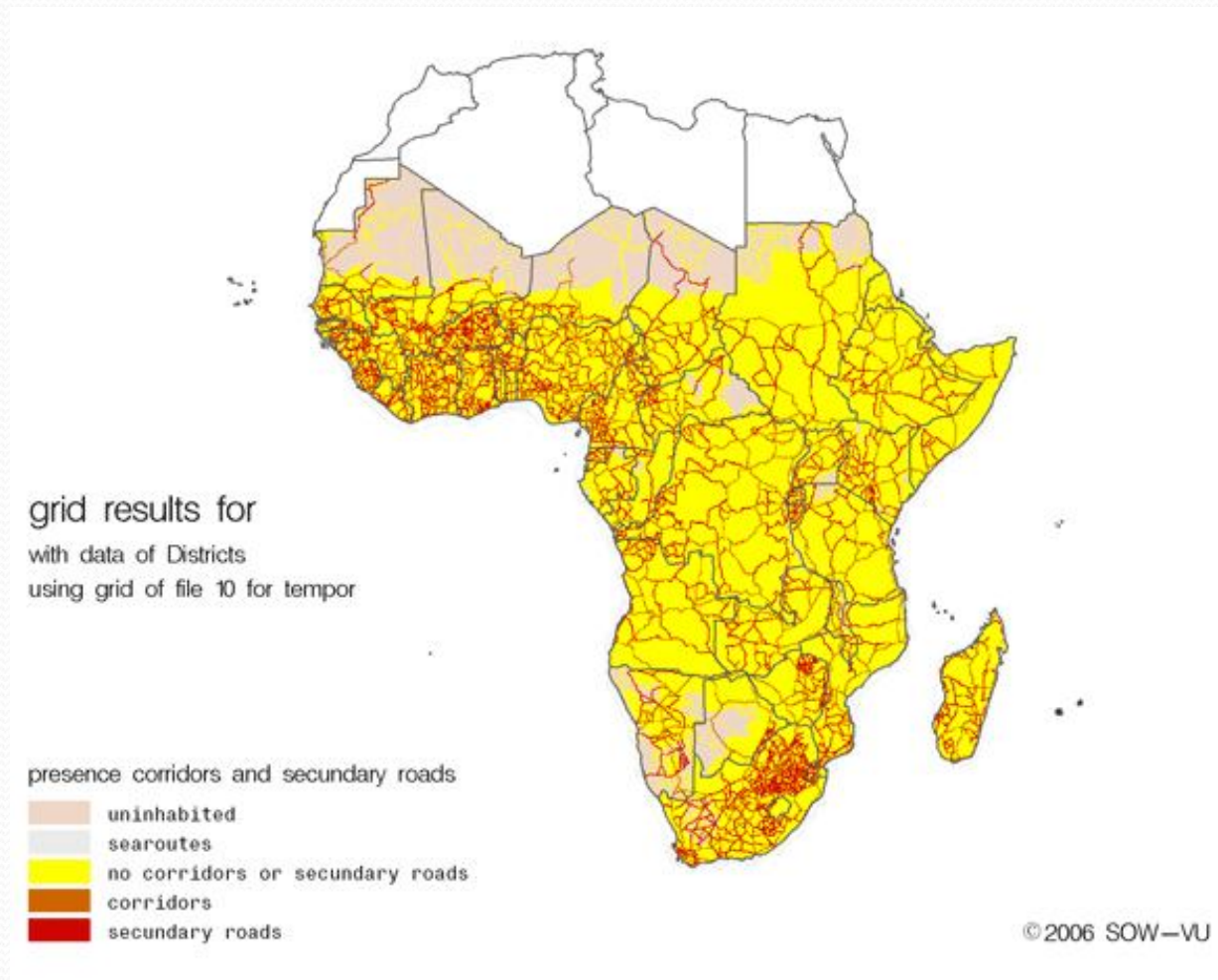


Population Density



Source: http://exploringafrica.matrix.msu.edu/teachers/curriculum/m25/activity1_clip_image029.gif [18 May 2014]

West Africa: Road Infrastructure



Source: http://www.sow.vu.nl/Activities/Food Atlas Africa/food_atlas.html [Accessed 18 May 2014]

Mano River Countries



Source: <http://www.africa.com/guinea/map/> [Accessed 18 May 2014]

Other points

- Key regional institutions include the Mano River Union and ECOWAS
- Guinea ranked 178 out of 187 countries in HDI index (using 2012 stats); Liberia 174th and Sierra Leone 180th
- Three countries are experiencing prolonged period of relative peace, despite insecurity elsewhere in West Africa
- Democratically elected governments in all three countries
 - Guinea: President Condé elected 2011; first democratically elected president on post-colonial Guinea. National Assembly newly installed
 - Sierra Leone: Second term President Koroma re-elected on closely fought election in 2012
 - Liberia: President Sirleaf-Johnson re-elected in 2011

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