

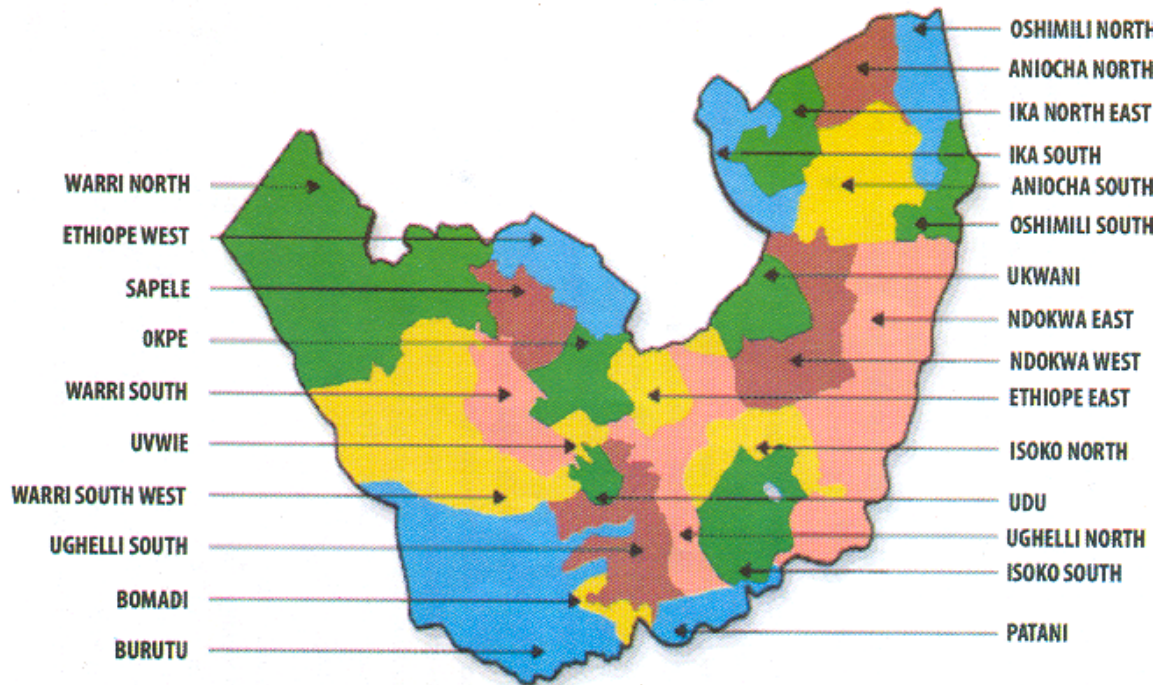
# ABOUT DELTA STATE



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Delta State was created on the 27th August, 1991 from the defunct Bendel State. Bendel State was formerly known as the Midwestern Region at the time it gained regional status in August, 1963, from the then western region. At the inception of Delta State it was made up of twelve political division called Local Government Area (L.G.A), which was later increased to 19 in 1996. Presently the State is made up of 25 Local Government Areas.

Map of Delta State



The State is divided into three Senatorial Districts, which are Delta North, Delta South and Delta Central. The State Currently covers a landmass of about 18,050 Km<sup>2</sup> of which more than 60% is land.

Delta State lies roughly between Longitude 5°00 and 6°.45' East and Latitude 5°00 and 6°.30' North. It is bounded in the North by Edo State, on the East by Anambra State, on the South-East by .6ayelsa State, and on the Southern flank is the Bight of Benin which covers approximately 160kilometres of the State's coastline. Delta State is generally lowlying without remarkable hills. The State has a wide coastal belt interlace with rivulets and streams, which form part of the Niger-Delta.

The State capital is Asaba, a developing town located at the River Niger to the Northern end of the State. It has a net-work of good roads; and a master plan for transforming it into a modem city has been established by the State Government.

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Asaba is generally clean and has good drainage. There are Schools, Hospitals, and standard Hotels as well as Communication facilities in the town which is the gateway to the East for Travellers from the Western part of the Country. The 1991 provision census result put the population of the State at 2,590,491 (1,271,932 Males and 1,318,559 Female).

The State Population is projected to be 3,629,103 in 2003. The major tribes in the State are Urhobos, Izos, Isokos, Ibos and Itsekiris. Basically, they have identical customs, beliefs and cultures. The cultural identity is manifested in their festivals, traditional marriage ceremonies, while certain words are common to many tribes. Their systems of Traditional Administration tend to be identical as well as their folktales, dances, arts and crafts. Farming, Fishing and Hunting are the major occupations of the inhabitants of Delta State, as about 80% of the active labour force are engaged in these occupational activities with the remaining 20% engaged in other occupations.

The State has Tropical Climate marked by two distinctive Seasons, the Dry and Rainy Seasons. The Dry Season occurs between November and April while the Rainy Season begins in April and last till October. Occasional rainfall may be experienced during the dry season and at the month of August there is occurrence of a brief dry season spell commonly referred to as August - break. The month of July witnesses the heaviest rainfall. The average annual rainfall in the coastal area is about 266.5cm and 190.5cm in the Northern fringes of the State.

The temperature is high, ranging between 28°C and 34°C with an average temperature of 30°C (81°F). The vegetation of Delta State varies from the Mangrove Swamps along the coast to Evergreen Forests and Savanna~ in the North.

Delta State was created 27th August 1991 with 12 Local Government Areas.

Delta State has Asaba as its capital.

Delta State is presently made up of 25 Local Government Areas.

Delta State is made up of 3 Senatorial Districts, (Delta North, Delta Central and Delta South).

Delta State is bounded by 4 States, which are Bayelsa, Edo, Ondo, and Anambra.

Delta State is bounded on the Southern flank by the Bight of Benin, which covers approximately 160km of the State Coast line.

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Delta State is part of Niger-Delta.

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The inhabitants of Delta State are either Christians or African Traditional Religionists with very few Muslims.

The major occupations of Deltans are Farming, Fishing, Hunting and Oil Exploration. Delta State has one State owned University with three campuses at Abraka, Oleh and Asaba; Three Polytechnics at Oghara, Ogwashi-Uku and Ozora; And Three Colleges of Education at Agbor, Warri and Mosogar. And one Federal College of Education Technical at Asaba.

Delta State has about 357 Post Primary Schools (Secondary Schools) as at 2003. Delta State has about 1103 Primary Schools as at 2003.

Delta State has 29 constituencies and 29 members in the State House of Assembly. Delta State has 149 clans or Communities.

Delta State has 100 Traditional Rulers.

Delta State has the Niger Bridge at Asaba which was built at a cost of £6million and completed in 1965.

Delta State has an International Airport at Osubi and one Domestic Airport at Warri. Delta State has the deepest River in Africa; at the Ethiope River (100ft in depth) and pure fresh water.

Delta State has three Asphalt Plant in three location namely Agbara-Otor. (150ton/day) Oghara (1000tons/day), and Agbor.

Delta State has 270 wards and 3,625 polling units.

## **OTHER FACTS**

Delta State is the leading producer of Crude Oil from Onshore/Offshore and Natural Gas in Nigeria.

The State is also endowed with the following:

- (i) Rubber
- (ii) Oil Palm
- (iii) Silica
- (iv) Industrial Clay
- (v) Kaolin
- (vi) Assorted Fruits
- (vii) Timber

Are you aware that Delta State is seeking active partnership with private investor in order to harness her abundant human and material resources in the following areas:

Palm Oil Processing  
Wood Products  
Rubber Products  
Fruit Juice

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Glass  
Chemical Industries  
Paints and Pharmaceutical  
Ceramics  
Hotels and Tourism

Oil Palm: Available throughout the State but under-utilized. Processed products are in high demand both for domestic consumption and industrial use.

Timber: (Hard Tropical Wood) Available in most parts of the State.

Latex: High demand for this product. Rubber trees thrive in all parts of the State.

Assorted Fruits: Grown throughout the State. Production is large enough to sustain major fruit juice industries

Silica: Extensive deposits of Silica exist. Investors to reactivate existing glass industry. Government also prepared to go into partnership with private investors in establishing new ones.

Crude Oil: Abundant supply of crude oil, natural gas and by- products from existing refinery in the State. Fertilizers, Bitumen, LPG plants, Urea, Ammonia etc are examples of viable products and industries in the oil and gas downstream sector.

Kaolin: Huge deposits of Kaolin in the State. Suitable for the manufacturing of Drugs and Paints.

Clay: Abundant deposits of industrial clay found in nearly all parts of the State. Burnt brick factory is very viable.

Seaside and inland waterways site prevalent. Such sites are suitable for the development of River resorts and water related tourism industries.

## **Fishing**

Water: Atlantic Ocean and inland waterways highly suitable for deep-sea fishing and aqua cultic respectively. High demand for the product of this industry both for human consumption and animal husbandry.

Cassava and maize, Product is of great demand in the paper, food and textile industries. Delta State is the leading producer of cassava in the country today

## **Industrial Starch:**

Cassava Chips and Flour, Cassava: Product is of great demand in the confectionery industry.

Suitable for export as well.

## **Raffia Palm Products**

Raffia Palm: There is much scope for the development of raffia -based industries in the distillation of gin and industrial spirits, as well as the production of vinegar, twines, ropes, mats, etc. Several thousand hectares of raffia palm abound, particularly in the riverine areas of the State.

## **Poultry/Piggery Production**

Maize and Soyabean: Maize and Soyabeans are grown in the State. This is a vast area for private investors. Establishment of Soyabean meal plant and automated feed-mill are area of potential investors.

## **Fruits and Vegetable Industry**

This is another vast area of investment opportunities particularly in the areas of further processing. The State has in abundance a variety of fruits and vegetables suitable for canning and bottling for local consumption and export.

## **A. CULTURE AND TOURISM:**

### **NANA LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM, MONUMENT, KOKO. (WARRI NORTH LGA)**

This is a National Living History located in Koko in Warri North Local Government Area of Delta State. Chief Nana Olomu Ebrohimi who was a powerful nineteenth century indigenous entrepreneur built this national monument. The magnificent edifice, houses his personal effects and they reflect his enlightened contact with the British Empire under Queen Victoria.

### **OBI PALACE IDUMUJE-UGBOKO (ANIOCHA-NORTH)**

This is one of the oldest Palace in Delta State. It is the Palace of the Obi of Idumuje-Ugboko. It was built over one hundred and fifty years ago with laterite and traditional construction techniques used for its construction. The structure and the cultural objects in it are singularly beautiful and historically significant.

### **DEMAS NWOKO PLACE. IDUMUJE-UGBOKO:**

This spectacular building is a product of the traditional designs, materials and construction techniques of the Ibo and Benin Ancient Civilization. As a bridge between ancient and the modern, this building is famous worldwide. This building and its builder have become favorite subject of Doctoral Theses by students of twentieth and twenty-first century neo-classical architecture.

### **BIBLE SITE, ARAYA ISOKO SOUTH LGA.**

A copy of the Holy Bible is believed to have descended miraculously from Heaven to this particular spot in Araya, around August 1914. The site now attracts thousands of Christian pilgrims especially during Easter period.

### **THE RESIDENCY OF MUNGO-PARK BUILDING ASABA MUEUEM-(OSHIMILLI**

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## **SOUTHLGA):**

This was the first Headquarters of the Royal Niger Company, now allocated by the Delta State Government to the National Commission for Museum and Monuments for a National Museum Station in the State.

## **NIGER BRIDGE, ASABA (OSIDMILI SOUTH)**

Built by the Federal Government of Nigeria in 1965 at a cost of 6,000,000.00 Pounds. It links the West to the Eastern part of Nigeria. More than 3Million people use the bridge daily.

## **THE IBRU CENTRE.AGBARHA-OTORCUGHELUNORTII):**

An international Ecumenical Center run by the Trinity Foundation. The Center welcomes guests for retreats, spiritual solace, short courses, pilgrimage and spiritual rejuvenating exercise.

## **LANDER BROTHERS' ANCHORAGE**

This was built in commemoration of the Lander Brothers' (Richard and John) expedition journey to Asaba to discover the source of the River Niger. The complex includes the replica of the Anchor, Expatriates Graveyard, Tourism Information Centre and a Restaurant/Bar.

## **CHIEF DR. OSADEBAY'SMAUSOLEUM**

The Mausoleum and its adjoining garden is owned by the first and former Premier of the defunct Mid-Western Region. It is located in Asaba. It is a beautiful site to behold.

## **CHIEF BEKEDEREMO'S PALACE**

The palace is located at Kiagbodo village in Burutu Local Government Area. The palace, which is owned by late Chief Bekederemo, is a display of ancient architectural construction.

Other interesting sites and monuments include beautiful beaches at Asaba, Bomadi, Escravos, Ubulu-Okiti lake, Ekumeku monuments, Delta Panorama, Ojife monuments and the mangrove forest in Warri South, Warri North, Burutu local government areas of Delta State.

## **HOSPITALITY CENTRES**

Delta State popularly known as the 'Big Heart' has some of the leading Hospitality centres in the country. Facilities for leisure, super accommodation and conferences abound in the State.

## **THE TURF, ABRAKA**

Located in the Delta region of Nigeria, the Turf setting is truly breath taken in its overall beauty. Polo, horse riding, fishing, clay pigeon shooting and archery are some of the outdoor activities. A Half- Kilometer nature trail though unspoilt 'forest ends at the River Ethiope. The turf's vast open space, slopes, greens, water, birds combine

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to provide freshness only nature can give.

## **ABRAKA RIVER RESORTS, ABRAKA**

The Resort is located on the bank of the famous River Ethiope in the quiet University town of Abraka. It has facilities for river-based sports (swimming, boating and fishing), table tennis, squash, badminton and conferences

## **GRAND CONVENTION CENTRE & RESORT. ASABA**

Grand Hotel is one of the most luxurious hotel and resort in Nigeria. It is stunningly located on the West Bank of picturesque of the River Niger enjoying the panoramic views of the river and unspoiled countryside beyond. This hotel offers various choices of unparalleled facilities, entertainment and standard of comfort and services. The hotel resort is an ideal location to host conferences, conduct business affairs at your privacy. This well designed hotel and its hospitality put together provides a true taste of Paradise on the Niger.

## **NELROSE HOTEL. ASABA**

Situated right in the heart of the State Capital along the Government House Road, Asaba is the magnificent luxurious international hotel, called Nelrose Hotel. Apart from its accessibility to the central business district, the hotel offers all the facilities to make your stay comfortable. These include restaurant, well-stocked bars, conferences and exhibition centers.

## **OLONA RANCH & HOLIDAY RESORT. ONICHA-OLONA**

This is a well- designed traditionally built Ranch/Holiday Resort. An ideal holiday resort for those who wish to escape the hustling and busting of city life. It has modern recreational facilities. Some of its attractions include fishing, swimming, bird watching and sumptuous Delta dishes.

## **MEGA HILTON HOTEL. EFFURUN-WARRI**

Mega Hilton is located in the heart of the oil city of Warri. It has excellent suites and it's an ideal place for seminars and conference and those wishing to go on honeymoon.

## **MOTELOCEANIA.EKPAN-WARRI**

This is an excellent hotel, located in Warri It has beautiful luxurious suites, chalets and it is an ideal place for seminar and conferences

## **HOTELEXCEL.EFFURUN-WARRI**

The Excel has luxurious suites that are stunning beautiful, with excellent restaurant and bar services.

Others

Other interesting and exciting hospitality centers in Delta State are: Pk Guest House, Warri

- Pemos Place Hotel, Warri
- The Diplomat Hotel, Warri
- Maxim Lotus Hotel, Warri

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- Silver Links Hotel, Warri
- Posh Hotel, Asaba
- DeOs Hotel, Asaba
- Best Garden Hotel, Asaba
- Ajaji Cloister Hotel, Asaba
- Noble International Hotel, Oleh

## **RIVER TOURISM:**

- Ethiope River Source, Umuaja (Ukwuani LGA.)
- Otu-Ogwu Beach, Asaba (Oshimili South LGA)
- Abraka River Resort (Ethiope East LGA)
- Eni Lake Uzere (Isoko LGA)- Traditional Sanctuary of Aquatic Animals-open to Visitors only during the biennial Eni Festival.
- Ute-Enugu River at Ute-Okpe (Ika North- East LGA).