

## Country File

# SIERRA LEONE



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<b>Region</b>	Africa
<b>Legal system</b>	Common Law
<b>UNCAT Ratification/ Accession (a)/ Succession (d)</b>	25 April 2001
<b>Relevant Laws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constitution of 1991 (Act No. 6, 24 September 1991)</li></ul>
<b>Relevant Articles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prohibition of Torture:</b> Article 20 of the Constitution</li><li>• <b>Definition of Torture:</b></li><li>• <b>Penalties:</b></li><li>• <b>Others:</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Lawful Sanctions:</b> Article 20 of the Constitution</li></ol></li></ul>
<b>Languages Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English (official language)</li></ul>
<b>Other Relevant Information</b>	

## Relevant Articles – SIERRA LEONE

### ENGLISH

#### Constitution of 1991 (Act No. 6, 24 September 1991)

##### ***Article 20 Protection from inhuman treatment***

- (1) No person shall be subject to any form of torture or any punishment or other treatment which is inhuman or degrading.
- (2) Nothing contained in or done under the authority of any law shall be held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of this section to the extent that the law in question authorises the infliction of any kind of punishment which was lawful immediately before the entry into force of this Constitution.