



RESPONSES TO INFORMATION REQUESTS (RIRs)

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The Board		26 March 2004
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Biographies		
Organization Chart	Democratic Republic of Congo: Update to RDC32129.F of 16 June 1999 on the situation and treatment of members of the Mbunza ethnic group and persons from the Province of Équateur (March 2004)	
Employment		
Legal and Policy	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa	
References		
Publications	In 25 March 2004 telephone interviews, the President of the African Association for the Defence of Human Rights (Association africaine de défense des droits de l'homme, ASADHO) and a journalist from the Belgian newspaper <i>Le Soir</i> , who is an expert on the Great Lakes Region of Africa, indicated that, to their knowledge, people from the Province of Équateur, including the Mbunza, are not subject to any particular treatment by the Congolese authorities.	
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division		
Immigration Division		
Immigration Appeal Division	The Belgian journalist explained that members of the Mbunza ethnic group, like those of other tribes in Équateur, are represented in the transition institutions currently in place in RDC, such as the government, parliament, army and senate (<i>Le Soir</i> 25 Mar. 2004). (See also their comments regarding the Ngbandi tribe, also from the Province of Équateur, in RDC42470.E of 2 March 2004).	
Decisions		
Forms		
Statistics		
Research		
Research Program	This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.	
National Documentation Packages		
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets	<u>References</u>	
Responses to Information Requests	Association africaine de défense des droits de l'homme (ASADHO) [Kinshasa]. 25 March 2004. Telephone interview with the President.	
Recent Research	<i>Le Soir</i> [Brussels]. 25 March 2004. Telephone interview with a journalist specializing in the Great Lakes Region of Africa.	
Media Centre		
News	<u>Additional Sources Consulted</u>	
Information Sheets	<i>Africa Confidential</i>	
Media Relations	<i>Africa Research Bulletin</i>	
Proactive Disclosure	<i>Jeune Afrique/L'Intelligent</i>	

Keesing's Record of World Events

Resource Centre country file. RDC.

Internet sites, including : Africatime, AllAfrica, Amnesty International, *Country Reports 2003*, Dialog, Digitalcongo.net, European Country of Origin Information Network, FIDH, HRW, Minorities at Risk Project.

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