

AGP - AGENCE GABONAISE DE PRESSE - PÉTROLE (GABON) · GABON

Gabon extractive output rises 4.4% in Q4 2025

Saga deep read · 29 April 2026 · Score 50

Gabon's extractive industries posted overall output growth of 4.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2025, according to the Sectoral Economic Report published in March 2026 by the Directorate-General for the Economy and Fiscal Policy (DGEFP). The figures, consulted by the Gabonese Press Agency, signal a broad-based recovery across the country's resource sectors after a period of contraction.

Within the extractive total, the oil sector recorded a 1.6 per cent recovery in Q4 2025, ending three consecutive quarters of decline. The DGEFP attributed the turnaround specifically to "improved availability of surface equipment and field optimisation" — language that points directly to gains in production uptime rather than new reserves or fresh drilling activity. The source article does not provide full-year 2025 figures, so the extent of any annual decline relative to the Q4 recovery remains unclear.

The surface-equipment framing is significant for service companies. Gabon's producing fields are mature, and incremental output gains in this environment typically depend on artificial lift performance, topside maintenance cycles, well intervention, and process optimisation rather than greenfield capital programmes. The DGEFP's own wording reinforces that interpretation. If equipment availability was the binding constraint in earlier quarters, operators will be actively managing maintenance backlogs and evaluating vendor performance heading into 2026.

Gabon remains a meaningful mid-tier African producer, and its transition-era military government has continued to court upstream investment as it seeks to stabilise fiscal

revenues. However, this report is a statistical release — no new contracts, tenders, licences, or capital commitments are announced. The data does not signal an imminent procurement cycle, but it does confirm that operators are investing in surface-level interventions to sustain production, which is operationally relevant for service companies already active in the country.

For Norwegian service firms monitoring West African opportunities, Gabon warrants continued tracking rather than immediate outreach to procurement teams. The Q4 rebound, however modest at 1.6 per cent for oil, suggests operators have appetite and budget for maintenance-driven work. Companies with established relationships in Gabon — particularly those offering topside equipment, well services, or production optimisation capabilities — should use this data point to refresh conversations with local operators and assess whether the surface-equipment constraint that limited earlier quarters has been fully resolved or remains a recurring vulnerability.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a statistical update, not a contract or tender, so immediate procurement outreach is premature. Norwegian service companies should monitor Gabon's operator maintenance schedules and use the DGEPPF's surface-equipment framing as a conversation opener in existing operator relationships. Firms with competence in production optimisation, artificial lift, or topside maintenance are best positioned to benefit if the equipment-availability constraint persists into 2026.

PARTNER ANGLES

- **Service:** The DGEPPF's explicit reference to surface-equipment availability as the recovery driver signals demand for maintenance, inspection, and uptime-management services on mature Gabonese fields.
- **Drilling:** Three quarters of oil-sector decline before Q4's rebound may indicate deferred well-intervention work; drilling and workover contractors should assess backlog opportunities with active operators.

- **Subsea/FPSO:** Mature offshore Gabonese assets likely require ongoing integrity management and topsides optimisation; FPSO operators and subsea service firms should track operator maintenance budgets for 2026.
- **Pipeline:** Field optimisation gains can create incremental tie-back or flowline work on existing infrastructure; pipeline service companies should monitor any operator brownfield plans that follow from this production recovery.

[Original source: AGP - Agence Gabonaise de Presse - Pétrole \(Gabon\) →](#)

Saga Advisory

General: info@saga-advisory.com · saga-advisory.com

STAVANGER · CAPE TOWN