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Gabon oil output rises 1.6%, gas jumps 10.8% in Q4

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Gabon's extractive sector posted positive growth across oil, gas and manganese in the fourth quarter of 2025, according to the Sectoral Economic Report published by the Directorate-General for the Economy and Fiscal Policy (DGEPPF). Oil production rose 1.6 per cent, marketed natural gas expanded 10.8 per cent, and manganese output surged 14.1 per cent over the period, providing a stabilising counterweight to weakness elsewhere in the Gabonese economy.

The broader economy remained broadly stable in Q4 2025, though the primary sector delivered a mixed picture. While extractive industries drove headline growth, cash crop farming continued a downward trend, contracting 12.4 per cent, with palm oil production falling sharply by 26.4 per cent. The divergence underscores Gabon's continued structural dependence on hydrocarbons and mineral extraction as the principal engines of economic output, even as agricultural sub-sectors deteriorate.

The natural gas figure is particularly noteworthy for the hydrocarbons industry. A 10.8 per cent increase in marketed gas — gas that reaches commercial off-take rather than being flared or reinjected — suggests either improved gas-handling infrastructure, increased associated gas capture, or both. For an upstream environment like Gabon's, where gas monetisation has historically lagged crude oil development, a double-digit marketed gas increase in a single quarter represents a meaningful operational shift. Whether this reflects new compression capacity, pipeline tie-ins, or revised offtake agreements is not specified in the DGEPPF report.

Oil production growth of 1.6 per cent, while modest, is directionally positive for a mature basin that has faced long-term production decline pressures. Gabon produced oil from a range of onshore and offshore fields, and incremental gains at this stage of field maturity typically require active reservoir management, well intervention programmes, or infill drilling activity. The report does not attribute the increase to specific fields or operators.

The Q4 data provides a stable macroeconomic backdrop for companies assessing Gabon as an operating environment. Political transition following the military-led change of government in 2023 has created some uncertainty, but the continuity of extractive sector output signals that production operations have remained largely uninterrupted. For international service and equipment providers, an economy anchored by growing gas and stable oil output — combined with a significant mining sector — keeps Gabon on the watchlist for near-term commercial engagement.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The marketed gas growth figure warrants close monitoring by Norwegian companies active in gas processing, compression, and pipeline services, as it may signal infrastructure investment upstream of off-take points. Oil production gains in a mature basin typically require well intervention and reservoir management work, areas where Norwegian well services firms carry strong credentials. No contract or tender has been announced; the appropriate posture is market monitoring and relationship maintenance with operators active in Gabon rather than procurement outreach at this stage.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** Stable offshore oil output in a mature basin suggests ongoing maintenance and life-extension work on existing subsea infrastructure — worth tracking for brownfield service opportunities.
- **LNG/Gas:** A 10.8% rise in marketed natural gas points to improved gas capture or handling capacity; Norwegian gas processing and compression specialists should monitor whether this trend drives discrete infrastructure investment.

- **Drilling:** Incremental oil production growth in a declining basin typically demands infill drilling and workovers — drilling contractors should assess rig demand signals from operators in Gabon.
- **Service:** Well intervention and production chemistry services are likely contributors to modest but positive oil output gains; Norwegian well services firms should maintain operator relationships in Libreville.
- **Pipeline:** Increased marketed gas volumes may require expanded gathering and pipeline capacity; pipeline engineering companies should watch for project announcements tied to gas monetisation commitments.

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