

2023

STATUS **RETENTIONIST**  
LAST EXECUTION IN 2003

EXECUTION METHODS **SHOOTING  
HANGING**

LARGEST COUNTRY  
IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

# THE DEATH PENALTY IN DRC

DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC  
OF THE CONGO

AT LEAST

**800** DEATH ROW  
PRISONERS  
BY END OF 2022

half of whom are held in the Angenga camp,  
very isolated in the north of the country, without any visit

## PROFILE OF THE PEOPLE SENTENCED TO DEATH

**40** YEARS OLD  
ON AVERAGE

AT LEAST **1**  
WOMAN

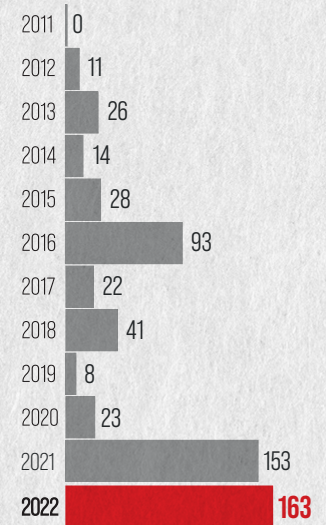
AT LEAST **10**  
FOREIGN  
NATIONALS

**MOSTLY TRIED**  
by military jurisdiction, for  
criminal association, murder,  
armed robbery, participation  
in an insurrectional  
movement

**17%** DETAINED  
FOR MORE THAN  
16 YEARS

**48%** SENTENCED  
OVER THE LAST  
5 YEARS

## NUMBER OF DEATH SENTENCES OVER THE LAST 12 YEARS



## PRISON OVERCROWDING

**735%**  
in Makala  
(11,032 prisoners in 2022  
despite a capacity of 1,500 people)



**1360%**  
in Goma  
(3,400 prisoners in 2022  
despite a capacity of 250 people)

HEALTH AND  
FOOD INSECURITY

## THE «TOWARDS A SILENT DEATH» FACT-FINDING MISSION REPORT

**10 PRISONS  
VISITED**  
among 80 in the country

**257 DEATH ROW  
PRISONERS  
INTERVIEWED**

as well as :  
prison directors  
families of death row prisoners  
justice specialists