

Ndongo-Matamba Another West Central African kingdom was Ndongo-Matamba, in what is now Angola. Like many other African states during the Atlantic slave-trade era, Ndongo became more centralized in the later decades of the sixteenth century. However, before the Portuguese initiated slave-trading relations, the king of Ndongo did not enjoy hereditary succession; instead, he was elected and held partially in check by the local authorities from Ndongo's constituent territories.