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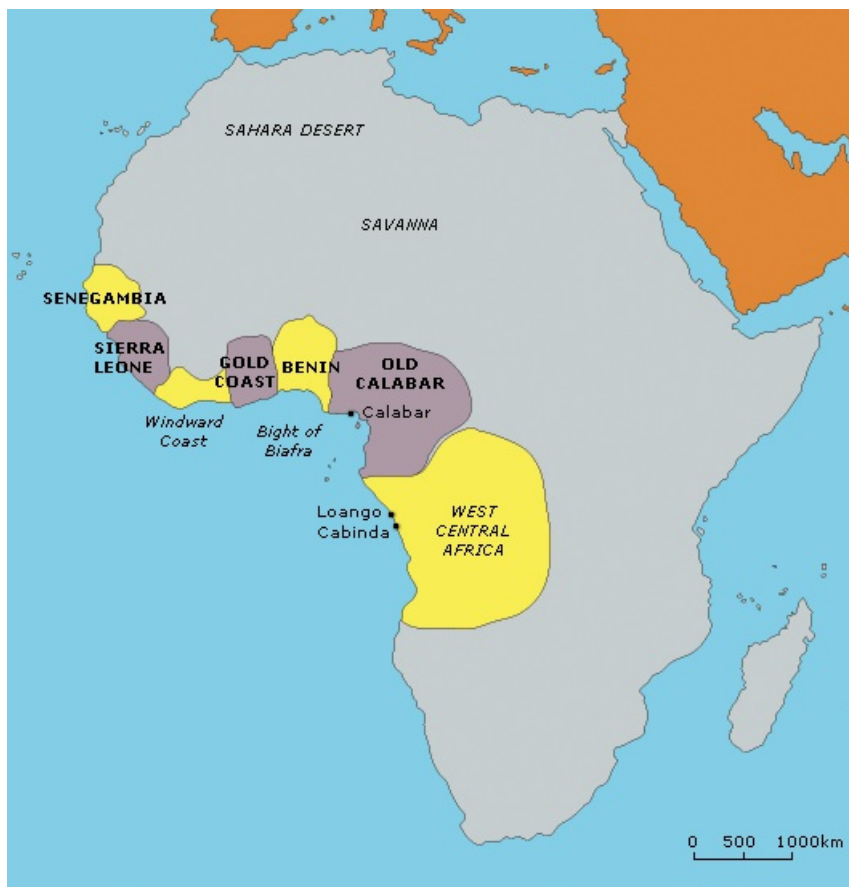
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Map of the major African regions that contributed to the transatlantic slave trade in the 17th and 18th centuries.

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Woman-and-child figures are visual metaphors for both individual and societal fertility among West African peoples and reflect their matrilineal social organization, that is, tracing their kinship through their mother's side of the family.

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