

FACT SHEET

Mary Kingsley

- Mary Kingsley was born in 1862.
- She liked to read books about places around the world.
- In 1892 both her parents died so she went to the Canary Islands.
- In August 1893 she travelled to Angola in West Africa.
- She wore the skirts, blouses, shoes and hats in the hot weather.
- She collected new fish and plants only found in Africa.
- She rowed a canoe up the Ogowe River in Gabon.
- She was the first woman to climb Mount Cameroon, which was over 4000m
- She wrote a book "Travels in West Africa".
- She returned to Africa in 1899, this time she also went to South Africa.
- She became a nurse in the Boer War.
- She became ill looking after the soldiers and died in 1900.