

Ivory Coast charge to top of Africa in FIFA Ranking

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Ivory Coast are now 18th in the world in the FIFA rankings, up 20 places on last month. African champions Egypt and World Cup hosts South Africa have both moved up two spots after good showings at the 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup in South Africa.

Les Elephants' two wins in 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying in the last month have helped them move into the number one position in Africa.

They were also aided by Cameroon's poor performances of late. The Indomitable Lions suffered a disappointing draw with Morocco and are second in Africa and 29th in the world.

Meanwhile, Egypt may have dropped out of the 2009 FIFA Confed Cup in South Africa at the group stage but their win over the reigning world champions, Italy, gave them plenty of points - they are now 38th in the world and sixth in Africa.

South Africa have moved into 70th position after strong losing performances against Spain and Brazil.

Gabon are also big climbers this month, going up to third in the African rankings and 30th overall, thanks to their big win over Togo in 2010 qualifying. Sierra Leone are the biggest fallers, dropping 40 places to 125th in the world.

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