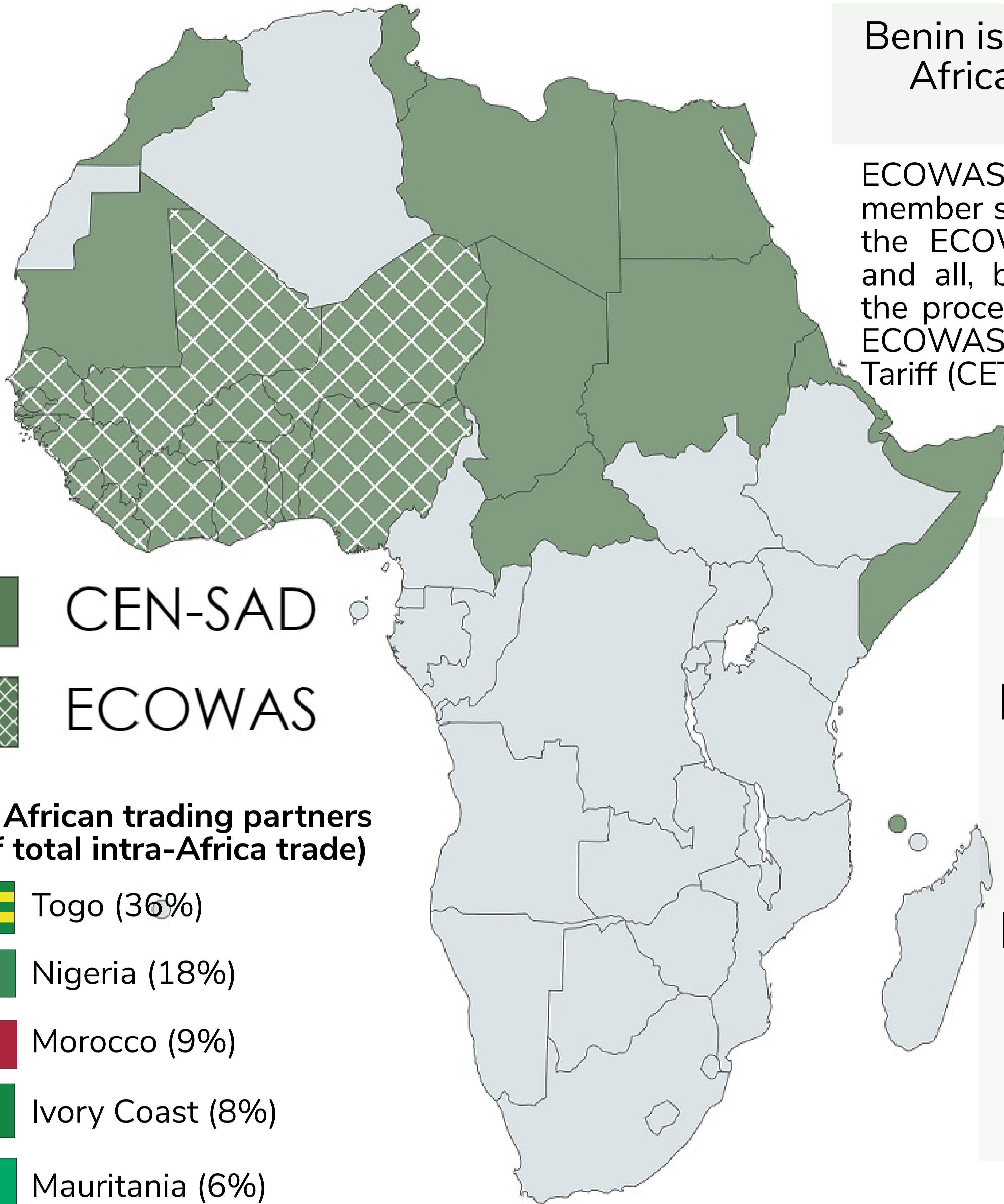
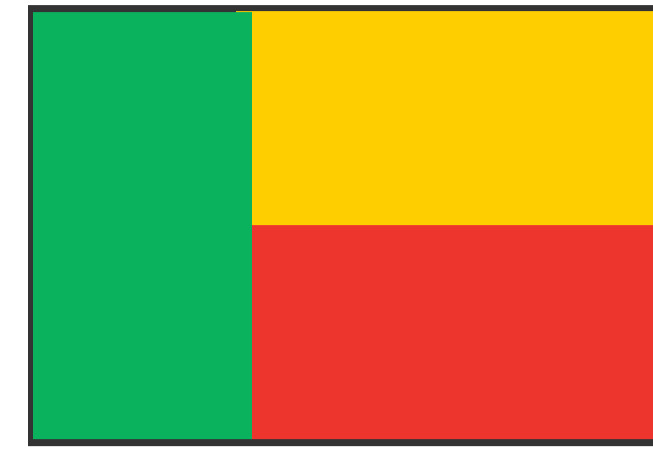


Benin



Intra-Africa trade and tariff profile 2018



Benin is a member of both the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD)

ECOWAS currently has 15 member states. All 15 are part of the ECOWAS Free Trade Area and all, but Cape Verde, are in the process of implementing the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET)

CEN-SAD currently has 24 member states. CEN-SAD was revived in 2013 with a revision of the CEN-SAD Treaty. The revised Treaty focuses on cooperation activities to foster peace, security and sustainable development and measures to adapt to climate change but has not yet entered into force, there is still no free trade agreement in place.

21% of total trade is intra-Africa

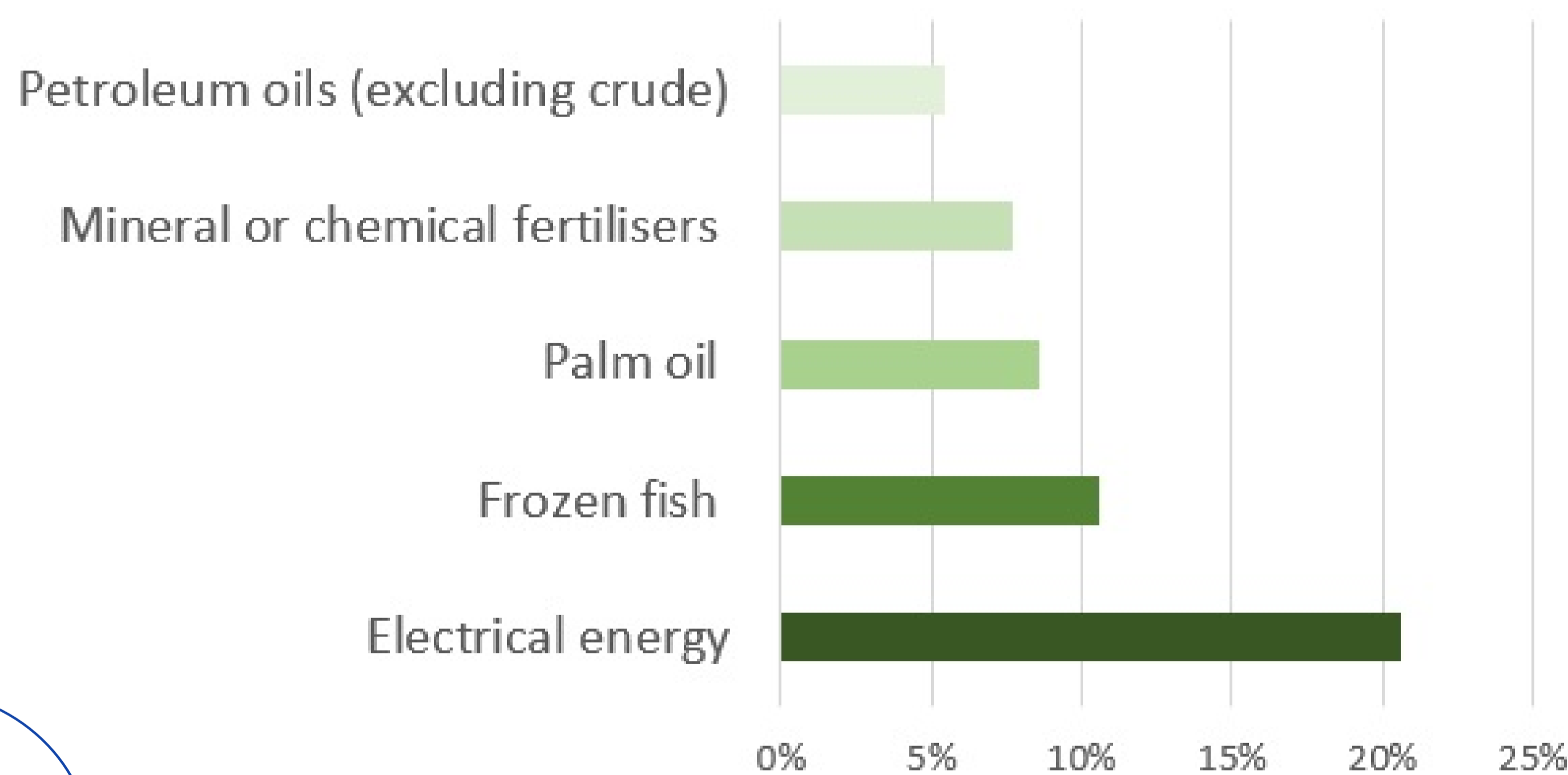
Intra-Africa exports: 19% of world exports

- Nigeria (41%)
- Niger (16%)
- Egypt (18%)
- Burkina Faso (6%)

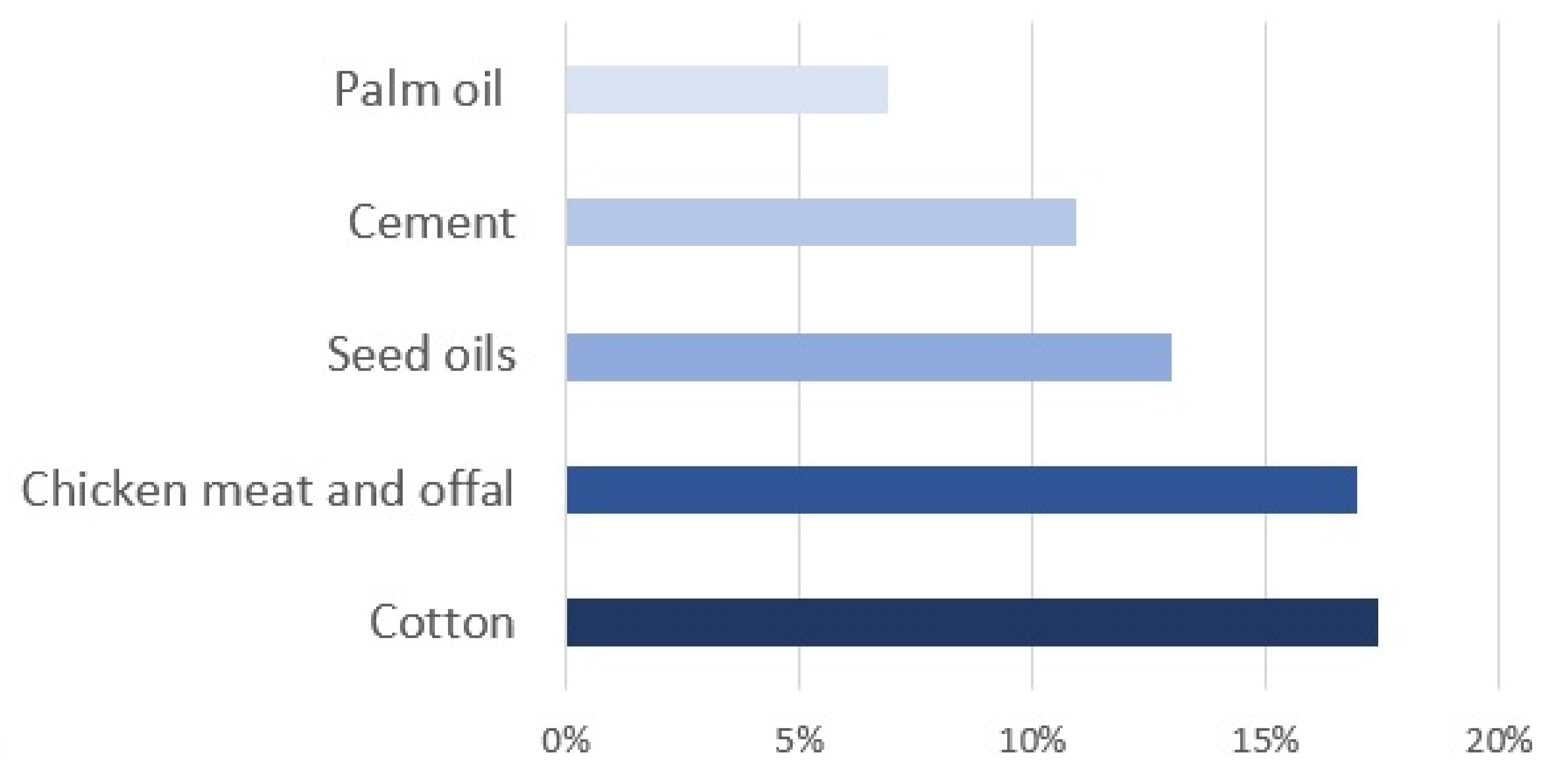
Intra-Africa imports: 21% of world imports

- Togo (44%)
- Morocco (11%)
- Nigeria (12%)
- Ivory Coast (8%)

Main intra-Africa import products



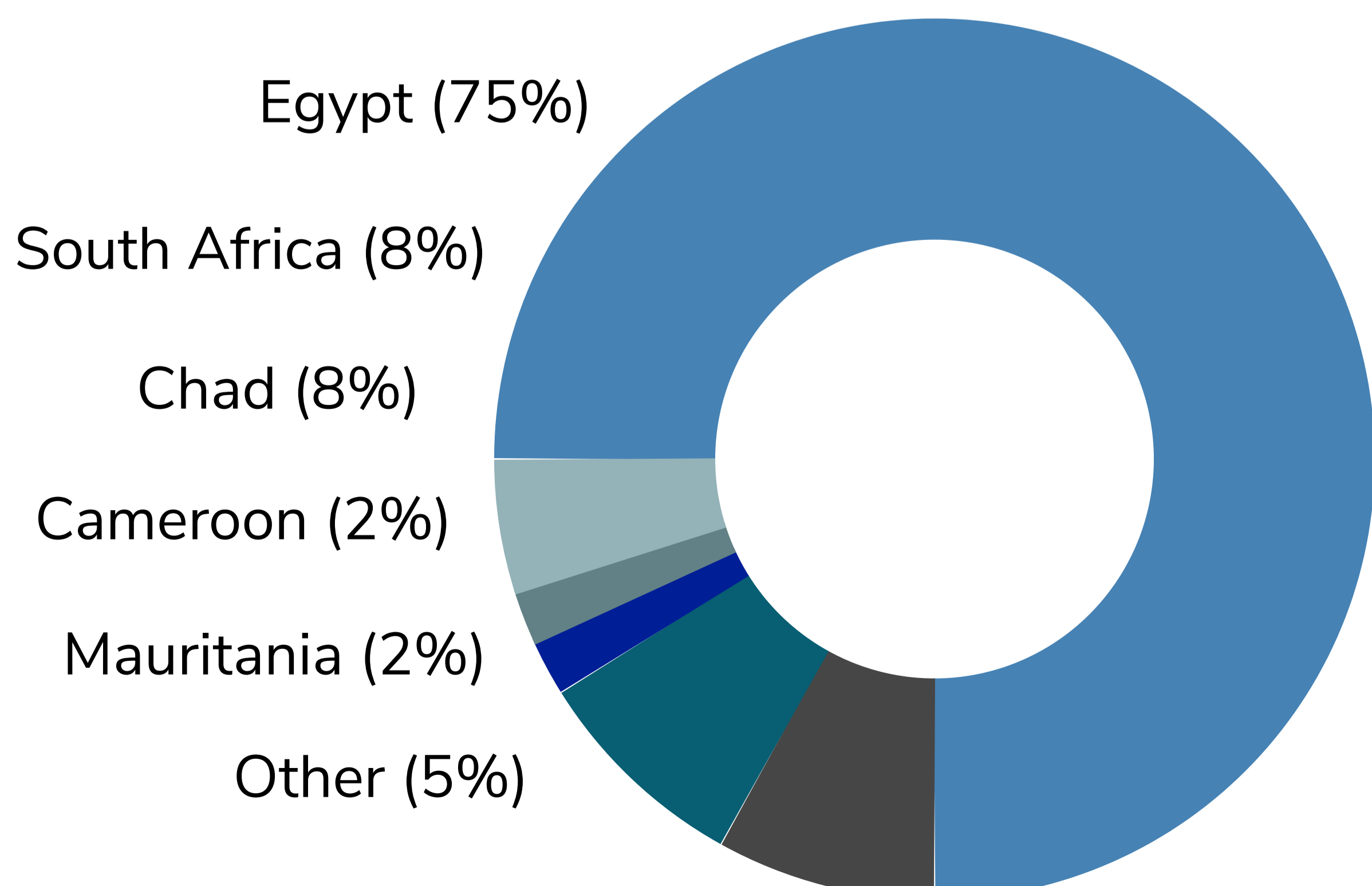
Main intra-Africa export products



23%

of intra-Africa exports are to countries outside ECOWAS

Main destination markets



Main export products



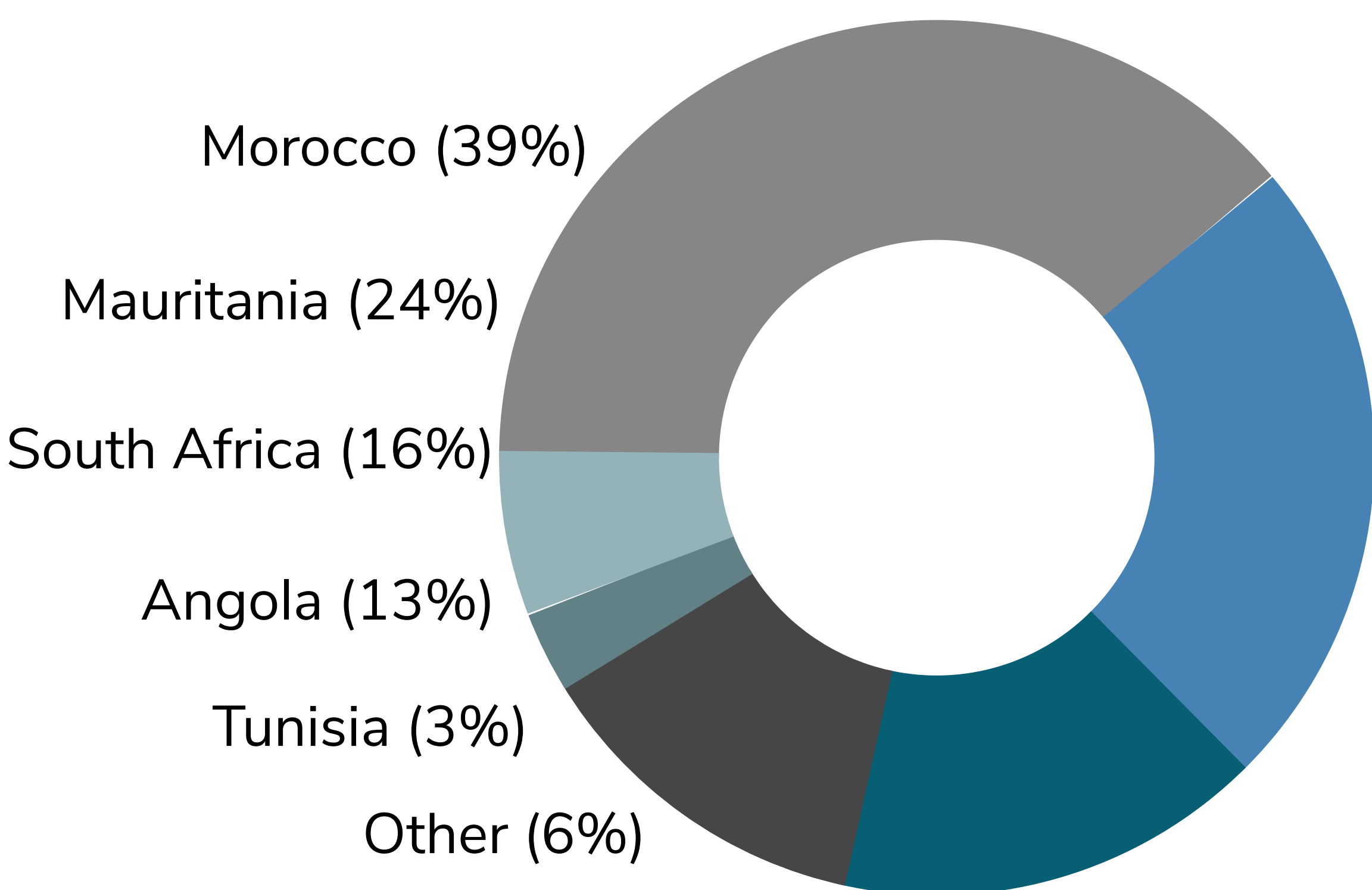
Intra-Africa tariffs

Benin subscribes to the ECOWAS ETLs enabling all qualifying goods sourced from approved producers in the other ECOWAS member states to be imported into Benin duty-free. Goods imported from CEN-SAD countries, which are not ECOWAS member states (including Egypt, Morocco, Mauritania, Somalia and Tunisia) and the rest of Africa are levied the MFN applied duty. The MFN applied duty of Benin is the ECOWAS CET which have five tariff bands – duty-free, 5%, 10%, 20% and 35%.

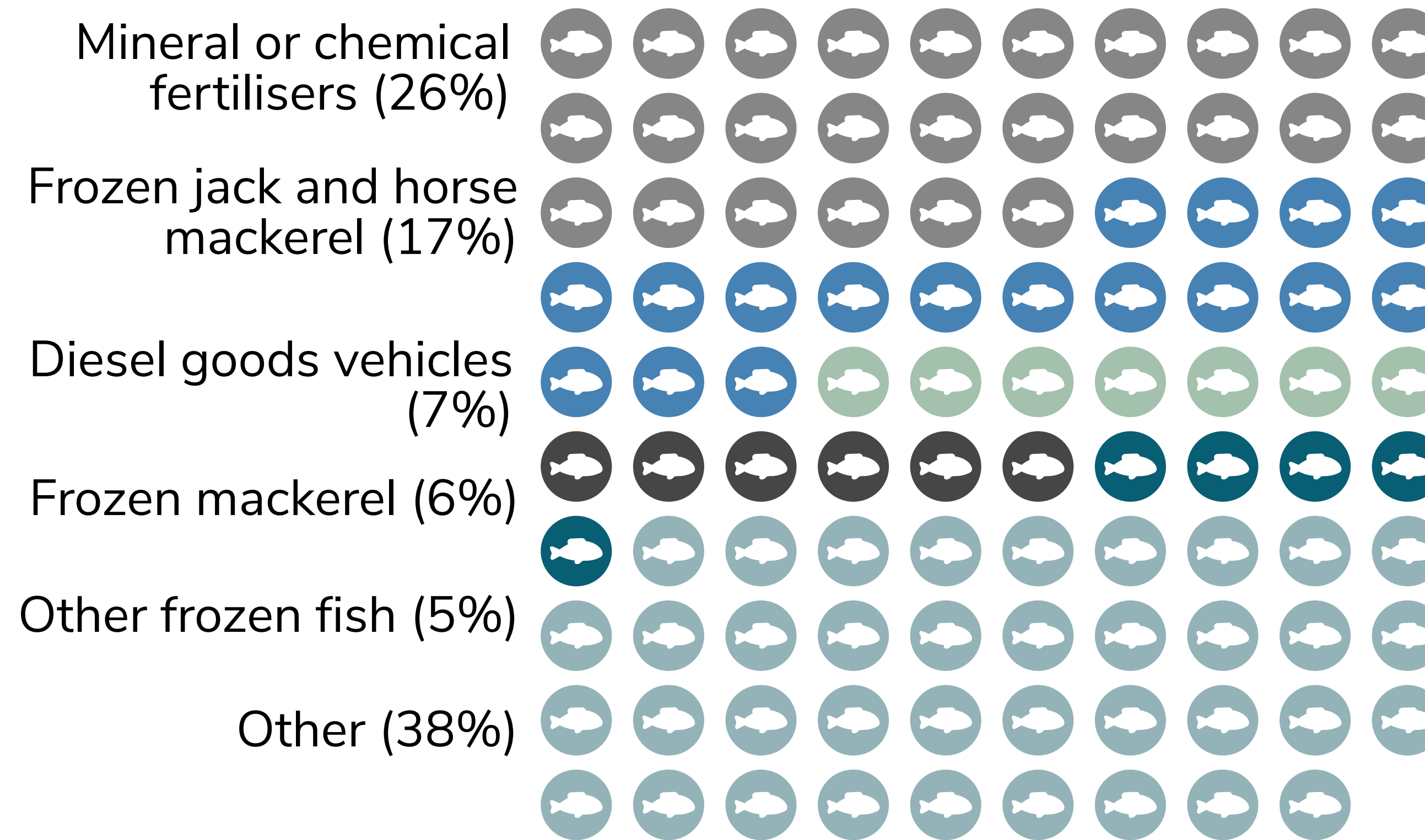
29%

of intra-Africa imports are from countries outside ECOWAS

Main source markets





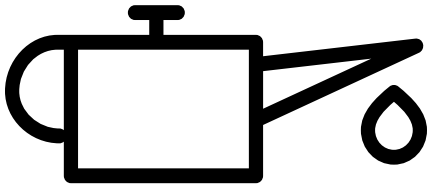


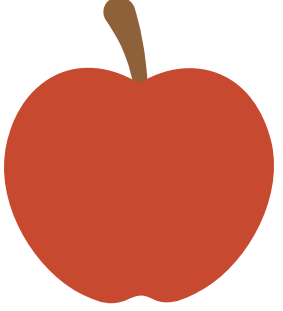
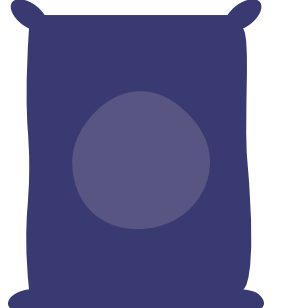



Main import products












African imports from outside ECOWAS are levied MFN applied duties (ECOWAS CET)

Of the top 20 imports only one product; liquefied butanes, is imported duty-free. 6 products face 5% duties, including fertilisers, non-agglomerated coal and rolled-products of iron or steel; and 8 products 10% import duties (mainly frozen or fresh fish). 20% import duties are levied on imports of paper sacks and bags, wheat flour and sugar in solid form. The tariff applicable to diesel goods vehicle imports depends on the reason for import; generally, if the vehicle is for the assembly industry lower tariffs are applicable than the 35% import duties levied on fully assembled units.

Highest MFN applied duties

-  Fully built diesel goods vehicles (35%)
-  Turkey/chicken meat (35%)
-  Refined palm oil (35%)
-  Fully built passenger vehicles (35%)
-  Plain woven cotton fabric (35%)
-  Apples and pears (20%)
-  Sugar in solid form (20%)
-  Couscous (20%)
-  Paper cartons, boxes, bags, cases (20%)
-  Wheat flour (20%)

Lowest MFN applied duties

-  Liquefied butanes (duty-free)
-  Veterinary vaccines (duty-free)
-  Fertilisers (5%)
-  Generators (5%)
-  Wheat groats and meal (5%)
-  Non-agglomerated coal (5%)
-  Rolled products of iron/steel (5%)
-  Frozen/fresh fish (10%)
-  Cement clinkers (10%)